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and before you purchase your presents drop into

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and see the elegant

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—AND THE—

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NEW GOODS

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That Will Pay

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Dry Air Refrigerators

In all Styles, Grades and Sizes.

The Largest and Best Assortment in the State, combining all the latest Improvements, called

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It is unsurpassed in Simplicity, Ease of Management, Durability, Dryness and Purity of Air and ECONOMY of ICE.

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100 Tubs Vermont Butter, gilt edged,

in large and small Tubs,

100 State of Maine Cheese.

— ALSO —

Cranberries, New Medium and Pea Beans &c., &c.

THOMPSON & HALL

163 Commercial Street.

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PRINTING of every description executed at This Office.

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A Word to the Wise is Sufficient!

OUR GREAT SALE HAS COMMENCED

An immense quantity of goods have been sold. We still have THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS worth to sell before JANUARY 1ST. THEY MUST BE SOLD! THEY SHALL BE SOLD! no matter how great the loss.

DON'T DELAY UNTIL TOO LATE!

NEVER WAS CLOTHING SOLD SO CHEAP. Never was there a larger or better assortment to select from than now.

WE ARE SELLING OUT every garment in our store at less than WHOLESALE PRICES.

PEOPLE AMAZED AND STUNNED at the GREAT bargains in goods and prices. Talk is unnecessary. The LOW PRICES sell the goods.

OLD AND YOUNG, LARGE AND SMALL, ARE MADE HAPPY

by receiving BETTER GARMENTS for LESS MONEY than they EVER purchased before. WE GUARANTEE to sell

Overcoats, Ulsters and Reefers,

from $3.00 to $7.00 LOWER than can be bought elsewhere in the State. THINK OF IT· CHILDREN'S CAPE OVERCOATS FOR $4.50.

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Selling Out! Selling Out! Selling Out!

All our Old Prices are marked in plain Black Figures on each garment, and our MARK DOWN PRICES in RED FIGURES, SHOWING AN IMMENSE AND GENUINE REDUCTION.

Come and See Us! Come and See Us!

C. D. B. FISK & CO.

ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS,

233 MIDDLE STREET, PORTLAND.

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ABNER LOWELL

offers to his many friends the largest variety of

Fine Watches, foreign and home made, rich Stone Cameo, Roman and plain Gold Sets, Sleeve Buttons, Studs and Collar Buttons, Diamond, Stone Cameo, Amethyst, Topaz and plain Gold Rings, Breakfast Leontines, Royal Opera, Vest and Neck Chains of all descriptions, Lockets, Seals and Charms.

A full assortment of

Real Whitby Jet Necklaces, Sets and Bracelets, fine French Clocks, Bronzes and Vases, Gorham Co's celebrated sterling Silver Ware and Casc Goods.

Also a full line of

Plated Ware of the best manufacture, Opera Glasses in Pearl and Leather frames.

SOLE AGENT FOR ROGERS' GROUPS!

My stock of WATCHES FOR LADIES' AND GENTS' WEAR was bought expressly for the Christmas trade, and will be sold at prices that defy competition. All my goods have been bought for CASH, consequently can sell them lower than the lowest.

255 MIDDLE STREET, NEW NUMBER.

A cordial invitation extended to all to call and examine my stock. No trouble to show goods.

dec11d2w ABNER LOWELL.

VISIT THE GREAT

Hippodrome, Menagerie and Museum!

SANTA CLAUS, Proprietor. COGIA HASSAN, Gen'l Manager.

What is Barnum when compared with our

IMMENSE SHOW!

We will Exhibit to the Gazze of the Wondering Multit

3000 Elephants,
1111 Trained Bears,
900 Camels,
784 Monkeys,
1000 Dogs from all Countries,
1600 Birds of every Species,
260 Snakes, Boa-Constrictors &c.,
300 Long-Haired Sheep,
540 Veritable Noah's Arks,
1380 Hens & Roosters of Different Species.
640 Goats from Germany.
980 Parrots and Paroquets,
490 Tigers,
311 Lions,
178 Fishes,
324 Donkeys and Zebras,

And thousands of other animals too numerous to mention.

Greatest Wax Figure Gallery in the World.

WAX BOYS, WAX GIRLS, WAX DANCING FIGURES, WAX BABIES, WAX MUSICIANS, MOVING WAX FIGURES.

Most Extensive Band Ever Seen.

Thousands of different Instruments will be played upon at the same time by boys and older people visiting the Show.

THE MUSEUM

Will consist of wonders from all parts of the World.

Antique Bronzes, Albums with places to put in photographs of all the distinguished men in the World. Desks of Every Description, Brackets and Wall-pockets, Boquet Holders, Steam Engines, Ink-stands, Toilet Sets and Vases—Just as good as those dug up in Pompeii. Checker & Backgammon Boards.

ANY OF THE ABOVE ANIMALS

Men, Wax-Figures and Curiosities will be

FOR SALE, TO GETHER WITH

The Largest Variety of articles suitable for presents ever seen in Maine.

When the Great Menagerie visited Portland one year ago, the public were satisfied with the variety display shall be ten times greater than ever before, and the prices put up are determined that this year's display shall be ten times greater than ever before, and the prices put up on articles will be lower than the lowest.

Call and Examine!

ADMISSION FREE.

COGIA HASSAN!

GENERAL MANAGER,

129 MIDDLE AND 6 TEMPLE STREETS.

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PARLOR AMUSEMENT FOR OLD AND YOUNG,

Bedford's Air Pistol.

NO FIRE, NO NOISE.

but good sport for an evening. Call at

LOWELL'S, 255, Middle Street.

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HAIR SWITCHES AT REDUCED PRICES.

Top braids $1.25 to $3.00. Long braids made of the best hair from $3.00 to $7.00.

All the above Switches are of my own manufacture and are warranted. Combings picked out and woven for 75 cents per oz.

J. P. SMITH,

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One door above Oak, up stairs.

dec9 2w

Cheapest Book Store in the World.

119 EXCHANGE STREET.

100,000 Books without regard to cost. Good Clocks, Watches and Jewelry cheap. Repairing and Cleaning well done and Warranted.

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We still continue to advise all our friends to buy their

CLOTHING

OF

G. W. Rich & Co.,

173 & 175 Fore St.

This is plain English, but it means a great deal.

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HOLIDAY SEASON

— OF —

'74-'75.

Wm. Senter & Co.

would invite attention to their

LARGE AND ELEGANT STOCK

— OF —

JEWELRY,

consisting of fine

CAMEO & ROMAN GOLD SETS

DIAMONDS, PEARLS AND RINGS.

of Every Description.

An elegant line of

Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches, Chains, Necklaces, Leontines, and Royal Operas.

WE ARE AGENTS FOR

WALTHAM WATCHES,

of which we always keep on hand a large stock in every variety of case and movement.

A large stock of

OPERA & MARINE GLASSES, FRENCH CLOCKS, STEREOSCOPES, VIEWS, and SILVER GOODS.

suitable for

Holiday Presents.

WM. SENTER & CO.

54 Exchange Street.

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Schumacher Bros.

are now ready for the

HOLIDAYS

and are displaying the finest line of

Imported & Domestic Novelties

that were ever shown in this city. The

FOREIGN GOODS

are mostly of their

OWN IMPORTATION,

and are, as is well known to the public, of the most

Tasteful and Ornamental Character.

The inspection of the above goods by the public is most cordially invited at

5 DEERING BLOCK,

Congress Street.

dec7 d3w

LAMSON'S

PHOTOGRAPHS

FOR

Christmas Gifts.

It is now universally acknowledged that there is nothing more appropriate, in better taste, or which gives more pleasure, than a finely executed Photographic Portrait prettily framed, as a holiday gift to a dear friend or relative.

Call and examine the

NEW STYLES

Especially adapted for

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

New No. 244 Middle St.,

PORTLAND.

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GOODS

— FOR THE —

HOLIDAYS!

Gerrish & Pearson

invite the public to call and see their fine stock of

Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches, Gold Chains of all Styles, Fine Stone Cameo and Roman Gold Sets, Diamonds, Emeralds, Stone Cameo, Pearl, Seal and Plain Rings,

Gold and Steel Spectacles, Reading and Opera Glasses, Silver and Plated Ware, Napkin Rings, Fruit Knives, French and American Clocks, &c.

GERRISH & PEARSON,

186 Middle Street, old No. 86.

de9 d3w

BIRDS! BIRDS! BIRDS!

500 Hartz Mountains Canaries. Imported by Theaden Kirston. All Warranted fine singers. At private sale at $3.50 each, for a few days, at our Office, 15 Exchange St.

F. O. BAILEY & CO., Auctioneers.

dec12 d6t

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Army & Navy Course.

CITY HALL,

Thursday Evening, Dec. 17, 1874,

THE GRAND

CONCERT of THE SEASON

BY MLLE.

Ilma de Murska

the famous Hungarian Nightingale and Reigning Queen of the Concert-Room, assisted by her

GRAND CONCERT COMPANY,

MLLE. CARENO SAURET, The Eminent Pianist.
HERR THO. HABELMAN, The popular German Tenor.
SIG. FERRANTI, The famous popular Buffo.
MONS. SAURET, The young brilliant Violinist, and
SIG. GAETANO BRAGA, The celebrated Violoncello, Virtuoso and Composer.
SIG. MARZO, Musical Director and Accompanist.

Doors open at 6.30. Concert at 8 o'clock.

Tickets $1.00 each. Reserved seats 25 cents extra. Sale will begin at Rand & Thomes' this, Friday, morning.

Special trains will leave the city after the concert on the Portland & Ogdensburg R. R. for Baldwin and intermediate stations, and the Portland & Rochester R. R. for Gorham and intermediate stations. Excursion tickets will be sold at the stations, good for either train to Portland that day and return by special train after the Concert, FOR ONE FARE. Tickets for the concert for sale at the same places.

People attending the Concert from out of town will find Reception Hall, adjoining City Hall warmed and lighted for their accommodation. dec11 6t

FAIR AND LEVEE.

The Ladies of St. Lawrence St. Parish will hold their annual

FAIR & LEVEE IN THEIR VESTRY

— ON —

Thursday & Friday afternoons & evenings, Dec. 17th, & 18th,

And will have for sale useful and fancy articles, Refreshments, Ice Creams &c.

Singing by the Old Folks Choir on Thursday evening, and by the Misses Leavitt, and others on Friday evening. Supper on both evenings from 6 to 8.

Admission afternoon free, evening 10 cents.

dec16 d3t

THE LADIES OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH will hold a

FAIR

for the sale of Useful and Fancy Articles on

Friday afternoon, Dec. 18th,

An Antiquarian Supper will be served in the evening. A Silver Lake in the evening among the many other attractions. Admission free. dec17d2d

St. Stephen's Christmas Sale,

will be held in the Hall of the Y. M. C. A. Corner Congress and Casco streets,

Friday Afternoon and Evening, Dec. 18.

Useful and fancy articles suitable for Christmas Gifts, with Evergreen Emblems in great variety. Santa Claus at 5 o'clock.

Admission 15 cents. - 5 Tickets 50 cents.

dec12 5t

OLD FOLKS CONCERT,

In behalf of the Bethel work for Seamen at that Church on

Friday Ev'g. of this week 18th, inst.

Tickets 25 cents, children 10 cents. All interested in doing good are Solicited to attend.

dec15 d4t

M. C. M.

Association Lecture.

The fourth lecture in this course will be delivered in the

Library Room, cor. Congress & Casco sts.,

— ON —

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 22d,

Commencing at 7 1-2 o'clock,

— BY —

Rev. Dr. Thomas Hill.

Three Weeks in the Straits of Magellan.

de17 d5t

Grand Christmas Ball,

CHRISTMAS EVE, Dec. 24th.

MR. J. W. RAYMOND,

will give a

Masquerade Ball

— AT —

LANCASTER HALL,

— ON —

Thursday Evening, Dec. 24th.,

in connection with his School, Mr. F. T. Littlefield will furnish Costumes to all that wish. Tickets Gents with Ladies $1.00. Ladies wishing to Dress in Costumes can get their Tickets at Army and Navy Hall any day after Friday, the 18th.

dec15 dtd

GRAND

NEW YEAR'S BALL

The Portland Cadets

will hold their Fifth Annual Ball at

CITY HALL,

On Thursday Evening, Dec. 31st.

MUSIC BY CHANDLEE'S BAND.

Tickets, admitting Gent and Ladies, $1.00, to be obtained of the members. Single admission to the Gallery 35 cents. Positively no floor tickets sold at the door. Grand march at 8 o'clock. Honorary members can obtain tickets of Chas. A. Perry, at Perry's Hat store. dec17d2w

ELEGANT FRENCH

Initial & Embroidered

Real Nuns Work

Handkerchiefs.

Also a Beautiful Assortment of

English Illuminated

Silk Woven Book Marks,

The above goods are very cheap and are especially adapted for the Holidays.

Owen & Moore,

CONGRESS ST. COR. BROWN.

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Reddy & Donahue,

DEALERS IN

MEN'S AND BOYS'

CLOTHING,

No. 156 Fore Street,

BETHEL BUILDING.

Our stock is large, well selected and manufactured expressly for us. It will be sold at

THE VERY LOWEST PRICES!

A FULL LINE OF

Furnishing Goods and Woolens.

Particular attention given to CUSTOM TAILORING in all its branches. dec11dtf

FLOUR!

TEA!

Buy your Flour and Tea at the

NEW FLOUR STORE

— AND —

SAVE MONEY!

All grades at greatly reduced prices for Cash!

111 Federal Street.

dec11 1w

ENTERTAINMENTS.

PORTLAND MUSEUM.

OPPOSITE THE CITY HALL.

This THURSDAY EV'NG, Dec. 17th,

WYZEMAN MARSHALL,

— AS THE —

STRANGER.

Friday Evening Benefit of MR. MARSHALL, on which occasion Lucette Webster will appear as Julianna in the Honeymoon, and in conjunction with Augusta Safford Hull, will present Poe's celebrated poem of the Bells.

Monday next, Geneva Cross.

Prices as usual. See bills of the day.

The free list positively suspended during this engagement.

dec17 dtf

Ward's Opera House.

Formerly Music Hall, Portland, Me.

OPEN EVERY EVENING.

— FOR THE —

Fall and Winter Season.

New Faces Every Week.

Change of Bill Every Monday and Thursday.

CARDS OF ADMISSION.

Gallery 25 cts. Parquette 35 cts.
Orchestra chairs 50 cts. Boxes $3. and $4.

GRAND FAMILY MATINEE,

Every Saturday Afternoon, at Reduced Prices.

dec2 tf

Pine Street Lectures.

The Pine Street M. E. Society having undertaken to build a new church edifice, its committee have concluded to ask the public to patronize a course of lectures, in their church, to be delivered by

Rev. C. B. PITBLADO,

FRIDAY, DEC. 18th, at 7 1-2 o'clock,

will be followed by

Rev. D. H. HANNABURGH,
Rev. S. F. JONES,
Rev. J. W. JOHNSTON,

and to be concluded by one of the Bishops of the M. E. Church.

Tickets 75 cents, for balance of Course.

To be obtained at G. H. Cushman's, 496 Congress St., B. M. Eastman's, 552 Congress St., and at the door of the Church. dec16d3t

FIRST GRAND

Masquerade Carnival

AND FANCY DRESS BALL.

AT LANCASTER HALL,

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 22d,

Under the auspices of the following gentlemen:

Charles W. Bean, Harry Webb, Geo. W. St. John and F. G. Bailey.

Music by the Portland Band. Floor tickets $1.00. Costumes may be obtained of Mr. F. G. Bailey, at Sherry's hair store. dec16dtw

CITY HALL, - - PORTLAND.

FRIDAY, Dec. 25th, 1874.

Christmas Carnival Masquerade and Fancy Dress Ball,

Under the immediate superintendence of Mr. H. W. Ellis and James J. Bartlett, who are determined to make this the event of the season; and assure the public that it will be conducted with a proper sense of respectability, style and magnificence, worthy the support of ladies and gentlemen.

COSTUMES.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Geo. E. Hayden, Costumer, 556 Washington Street, Boston, for the most elegant assortment of Costumes ever in Portland, Fancy and Comic, Rich and Rare, at prices suited to the times, ranging from $1.00 to $5.00 and upwards. Mr. Hayden will be at the Preble House on Wednesday, Dec. 23d, at 2 p. m., and every day until after the ball, where he will be pleased to furnish all who may wish from his elegant assortment

Chandler's Splendid Band will be in Attendance.

THE SUPPER will be under the management of the well known caterer, Mr. Robt. Clarke, who is instructed to prepare a Banquet in every detail worthy of the occasion.

The Grand Procession will enter the Hall at 8½, passing under the triumphant arches. Masks of all kinds will join in the march. Old Father Christmas will lead the way, attended by Santa Claus, Ceres and Bachus. Decorations and illuminations will be magnificent.

The gallery will be reserved for spectators only.

Tickets admitting a lady and gentleman $1.50; Gentlemen's, $1.00; for sale at Stockbridge's. Tickets of admission to view the grand spectacle from the gallery 50 cents. dec12dtd

Second Annual Exhibition

— OF THE —

MAINE.

Poultry Association.

This Association will hold its Second Annual exhibition at

CITY HALL, PORTLAND,

— ON —

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Jan. 12, 13, 14, & 15, 1875.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ARE OFFERED IN PREMIUMS!!

Music by the Band each evening.
The Hall will be opened from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.
Entries for competition close January 9, 1875.
Entry Blanks can be obtained on application to the Secretary.
Arrangements will be made with Railroad and Express Companies for reduced fares and rates, of which due notice will be given.

Per order of the Directors,
FREDERICK FOX, Secretary.

dec1 dtd

Christmas Presents!

Consisting of

Gold and Silver Watches, Jewelry, GOLD CHAINS, GOLD SETTS, Finger Rings, Silver Fruit Knives, NAPKIN RINGS, FANCY GOODS, TOYS, &c.

To dealers buying Toys for Christmas we can offer great inducements, as we have imported some of our goods direct from Germany, and bought of the New York Auction Houses, and will sell as low as any House.

Our stock is large including all kinds of

Toys, Picture Books, Games, Carts, Doll Cabs, Tin Ware, Iron Ware, Sleds, Skates, Standing Baskets, &c.

MR. WILLIAM TODD will attend to the Watch, Clock and Jewelry repairing, and all work entrusted to his care will receive prompt attention and be faithfully done, and warranted to give satisfaction.

94 EXCHANGE STREET,

C. DAY JR. & CO.

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DO YOU KNOW

THAT

W. C. COBB,

in connection with his

BAKING BUSINESS,

makes a specialty of furnishing

Choice Family Flour.

Please pass your orders to his drivers or into his Bakery,

28 & 30 PEARL STREET,

and he promises to suit you in both price and quality or refund your money.

P. S.—A large stock of carefully selected now on hand at the present reduced prices.

no19 tf

For Sale.

A RETAIL Grocery Store in good location, doing a good cash business. Must be sold as the owner has other business. For particulars apply to ROWE & DODGE, 7 Exchange Street, Rsom 1.

dec16 1w*

THE PRESS.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, '74

EVERY regular attache of the PRESS is furnished with a *Card* certificate countersigned by Stanley T. Pullen, Editor. All railway, steamboat and hotel managers will confer a favor upon us by demanding credentials of every person claiming to represent our journal, as we have information that several "bummers" are seeking courtesies in the name of the PRESS, and we have no disposition to be, even passively, a party to such frauds.

We do not read anonymous letters and communications. The name and address of the writer are in all cases indispensable, not necessarily for publication but as a guaranty of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return or reserve communications that are not used.

The People's Movement.

We are in constant receipt of communications from all parts of the state, not excepting the city of Bangor, expressing satisfaction as to the course of the PRESS on the senatorial question and giving assurance of the sympathy generally prevalent among Republicans, in the great fight of the party against the intriguers and spoilsmen whose conspicuousness and assumption of control are so damaging to the good name and future prospects of the party. Of course we can publish only a small portion of these letters, but we beg our friends not to desist from expression because of the non-appearance of their good words. They are useful and helpful because they show that not only leaders, but the rank and file of the party, the great body of honest citizens, are with us, and they enable us to know what men are willing to give assistance and help in the fight. We shall make them effective in the good work against the pernicious system which is oppressing our political action.

We have already published some communications and extracts, and expect to publish others on this subject. Of course we do not approve or sanction all that may be in them, but publish them as they are, that our readers may have them fresh from the people just as they come to us. We publish also articles from other papers, in the same spirit, in order that it may be seen how deep an interest, this contest for the life of the Republican party excites everywhere.

The information which comes from the counties and representative districts, indicates that the extravagant claims of the Hamlin operators as to the number of men they had "got" were impudent and baseless assumptions. It seems that there have never been more than forty-five members whom they had any right to claim, and that they have made up their lists by taking all the "unmarked logs," many of which will not easily be brought into the Hamlin boom. In this great body of unpledged men lies the hope of the party; upon them devolves the grave responsibility of rescuing the organization from the perils upon which it has fallen and of refusing to permit it to drift to destruction in the face of obvious danger. If there is a sufficient care for the party welfare to lead to such an expression of the popular will as to break the bands which the professional politicians have bound around the organization, we may look for a long career of usefulness and honor for the party, about which clusters so many heroic memories. The political body which cannot save itself must fail. When there arises an organization within the organization, which gains absolute mastery of the party machinery, by the industry and address inspired by greed, the average citizen outside the ring, finding that his attendance upon caucuses means only to assist the managers or to be defeated by them and his vote at the polls is only a ratification of their edicts, will be likely to get tired of the party and to decline to adorn further their triumphal processions. The fate of the Democratic party was sealed when it fell into this condition during the Pierce and Buchanan administrations. Are we not drifting into precisely the same condition? This question merits the thoughtful consideration of the Republican members of the Legislature in whose hands is the power of cure.

A LETTER from Marshal Ney bearing the date May 19, 1819, has just been received by a Philadelphia medium. The length of time consumed in its passage suggests some curious questions. The first and most obvious idea which strikes the mind is the great distance of Philadelphia from the spirit land. We have the impression that communications of this nature have been received in other cities in much quicker time; but in justice to the Quaker City it should be borne in mind that possibly the immaterial postal routes are subject to the same vexatious delays as our own. But unless the missive has been delayed by some stupid supernal postmaster the time occupied in its transmission furnishes an important datum for the determination of the distance between its starting point and Philadelphia. The knowledge of the rapidity of nerve motion gives us the other factor (the velocity of thought) required in the solution of the problem, and the application of well-known mathematical rules will determine the answer. It may be remarked in conclusion that the subject matter of the Marshal's letter is of little public interest—or private either, for that matter.

ON the best authority, we are enabled to state that the reports relative to a quarrel between the Eastern and Maine Central Railroad directors, and that the former owes the latter a large sum of money, are not true. The Eastern has paid promptly "all adjusted balances and is not chargeable with withholding a dollar due the Maine Central." From the same authority we learn that "it may not be denied that an effort is being made by the managers of the different railroad interests centering in Portland, to harmonize those interests, with a view of affording the public every business facility in their power, and at the same time promise more favorable results to stockholders. Such was the object of the meeting Wednesday evening."

THE Philadelphia *Press* inclines to the opinion that W. A. Wallace will be the successor of Senator Scott. His friends are urging in his behalf that he has fought more hard battles, endured more contumely, reproach, slander and pecuniary loss, and held fewer offices than any member of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania. These arguments promise to prove effective. If the Democracy purpose to reward all the battered veterans who have been bruised in the fight against freedom, they must be speedy about it; for the people feel quite differently, and will take the first opportunity to stop that sort of thing.

A DELEGATION of Boston lawyers is at Washington in consultation with the Justices of the Supreme Court and with members of the congressional judiciary committees in relation to a reorganization of the system of doing business in the United States courts. The Supreme Court is three years behind with its business, and the system is said to be totally inadequate to the present needs of the courts. An effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill remedying the matter.

THE sacred Ganges has at last been spanned by a bridge, much to the horror of the devout Brahmins, who confidently predict that the structure cannot stand. The span is across the Hooghly, one of the deltoid mouths of the Ganges, which is regarded by the Hindoos as the true course of the sacred river, and which is the only channel now frequented by large ships.

Gen. and Mrs. McClellan are voyaging on the Nile, and will remain in Egypt this winter. Mrs. McClellan has been quite restored to health.

[From the Springfield Republican.]

As to Mr. Hamlin.

There is still another gentleman who is desirous of serving his country a while longer in that very comfortable article which some of our contemporaries, who have had the advantage of a liberal education, are wont to allude to as "the curule chair." His respectable name is Hannibal Hamlin. We are not aware that Mr. Hamlin wants to be vindicated against anybody in particular; but he likes the berth and thinks he sees his way clear to keeping it. It may be a case of optical illusion, however. At the time of his last election, he was understood to distinctly and solemnly promise that he would not again be a candidate. Under these circumstances, his reappearance has naturally created some surprise and some disgust—more disgust, we should say, than surprise. There has been a feeling among the better class of Maine Republicans for many years past that Mr. Hamlin was a load upon the party which it could not afford to carry much further. This feeling, hitherto mute and undemonstrative for the most part, is now articulate, outspoken, menacing. There is something very like open revolt. The Portland PRESS, a journal whose word carries weight with Maine Republicans, is making the greatest fight of its history against this re-election, and it has avowed allies and secret sympathizers in every county of the state. It is not so much what Mr. Hamlin is as what he is not, what he has done as what he has left undone, that is damaging him in this canvass. Conceding to him personal integrity and amiability, his opponents urge that he has neither the intellectual ability nor the moral courage that should go to the composition of a senator of the United States in such an era as this; that, his amiability is a positive disqualification; that, either from this same good-natured unwillingness to give offense, or from timidity, or from the dullness of his moral and political perceptions; he has acquiesced in the entire series of criminal blunders which have brought the Republican party to death's door; that he has become the head center of the office-holding rings which furnish the Maine article of "Butlerism;" that his candidature, under the circumstances, is an insult and a peril; that his re-election will be a case of party suicide.

The PRESS and other journals are putting these and the like considerations, day after day, with an earnestness and vigor that must, one would say, give the Republican legislators pause. It is true, the fact of incumbency and the possession of the machine give Mr. Hamlin a certain advantage over the opposition. As the PRESS says: "It is like a small force of regulars against a great body of unorganized volunteers—like the Swiss mercenaries confronted with the French people. The fight of numbers and enthusiasm against discipline and self-interest is a hard, but by no means a hopeless one." It is true, also, that the members of the congressional delegation have come to the rescue, and that Mr. Blaine, who is a power in Maine politics, has written a Hamlin letter. But here again we may quote a sentence or two from the PRESS: "Mr. Blaine's judgment, unbiased and with full knowledge of the facts, would be of great value. Mr. Blaine's utterances, complicated by personal feeling and personal danger, may be of very little value. Besides this, Mr. Blaine, surrounded by flatterers and misled by parasites, is in no position to comprehend the true state of public feeling and of public desire." There certainly seems to be a rising tide of opinion and feeling—quite as much the latter as the former—which bodes Mr. Hamlin no good. The recent letter of ex-Gov. Anson P. Morrill—in reply to Mr. Blaine—is a very significant straw. In spite of the brag of Mr. Hamlin's office-holders, it turns out that a majority of the Legislature are as yet unpledged. To outside observers, it looks as though his chance lay in persuading or coercing the Republican members into a caucus. If the "anti" papers and leaders of the party choose to take the risk and meet him on his own ground, it is their funeral and not ours. But it would seem better politics not to take an unnecessary risk in such a contest, where the enemy already has, confessedly, the advantages of position. With the caucus, the result is doubtful. Without it, the result ought to be certain. It can be made absolutely certain, if the right man can be persuaded to enter the lists against Mr. Hamlin. The name of this man is John A. Peters.

Report of the Commissioner of the Penobscot Indians.

The report of the agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, Mr. Geo. F. Dillingham, indicates that the condition of that tribe does not differ materially from that of former years. During the year the total expenditures for the tribe has been $3,419.30, and the total receipts (by warrant) $8,419.93. The largest expenditures have been for the support of the sick and infirm ($1,939.38) and for fuel ($4,688.40.) The fund arising from leases of shores belonging to the tribe and the special appropriations of the Legislature amounts to $5,756.85, which has been disbursed as follows:—For support of schools, $400; salaries of governor, lieutenant-governor, and priest, $180; paid to members of the tribe, under chap. 267, Laws of 1873 $4,631.00; balance remaining, $545.83.

This is the first year that the above named law has, or could have, a practical operation, and the result has proved it to be highly beneficial, and of great assistance to the tribe,—perhaps more especially so this year on account of the great depression in business enterprises, and the consequent small demand for labor in lumbering operations, which usually furnish a large part of the Indians' employment.

The schools taught appear to have been in all respects conducted to the general satisfaction of the tribe interested in them respectively.

The agent has erected a schoolhouse at Olamon Island, sufficiently large to accommodate all the scholars in that vicinity, and has repaired the ell of the parsonage. The crops raised by the Indians have been rather below the average, on account of inability to commence farming operations in the early spring and lack of sufficient manure, by which latter want the land is being exhausted. The physical, social and sanitary condition of the tribe presents no material change. Their labor has not been in great demand, and consequently low prices have prevailed. In the sale of baskets, toy canoes, &c., they have met with better success, and the demand upon them for fancy wares has called into exercise their inventive faculties. The amount of the wood bill has been very large, on account of the lack of wood lots and the absence of saw mills.

The agent thinks some police arrangements should be made to prevent the disturbances at Indian dances occasioned by liquor carried there by the whites.

The agent suggests to the Legislature the propriety of purchasing the old field notes of Lore Alford, who surveyed the islands in the Penobscot river, and which can be bought probably for less than $100.

THE LOSSES BY THE BANGOR FIRE.—The losses by the Bangor fire of Tuesday night include those of the Harriman House, which was about $10,000, and of nine stores, reaching from the Bass block to Cross street. As near as can be ascertained, they are as follows:

H. F. Golden, dry goods, ladies fine dresses and cloaks, stock, $10,000; fixtures and furniture, $2200; total, $13,000. No insurance. Mrs. M. A. Briggs, fancy goods and millinery, opened but a short time since with a good stock. The Santa Claus Dollar Store, a large stock of fancy and holiday goods. Mrs. Dwelley, two stores, fancy goods and millinery; considerable salvage. Sweet & Emery, druggists; stock valued at $6000, with a small salvage, the goods removed being taken to the store of Mr. Jacob Stern, nearly opposite; $5,500 insurance in the agencies of Clark, Lincoln and Johnson. Mrs. S. McCann, millinery; has been open a year; stock valued at over $3000; no insurance. C. L. Dakin, pictures; stock valued at from $4000 to $5000; insured for $1000—$500 each in the Westchester of New York, and the Brewers' of Milwaukee, by the agency of S. P. Johnson. Salvage quite large. M. L. Walker, millinery and fancy goods; stock valued at $5000; $1000 insurance in the Westchester; portion of the goods removed to the vacant store next to Hanson's.

Roughly estimated, the total loss was from $50,000 to $60,000, with perhaps $40,000 insurance.

When the heat and smoke had driven the firemen from the roof of the Harriman House, they were hastily passing down the ladders, when it was found that one man, named Ai Haney, had remained behind. He was barely rescued by the help of three or four firemen, in a nearly stupefied condition.

News and Other Items.

Professor Watson, one of the members of the transit of Venus party for this country, has discovered a new asteroid. This is the 17th discovery of the kind made by him.

The men, Malcom Campbell and J. N. Elbert, who have been caught in the bogus insurance bond business in Philadelphia, are the same who were proved to have had sub-contracts under Sanborn, to collect unpaid government taxes last year.

Sir T. F. Buxton and Mr. Forster of the British Parliament, were recently entertained at dinner by Vice President Wilson. Among the guests gathered to meet them were Speaker Blaine, George Bancroft, Sir Edward Thornton, Chief Justice Waite, Charles Nordhoff and Admiral Porter.

Braxton Bragg of Texas, the late Confederate General, has written a letter to Capt. W. F. Jackson of Atlanta, Ga., in which he compliments his old state on its political prospects, and concludes as follows: "The revolution in public sentiment has come, as I knew it would, and though late, and most of us are ruined. You young men can look with hope to the future, and must not quail, the country is to be ruled by you, and you must prepare for the burden."

EDITORIAL matter, correspondence, etc., will for the present, appear on the first page.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MATTERS IN MAINE

[Special to Press.]

Destructive Fire in Farmington.

FARMINGTON, Dec. 16.—We have had the most serious fire here to-day that has visited this village for a long time, resulting in the destruction of the brick block on Main street, and three other stores. The fire caught about 6 a. m., in the harness shop of William Tarbox, from the burning out of a chimney. At noon the fire rapidly extended to the store of I M. Cutler, occupied by A. J. Gerry, hardware, and that owned by T. B. Adams, furniture. Loss on buildings about $6000. The only insurance on the buildings was $1800 on the Tarbox store. The upper stories of the Tarbox store were occupied by Dr. Randall's dental office, whose furniture was a total loss of $1500. The loss on Adams' and Gerry's goods will be partial. Tarbox's goods were all burned. Water was very scarce, the engine pumping five reservoirs dry. JACK.

[To the Associated Press.]

The Weather—Marine Disasters.

EASTPORT, Dec. 16.—The weather has been very cold for the past few days—from ten to twelve below zero. Our mails are blocked up between Calais and Bangor. The steamer New Brunswick arrived here yesterday, but did not leave for Portland till this morning, nearly forty-eight hours behind time. The vapor has been as thick as the densest fog, and Captain Lang did not think it prudent to put to sea in such weather.

The three-masted schooner George K. Hatch from Pembroke for St. John, struck Shackford's Head yesterday, breaking the bowsprit and jibboom and doing other damages. The vapor was so thick that the pilot could not see how to steer.

The schooner J. W. Rumsey, with coal from Glace Bay for Pembroke, sprung aleak and put into Louisburg, discharged cargo, and was sent here for repairs. She struck on Petit Menan Point, Sunday, and is a total wreck. The crew were saved and have just arrived here.

New Ship.

BATH, Dec. 16.—Sailed to-day, ship Hagerstown of Richmond, 1903 tons, new, Captain Isaac Call, for Tybee for orders.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Vessels Condemned.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—In the U. S. District Court Judge Lowell gave a decision in the cases of the United States against the brig Mary Celeste, and the schooner Sylvia W. Swazy. Proceedings were brought under information filed by the District Attorney, alleging that the vessels were of American build, and that during the late war were transferred to the British owners. Subsequently the vessels were sold to American owners, and they took out new papers of registration, swearing therein that the vessels were of foreign register, and that they had been wrecked in American waters. The court finds that the law has been violated, and condemns the vessels.

The Franklin Telegraph.

By a vote of 5170 to 27 against the stockholders of the Franklin Telegraph Co. confirmed the late lease of the line to the Atlantic and Pacific Co. As stated in a previous despatch a large number of the stockholders oppose the lease and have petitioned for a receiver.

God in the Constitution.

The convention of the New England friends of the movement to secure a religious amendment of the constitution of the United States met here to-night. Between 200 and 300 delegates were present. Charles G. Nazro was chosen president.

Judge Bennett reported a set of resolutions. First, that the connection which has hitherto existed and still exists in part between our government and Christianity now demands expression in our fundamental law.

Second, that such an expression and authentication of the connection of our government with Christianity is now required fully and explicitly to harmonize our national constitution with our common law and the Christian ways of our civil life.

Third, that this recognition of Christianity in the national constitution does not involve a union of church and state, but rather the opposite since it enables the nation to express its own relations to Christianity without intervention of any church organization.

Fourth, that as the Christian institutions of this nation do not infringe upon the rights of any class of citizens, but on the bulwark and safeguard of all rights, the securing for these institutions on explicit legal basis in our fundamental law can be in no manner intolerant or proscriptive.

Fifth, that this constitutional recognition of the connection of our government with Christianity is necessary, not to sustain the Christian religion, but to aid in preserving and maintaining Christian institutions and usages of our nation.

NEW YORK.

The Charlie Ross Kidnappers Identified.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Walter Ross has fully identified both bodies of the burglars as the abductors of Charlie Ross. The whereabouts of the boy has not been ascertained. The unfounded story that he had been recovered was "exclusive news" in a Brooklyn paper. The wife of Douglass, one of the dead burglars, had an interview with the coroner of Brooklyn yesterday, promising to tell all she knows of Charlie Ross's abduction at the inquest, which is to be held to-day, and the coroner feels confident that important facts will be developed. A sister-in-law of Mosher will also testify.

Base Ball.

The annual convention of the amateur base ball players was held this afternoon. It was resolved to hold the next annual convention in Boston the third Wednesday in March, 1875, and the constitution amended so that the annual convention be held the third Wednesday in March instead of December as heretofore.

Various Matters.

The inquest over the dead bodies of the burglars who kidnapped the Ross child, as far as carried yesterday, developed no new facts.

Superintendent Walling to-day instructed the police captains to keep a sharp look out for any child resembling Charlie Ross, as it is probable that the boy is hidden in this city. The superintendent had an interview with Mrs. Mosher, and came to the conclusion that she has no knowledge of the whereabouts of the Ross child.

Ex-Mayor Hall moved in the state court chamber to-day that if the order restoring the performance of Les Deux Orphalines in the Union Square Theatre was granted, an order to show cause should be granted. The district attorney is understood to have brought before the grand jury the matter of Sunday night performances in the Bowery Theatre to test the right to have such performances.

The funeral to-day of the five Dotterwich children, drowned at Peackner, N. J., Sunday, was a very affecting scene. The coffins were borne by twenty boys, school mates of the deceased. After the funeral exercises a continuous stream of people passed the open coffins for two hours, the family sobbing all the time.

The report of Benjamin D. Silliman, the referee in the Proctor-Moulton case, was filed today in the clerk's office of the United States Court, Brooklyn. Mr. Silliman says: I find that the imputations and statements made concerning the character and conduct of the plaintiff are wholly and absolutely untrue.

WASHINGTON.

The Amended Civil Rights Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The House Committee on the Judiciary to-day agreed upon a supplementary civil rights bill, taking that which passed the Senate last year and is now pending in the House as a foundation. The only alterations are the omission of cemeteries and the insertion of a provision for separate school for whites and blacks with equipments and provisions for instruction in all respects equal, the appropriation of school funds to be pro rata between the races. An alteration is also make in the matter of punishment for violation of the law. Instead of the penalties being cumulative, the House Committee made them either civil or criminal.

The chairman of the committee has been instructed to report the bill as a substitute for the Senate bill with the understanding that Mr. White of the committee shall offer this bill as a substitute. The latter does not prohibit separate accommodations in the schools, railroads, inns, etc., for the two races, provided the accommodations are of equal equipment and kind.

Treasury Balances.

The following are the Treasury balances for to-day:—Currency, $14,682,556; special deposit of legal tenders for redemption of certificates of deposit, $49 080,000; coin, $77,823,327, including coin certificates, $22,106,400; outstanding legal tenders, $382,000,000.

Alabama Claims Court.

In the Court of Commissioners for the Alabama Claims, to-day, Gen. Creswell and Judge R. M. Corwine argued the case of whale ship Splendid which was driven out of the Arctic Ocean by the Shenandoah, which caused the breaking up of the voyage and loss of the outfit, refit and investment, amounting to many thousand dollars.

The United States demurred and denied the right of the owners of the Splendid to recover under the law, claiming there could be no recovery except for the property destroyed.

To this Corwine replied, that the act provided for two classes of claims, viz.: First, those which resulted in total loss; second, those which result from partial loss. That whereever there was proof of actual loss, a recovery followed as a matter of course. The court held the case under advisement.

The same gentleman will argue the interesting question of the right of the British subject to participate in this fund for a loss accruing on an American vessel, the subject being a resident of the United States when the loss occurred and has so continued ever since.

Tea.

The centennial tea party to-night in the rotunda of the Capitol, which was handsomely decorated, attracted a crowded assembly. Among the guests were the President and cabinet with King Kalakaua, the Judges of the Supreme Court, foreign ministers, officers of the army and navy and Gen. Sherman. Secretary Robeson delivered the address in the old hall of Representatives.

Pacific Mail Investigation.

The Ways and Means Committee assembled to-day, ready to proceed with the Pacific Mail investigation, but Mr Irwin was not on hand. Owing to his absence the committee commenced the examination of the books of the company, which were delivered to them by Director Hatch and J. C. Merrill, the company's bookkeeper. The books show that on the 24th of May, 1872, the sum of $650,000 was loaned by the company to a firm of New York brokers; that on the 7th of September following, the firm returned $500,000 of this loan, and that on the same day President Stockwell drew $500,000 out of the bank and charged it to Oliver Eldredge and Robert Irwin, the San Francisco agents.

Dr. Johnson, Irwin's physician, informed the committee that Irwin is much better than yesterday, and though ill and in bed, may recover sufficiently to come to the Capitol to-day or be interrogated by the committee in his room, if they considered his immediate examination necessary. After consultation, a subcommittee of the Committee went to the room of Irwin and interrogated him about an hour, most of which was consumed in statements, etc., made by Irwin with a view to purging himself of contempt in failing to heretofore appear before the committee when summoned. Irwin then answered promptly all the questions put to him by the sub-committee.

The substance of the testimony of Irwin was this:—He was employed by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. in various capacities from 1864 to Dec. 31, 1872, and during the last portion of the time as a member of the firm of Eldredge & Irwin, agents of the company at San Francisco. In the winter of 1872 he was employed as agent of the company for the purpose of procuring a subsidy for the China mail. The contract was most of it in letters from the company to him, by which he was to receive certain sums of money in full of all expenses in obtaining the subsidy. The amount to be paid was not to be finally liquidated until the entire service was performed, as the expenses could not be ascertained till that time.

Forty-Third Congress—Second Session.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.

Mr. Sargent introduced a bill for the relief of Admiral Worden and the officers and crew of the United States steamer Monitor, who participated in the engagement with the rebel ram Merrimac. Referred.

Mr. Harvey presented a memorial of the citizens of Kansas, asking the passage of the House bill to amend an act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military and other purposes, approved July 2, 1864. Referred.

Mr. Hager submitted a resolution providing that so much of the message of the President as relates to Chinese emigration beferred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, for a report by bill or otherwise, to remedy the evils to the President calls the attention of Congress; also referring to that committee resolutions of the California Legislature on the same subject and a resolution presented by him at the last session, instructing the Committee on Foreign Relations to inquire into the expediency of preventing the importation of Chinese women for immoral purposes and suppressing the Coolie traffic. Agreed to.

Mr. Boutwell submitted a resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of providing for the redemption of mutilated United States currency by the postmasters. Referred.

Mr. Cragin called up the House bill to restore Capt. John B. Beaumont to his original position on the navy register, which was discussed and recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A bill to remove the political disabilities of Henry Heath of Virginia and James Jackson of Georgia was passed.

Mr. Davis called up the resolution submitted, requesting information as to the names of officers who owe the government money, the amount due, name of sureties, etc. After a short debate the morning hour expired and the matter went over.

The bill for the better government of the District of Columbia was taken up and Mr. Morrill explained it provisions at length.

The bill was then laid over till to-morrow.

Mr. Harvey of Kansas gave notice that after the morning hour to-morrow, he would ask the Senate to consider the House bill to confirm the preemption homesteads and public bonds within the limits of railroad grants in cases where such entries have been made under the regulations of the land department.

Mr. Hitchcock of Nebraska introduced a bill extending the provisions of the act entitled an act to settle certain accounts between the United States and the state of Mississippi and other states, approved March 3, 1857, to states admitted into the Union since that date. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson introduced a bill to aid the Washington, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad Co. to construct a narrow gauge railroad from the tide water to the cities of St. Louis and Chicago. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from W. L. McMillan claiming to be senator from Louisiana, and asking speedy action in his case. Referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Chandler moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill to revise, amend and consolidate the laws relating to the security of life on board a vessel propelled in whole or in part by steam, which was agreed to and the bill was partially read and laid over.

The Chair announced as a member of the Claims Committee, Mr. Pease of Mississippi to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Boreman. After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE

Mr. Maynard, from the Banking committee, reported back adversely the bill to amend the internal revenue law by increasing the tax on the circulation of national banks, from one-twelfth to one-quarter per cent. per month. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Ward of N. J., was appointed on the Joint Select Committee of Reception of the King of the Hawaiian Island, instead of Mr. E. R. Hoar, excused.

The House went into committee on the legislative appropriation bill.

The amendment was adopted relating to the national asylum for disabled soldiers, by which appropriations for the asylums for this year is reduced to $500,000.

A paragraph for the purchase of postage stamps for the Treasury Department, gave rise to discussion, in which the question of the restoration of the franking privilege came up and was discussed favorably by Messrs. G. F. Hoar, Garfield, Kelley and Maynard, though Mr. Garfield desired to give it another years' trial with a Democratic House.

Mr. Merriam's motion to strike out the items for official postage stamps was rejected, 71 to 77.

After progressing as far as the 42d page the committee rose.

Mr. Butler of Mass., from the Judiciary Committee, reported the supplementary civil rights bill. Ordered to be printed and recommitted.

The House at 4 o'clock adjourned.

FIRES.

Silk Factories Burned—Loss $200,000.

HARTFORD, Dec. 16.—The large mill in Warehouse Point occupied by the Leonard Silk Co., and the Chapin & Baker Silk Co., was totally destroyed by fire this evening. The mill and its ells and outbuildings covered about two acres, and about 200 hands were employed in it. The loss is total and probably over half a million dollars. The machinery was valuable. It is believed that the origin of the fire was incendiary.

Loss of a Vessel and Crew.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 16.—The suspicion that the schooner sunk in the bay was the Robert Pettis has been fully confirmed by a diver. She lies in 70 feet of water with the mainsail set, foresail furled and hatches battened down. No news of the crew, which consisted of Captain Sidney Ellis of Harwick, who leaves a wife and six children; James R. Ellis of Harwick, Henry C. Hardner of West Harwick, Ezra Smith, cook, and George Harwick of Harwick Centre, all leaving families.

METEOROLOGICAL

PROBABILITIES FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

WAR DEP'T, OFFICE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, Washington, D. C., Dec. 17, (1 A. M.)

For New England,

and the Middle states generally cloudy weather with rain or snow, falling barometer, rising temperature and southerly or westerly winds winds with clearing weather in the southern portion of the Middle states during the day.

FOREIGN.

French Affairs.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The Assembly committee of thirty met to-day and considered the question of placing the constitutional bills on order of the day. A proposal from the left centre to give priority to M. Vantavon's bill was rejected. A motion was then made by the right centre to place the bill for the organization of a 2d chamber first, and it was adopted. The proceedings show that efforts to unite the two centres have failed.

German Affairs.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The Reichstag to-day adopted a resolution declaring that in order to uphold its dignity an amendment of the constitution is necessary to prevent the arrest of a member during its session.

The German commission to the centennial exhibition at Philadelphia has been appointed. Dr. Jacobi, director of the section of commerce and industry in the ministry of commerce, is president of the commision, whose headquarters will be in Berlin.

Ship Burned.

SHANGHAE, Dec. 16.—The American ship Horatio, Capt. Hardy, which arrived here on the 2d inst. from New York, has been destroyed by fire.

MINOR TELEGRAMS.

A London despatch says that the Vatican consistory will shortly nominate a successor to Pius IX, and that Archbishop Manning is spoken of as likely to be the man.

Despatches from Fort City, Arkansas, state that all of the town south of the railroad was burned yesterday morning.

The St. Charles starch factory at St. Charles, Missouri, was burned Wednesday. Loss $25,000.

A fire at Danville, Va., Tuesday night, caused damage to the extent of $20,000; insured for $12,000.

The internal revenue receipts yesterday were $215,170.

A heavy gale prevailed on the British coast yesterday.

The London Times, yesterday, editorially attacks the New York, Boston and Montreal railroad, for the non-payment of its called in coupons.

The steamship City of Peking was spoken fifteen days out from Rio, at Sandy Point, Nov. 24th, more than half way through the Straits of Magellan. All well.

George R. Rowe, clerk of Lawrence, Mass., died yesterday morning. He had been retained continually in office for seventeen years, regardless of political changes in the city government.

The President returned the call of King David yesterday. The King will visit Congress Friday.

D. B. Logan, one of a party of twelve who left Eau Claire, Wis., last August, bound for the Black Hills, was recently killed in a skirmish with Indians, and the others were scattered in the engagement, since which time no traces of them have been found, and it is feared that all have perished.

The Methodist Missionary Society, at their annual election, in New York, Tuesday night, chose Bishop Janes as President, and eleven other bishops as Vice Presidents.

A Boston despatch says that the losses by the Plympton and Wareham street fires, are now estimated at $500,000; insurance, as far as known, $141,000. The Charlestown fire losses are $145,000; insurance, $60,000.

The new civil service rules for the Boston custom house were put into operation yesterday.

It is estimated that frauds of considerable magnitude have been perpetrated at the Charlestown navy yard, but names of persons implicated are kept from the public. An investigation is soon to be make at Washington

Herr Majunke, a member of the Reichstag, and editor of the Germania, who was arrested for a press offence, has been released.

A Quebec despatch says that old pilots give their opinion that the St. Lawrence can be navigated during the winter with properly constructed vessels.

W. Evans, 17 years old, while being driven from a drinking saloon in Waterbury, Conn., Tuesday night, by the proprietor, Jacob Beecher, shot Beecher dead, the ball entering the head through the eye.

Four New Jersey dentists have been sentenced by the United States Court for violation of the Boston rubber patent.

David C. Bachelder, ex-sheriff of Belknap county, N. H., attempted suicide yesterday morning, by taking laudanum. He is in a critical condition.

The Czar has sent the order of St. Andrew to President MacMahoc, with a very friendly letter. The circumstance is much commented on.

It is rumored that the cotton mills at Fall River, will run on full time after Jan. 1st.

Indian agent Bingham reports that he is in pursuit of white men going to the Black Hills. He has a military force.

The boys of the high school in New Orleans refused to allow the colored pupils to enter yesterday, and appealed to the Superintendent to sustain them. He said the law was in favor of the colored pupils.

The Indian Commissioners, recently in consultation with the civilized tribes of the Indian Territory, report in favor of giving them a territorial government like those of other territories.

Mr. Cochrane of Chicago, (?) it is said will be appointed Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, vice Mullett, resigned.

There was but one dissenting vote against the confirmation of Postmaster General Jewell.

The Cuban papers see nothing in President Grant's message to cause alarm, but should any power see fit to interfere in the affairs of that Island they will get thrashed, or words to that effect.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Review of Portland Markets.

WEEK ENDING Dec. 16, 1874.

There is a great degree of activity in branches pertaining to the holiday trade, but in other branches movement is slow, and no particular change is looked for until after the holidays. The general condition of affairs is quite as satisfactory as could be expected. The money market continues dull, and gold is still high, closing on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 11¾.

Apples are coming in very freely and the price remains $2@3. Beans show no movement of consequence. Butter is firm at 42c for the finest grades. Cheese is steady at 14@15c for Vermont, and 16½@17c for factory. Coal is steady. Coffee is quiet at former prices. Copper is firm. Drugs and dyes are unchanged. Dry goods show considerable activity in woolens. Flour continues in good demand, with considerable inquiry for lower grades, of which the market is nearly bare; the best grades are easier. Grain is in fair demand and supply; corn is quoted from 96c@$1. Iron is very dull. Lard is slightly lower and is quoted at 15½@15½c for tierce, and at 16½@16¾c for caddies. Lead is unchanged. Leather is beginning to look up a little, but prices are unchanged. Lumber is very dull. Molasses is very scarce, and prices are nominal. Nails are quoted at $3 75. Naval stores are unchanged. Oils are without movement. Produce is quiet; chickens bring 12@15c, and turkeys 16@18c; eggs command 27@29c in lots, with a downward tendency. Provisions are without special activity; pork is a shade lower. Spices are unchanged. Sugars are without change. Tin shows little movement; zinc has advanced to 11@11½c. Wool does not show great activity, but prices are well sustained.

FREIGHTS.—Freights remain dull and we have but few charters to report this week: Bark Carrie E. Long, Portland to Matanzas with box shooks 10c, hhd shooks and heads 17c; sch Nellie Chase, hence to Point-a-Peter with box shooks 30c; sch Joshua S. Brackett, Calais to Havana with lumber at $6; sch Emma F. Hart, St. John to North side of Cuba with box shooks, 18c.

Foreign Exports.

CARDENAS. Brig H B Cleaves—5343 box shooks, 971 shooks and heads, 208 empty casks.

Daily Domestic Receipts.

Grand Trunk Railroad—Norton & Chapman 200 bbls of flour, Josselyn & Co 300 do do, Messrs Milliken 300 do do, Fuller & Sanford 200 do do, C B Varney 100 do do, I Greenough 100 do do, D W Coolidge 100 do do, Henry & Shands 100 do do, Smith & Gage 100 do do, Shaw, Hammond & Carney 100 do do, W Webb 100 do do, I H Wendell 1 car oats, Blake & Jones 1 car corn, Kensell & Tabor 1 car oats and 2 do corn, Hathaway & Wood 2 do oats, Gallup & Clark 2 do corn, Stevens & Co 1 do do, Webb & Phinney 2 do do, Waldron & True 4 do do, A W Jordan 2 do do, Richardson & Co 1 do oats and 1 do barley.

By water conveyance—1000 bush cornmeal to G W True & Co.

New York Stock and Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—*Evening.*—Money was active and higher this afternoon, when call loans advanced to 5 per cent.; the clearing business was of a great extent. Sterling Exchange was steady at 484½@4855 for prime 60 days and 490 for demand. The customs receipts to-day were $188,000. Specie engagements for to-morrow $1,000,000. Gold opened at 11¾ and closed at 11¾, the extreme of the day; the carrying rates were 1 @ 1½ per cent.; loans were also made at flat for borrowing. The Assistant Treasurer paid out to-day $36,000 on account of interest and $88 89 in redemption of bonds. Governments were firm. State bonds dull. Railroad mortgages were steady. The failure of N D Carlisle & Son, importers of hides and coffee, was reported this afternoon. They are not in a position to make any statement at present, except that the suspension was not caused by speculation by the River Platte troubles. The people there with whom they had contracts refused to abide by them and the loss fell upon the firm here. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company to-day completed the negotiation of a loan of $1,000,000 for two years at 7 per cent., on a pledge of the bonds owned by the company. The stock and bond holders of the Indiana Central Railroad met to-day and discussed the feasibility of arranging the difficulties now existing with the Pennsylvania Central. A committee of stock and bond holders was appointed to examine into the affairs of the company. Stocks were steady with the exception of Pacific Mail, Wabash, North Western, Lake Shore, St Paul, Ohio, Union Pacific and Western Union. The total transactions at the Stock Exchange aggregated 133,000 shares, including New York Central 1408 shares, Erie 8,200, Lake Shore 22,400, North Western 11,700, Rock Island 600, Pacific Mail 23,900, Western Union 15,900, St Paul 5200, Ohio 9500, Union Pacific 10,400, Wabash 21,200.

The following were the closing quotations of Government securities:

United States coupon 6's, 1881	120⅜
United States 5-20's, 1862	113
United States 5-20's 1864	115
United States 5-20's, 1865, old	119½
United States 5-20's, 1865, new	119½
United States 5 20's, 1867	120⅛
United States 5-20's, 1868	120⅜
United States new 5's	113
United States 10-40 coupon	114⅜
Currency 6's ex in	116⅜

The following were the closing quotations of Stocks:

Western Union Telegraph Co	82⅝
Pacific Mail	39⅝
N Y Central and Hudson River consolidated	100⅛
Erie	27½
Erie preferred	40
Union Pacific stock	35½
Michigan Central	81
Lake Shore	80½
Illinois Central	98
Chicago & Northwestern	46⅜
Chicago & Northwestern preferred	61
Chicago & Rock Island	101⅜

The following were the quotations for Pacific Railroad securities:

Central Pacific bonds	96
Union Pacific	92½
Union Pacific land grants	88⅜
Union Pacific incomes	91

Brighton Cattle Market.

For the week ending Wednesday, Dec. 16.

At market for the current week: Cattle, 2121; Sheep and Lambs, 6,416; Swine, 8200; number of Western Cattle, 1599; Eastern Cattle 272; Northern Cattle and Milch Cows 250. Cattle left over from last week.

Prices of Beef Cattle, ℔ cwt, live weight;—Extra quality $7 25 @ 7 75; first quality $6 50 @ 7 12½; second quality $6 00 @ 6 50; third quality $5 25 @ 5 75; poorest grades of coarse oxen, bulls, &c., at $3 50 @ 5 00.

Brighton Hides 6½ @ 7 cents ℔ lb. Brighton Tallow 6½ @ 7c ℔ lb.

Country Hides 6 @ 6c ℔ lb. Country Tallow —@ 6c ℔ lb.

Calf Skins 14 @ 15c ℔ lb. Sheep and Lamb Skins 75c @ 1 25 each.

The trade for Beef Cattle did not open very lively yesterday, there not being much done till afternoon. There were some very nice Christmas Cattle brought in. A N Monroe had 33, which were taken by J F Taylor. Hathaway & Swift sold 13 to H Bird & Co at a commission, which were very extra. Both lots it was estimated would cost 9c ℔ lb live weight. Upon the common grades prices remain unchanged. Several of the best lots were taken at a commission; others sold at our highest quotations. There was a good supply of Cattle in from Maine, many of them beeves, which did not get in until late on Tuesday.

Working Oxen—There has been a good supply of Working Oxen in market of late, but the trade is not as active as it was a few weeks ago. We quote sales of 1 pair, girth 7 feet 3 inches, live weight 3100 lbs, for $185; 1 pair, girth 6 feet 8 inches, live weight 2800 lbs, for $170; 1 pair, girth 7 feet, live weight 3000 lbs, for $195; 1 pair, girth 6 feet 6 inches, light weight 2550 lbs, for $140; pair, girth 6 feet 6 inches, live weight 2400 lbs, for $165.

Store Cattle—Yearlings $11 @ $15; two year olds $15 @ $27; three year olds $25 @ $45 ℔ head. Most of the small Cattle that are in a fair condition are sold for Beef.

Milch Cows—We quote Extra $55 @ 90; ordinary $25 @ $50; Store Cows $18 @ $45 ℔ head. Most of the Cows offered in market for sale are of a common grade. Good Cows command fair prices.

Sheep and Lambs—From the West there were more than has come from that section in any one week for some time past, all owned by G W Hollis and taken direct to the slaughter house. From the North the supply was light, prices ranging from 4½ @ 7c ℔ lb.

Swine No Store Pigs in market. Fat Hogs—prices 8 @ 8½ ℔ lb.

The Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—*[Reported for the Press.]*—The following is a list of prices quoted this afternoon:

Domestic—Ohio and Pennsylvania pick-lock 57 @ 60c; do choice XX 55 @ 56c; do fine X 53 @ 55c; medium 54 @ 56c; coarse 48 @ 50c; Michigan extra and XX 50 @ 52c; fine 49 @ 50c; medium 50 @ 51c; common 45 @ 47c; other Western fine and X 49 @ 51c; medium 49 @ 51c, common 45 @ 47c; pulled extra 35 @ 55c; superfine 35 @ 55; No 1, 25 @ 35c; combing fleece 55 @ 62c; California 17 @ 40c; Texas 25 @ 42c; Canada 40 @ 55c; do combing 60 @ 62; Smyrna washed 17 @ 32c; do unwashed, 14 @ 23c; Buenos Ayres 18 @ 38c; Cape Good Hope 34 @ 39c; Australian 45 @ 56c; Donskoi 20 @ 36c; Mestiza pulled 50 @ 82½c.

The demand for Wool is steady and the market is firm at the prices noticed in our list. There is, however, a very firm feeling and a fair prospect of higher prices at an early day, as stocks at all points are quite small for the season.

In New York the demand continues active for all descriptions of domestic clothing, and prices are very firm in consequence.

In Philadelphia there is a better feeling in fine Wool, with more inquiry from local and Eastern manufacturers.

Boston Stock List.

[Sales at the Brokers' Board, Dec. 16.]

Boston & Maine Railroad	110⅜ @ 110¾
Eastern Railroad	57 @ 56¾
Second Call.	
Boston & Maine Railroad	110⅜
Eastern Railroad	56¾
Sales at Auction.	
Boston & Maine Railroad 7s, 1894	105
Boston & Maine Railroad	—@ 110⅜
Eastern Railroad	—@ 56¾
Boston and Maine Railroad 7s, 1894	105
Eastern Railroad 7s, 1883	99½

Domestic Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Evening.—Flour—receipts of 12,556 bbls; exports 2474 bbls; sales 11,165bbls; the general market is dull; retail lots commanded generally steady prices; Minnesota in moderate demand; medium Western in fair request; Buckwheat and Rye flour easier; Southern slow; Missouri and Southern Illinois moderately sought for; No 2 and superfine dull. Wheat—receipts 10,000 bush; exports 61,888 bush; sales 98,000 bush at 1 21 for Red Winter, 1 26 store; 1 08 for No 2 Chicago in store; 1 10½ @ 1 11 for North Western Spring afloat; 1 25 @ 1 29 for Amber Winter; White do at 1 28 @ 1 37; 1 05 @ 1 07 for No 3 Spring; 1 00 @ 1 23 for regraded Spring; 1 15 @ 1 23 for No 1 Spring; market closed dull, buyers generally holding off diminished bids. Corn—receipts 21,530 bush; exports 18,010 bush; sales 35,800 bush; 88 @ 91c afloat for damp to dry new Western; 89 @ 92c for old Western Mixed; 93½ @ 94c in store. Oats—receipts 8300 bush; exports 225 bush; sales 28,500 bush; market dull; small sales early at 70 for Western Mixed afloat; closed with offers to sell at 69½c without sales; 70 @ 71c for State White afloat; market closed dull and ½ @ 1c lower to sell. Barley—market quiet. Rye is quoted at 93 @ 96½c for Western and State; market nominal. Oatmeal unchanged at 7 40 for Western; 8 00 @ 8 25; city 7 87½ @ 8 00. Corn Meal—receipts 2240 bbls and 337 sacks; exports 353 bbls; sales of 250 bbls and 500 sacks at 4 90 for brandywine; 4 25 @ 4 75 for Western Yellow; 4 35 @ 4 40 for Western White; 4 00 @ 4 50 for Jersey and Pennsylvania Yellow; 1 32 @ 4 55 for Baltimore coarse Yellow in sacks; city sacked, coarse, old at 4 00; new at 1 71; fine sifted old at 4 75; new at 1 75; bolted Yellow old at 1 87; bolted White 1 95. Seeds—receipts 305 bags; sales 110 bags; Clover is at 10c; Timothy is nominal at 2 75 @ 2 85. Whiskey—receipts 199 bbls; sales 200. Pork dull at 20 50. Lard is steady at 13½c cash and seller Jan. Tallow is quiet and steady at 8¾c. Linseed Oil—large lots 78c; small lots 73c. Petroleum quiet; crude in bulk at 5½c; R S W at 11½ @ 11¾c; cases at 9 @ 10½c. Naval Stores—Rosin is quiet; nominally at 2 15 @ 2 20 for strained. Tar is neglected; Wilmington nominal. Spirits Turpentine quiet at 34½c. Raw Sugar dull; sales 1400 boxes Cuba refugal at 8 11-16; fair to good refining 8 @ 8½; prime 8¾c; refined Sugar quiet; standard A 9¾ @ 10c; off A 9¾ @ 9¾c. Molasses—sales 420 bbls New Orleans at 62 @ 66c. Coffee quiet and steady; sales 4500 bags Mobile good involves at 15½c, extra robert.

Ocean Freights—The engagements have been as follows—to Liverpool 8¼d sail, and 9d steam, for grain is what shippers will pay; 450 bales cotton by sail at ¼d for Galveston.

The Cotton market is dull; Middling uplands at 14½c.

Gold closed at 11¾.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Flour dull, weak and nominally unchanged; shipping extra at 4 00 @ 4 50; Minnesota 4 50 @ 5 50. Wheat is heavy at 88½c seller for Jan; 89½c do Feb; 89c cash and seller Dec. Corn is quiet and firm at 77c seller Dec; 72c for seller May; 77c for seller Jan. Oats quiet and steady at 53½c cash or seller for Dec; 53½ @ 53¾c for seller Jan. Rye is quiet and firm at 95c. Barley dull at 1 21½ cash and seller Dec; 1 22 @ 1 22½ for seller Jan. Whiskey with no demand and buyers and sellers apart at 97c. Pork firmer at 19 45 seller for February; 19 70 seller March. Lard is firmer at 12 25 seller Feb; 12 45 seller Mar. Cut Meats easier with moderate demand; green shoulders sold at 5c; short ribs 9½c loose; green Hams at 10 @ 10½c.

On the call of the board in the afternoon—Wheat steady and fairly active at 88¾c seller January; 89½ @ 89½c do February; offered at 88c for Dec. Corn quiet and firm at 77 @ 77½c seller December; 72¾ @ 73c do May; new No 2 at 67 @ 67½c seller Jan. Oats quiet at 53½c cash; 53½c seller January.

Receipts—11,436 bbls flour, 65,760 bush wheat, 35,760 bush corn, 18,380 bush oats, 380 bush rye, 9,080 bush of barley.

Shipments—7235 bbls flour, 9146 bush wheat, 24,447 bush corn, 687 bush oats, 000 bush rye, 3616 bush of barley.

Freights—all rail dull and unchanged.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—Pork is quiet at 19 52 cash. Bacon quiet; shoulders 9½c; clear rib sides at 12½c; clear sides at 12¾c. Sugar cured hams at 13@14c. Cut Meats quiet; shoulders 6¾c; clear rib sides at 9½c; clear sides at 9¾c. Lard quiet; steam rendered at 12¾; kettle rendered at 13¾c. Live Hogs—good grades are dull; medium fair 6 60 @ 6 75; good 6 80 @ 7 00; receipts 7711 head; shipments 537 head. Whiskey quiet at 96c.

TOLEDO, Nov. 16.—Wheat is quiet; No 1 Amber Michigan 1 19. Corn is dull and nominal; high Mixed at 72c cash; 71¾c seller Jan; low Mixed 71c. Oats dull; No 1 at 56c seller Jan; Michigan 56c cash. Clover Seed 5 60. Dressed Hogs 7 75 @ 8 25.

Receipts—5500 bush Wheat, 9,500 bush Corn, 2,300 bush Oats.

Shipments—2600 bush Wheat, 37,200 bush Corn, 4,900 bush Oats.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 16.—Wheat is weak; No 1 Milwaukee at 92½c; No 2 Milwaukee 88¾c cash; 88½c seller for Jan; 89½c seller for Feb. Corn dull; high Mixed at 65c. Oats quiet; No 2 at 51½c. Rye is firm; No 1 at 96c. Barley steady; No 2 Spring 1 27.

Receipts—4700 bbls flour, 54,000 bush wheat.

Shipments—10,200 bbls flour, 10,000 bush wheat.

DETROIT, Dec. 16.—Flour quiet; White Western at 5 25 @ 5 75. Wheat quiet and steady; extra White Michigan at 1 15½; No 1 White 1 11⅜. Corn is steady; No 1 new Mixed 74c. Oats firm; No 1 Mixed at 55½c.

Receipts—1050 bbls flour, 8,446 bush wheat, 3,705 bush corn, 2585 bush oats.

Shipments—732 bbls flour, 2,618 bush wheat, 7986 bush corn, 2205 bush oats.

OSWEGO, Dec. 16.—Flour steady; sales of 1200 bbls. Wheat quiet; No 1 White Milwaukee at 1 22; extra White Michigan at 1 40. Corn is steady; new high Mixed at 92c. Barley quiet; Canada held at 1 50.

Receipts—none.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 16.—Cotton is steady; Middling uplands 13¾c.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 16.—Cotton steady; Middling uplands at 13¾c.

MOBILE, Dec. 16.—Cotton easy; Middling uplands 13¾c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—Cotton is dull; Middling upands at 14½c.

European Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 16—12.30 P. M.—Consols at 91¾ @ 91¾ for money and account.

American securities—Erie 24¾ @ 25.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16—12.30 P. M.—Cotton market quiet and steady; Middling uplands 7½ @ 7¾d; do Orleans at 7¾d; sales 14,000 bales, including 2000 bales for speculation and export.

MARRIED.

In this city, Dec. 16, by Rev. Dr. Shaller, Gibeon P. Davis and Miss Augusta C. Plummer, both of Raymond.

In Deering, Dec. 15, by Rev. H. C. Leonard, Henry F. Dowst of Bangor and Belle G. Barstow of Deering.

In Mt Desert, Dec. 15, by Rev. A. R. Plumer, Carolus Downing of Portland and

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CITY AND VICINITY.

New Advertisements To-Day.

ENTERTAINMENT COLUMN.
Grand New Year Ball—City Hall.
M. C. M. A.—Lecture.
Plymouth Church—Fair.
SPECIAL NOTICES.
Seasonable Novelties—Leach.
MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.
Latner's Announcements—2
NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Look Sharp—Holt's.
Up Town Fancy Goods—O. W. True.
Local Agent—Wanted.
Holiday Goods—T. P. McGowan.
A Word to the Sick—S. Edwards, M. D.
Holiday Goods—John F. Sherry.
Have you Tried.
Holiday Goods—Davis & Co.
Be Made Whole—Dr. Wm Thompson, M. D.
Lost—Bracelet.
Tenement—Wanted.
For Sale—Sleds.
Railroad Tickets—For Sale.
AUCTION COLUMN.
Mart Sale—F. O. Bailey & Co.

U. S. District Court.

BEFORE JUDGE FOX.

WEDNESDAY.—In the case of the United States vs. John W. Livermore, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

United States vs. S. M. Harmon et als. This was an action on a post office bond, given by the defendant to recover $250 lost in a registered letter through the negligence of the post master. District Attorney Webb asked that the jury be instructed to return a verdict for the full amount in the letter. The Judge ruled that the breach was only technical, and instructed the jury to render a verdict for one cent, which they did.

Webb for government.

T. B. Reed for defendants.

Superior Court.

A TERM, 1874—SYMONDS, J., PRESIDING.

WEDNESDAY.—Bella Hardenbroke, admx., vs. Eastern Railroad Company. This is an action to recover damages for causing the death of Nelson Hardenbroke in April last, by carelessly and negligently running over him with a locomotive on Commercial street. On trial.

T. H. Haskell—W. W. Thomas, Jr., for plaintiff.
Bradburys—Webb for defendants.

Municipal Court.

JUDGE MORRIS PRESIDING.

WEDNESDAY.—George Winn. Search and seizure. Discharged for informality in warrant. Frank.

Brief Jottings.

Charles H. Hall has been appointed Coroner under date of December 2d, and has received his papers.

The Catholic Cathedral will hereafter be heated by steam.

The steamer Normanton will run during the entire winter between here and St. John, N. B. to take the freight that comes over the Grand Trunk.

The Southard case was settled by the parties yesterday morning.

Charles McCarthy was thrown from his job sleigh yesterday afternoon near the foot of Union street and slightly injured. His horse ran up on Fore street and was stopped before any damage was done.

The first masquerade and fancy dress ball of the season will be held at Lancaster Hall, Tuesday evening.

The officers of the cutter Dallas were drilled in the storm whistle signals yesterday. The whistle made sweet music for the Commercial street folks.

The driver of a coal team left his team loaded with coal standing in front of the office yesterday, when the horse turned around and went back into the yard. Some one standing near remarked that the horse knew when he had light weight.

The Emerald Boat Club will give a New Year's ball.

The Temperance Reform Club meets this evening at Allen Mission chapel.

The employes of Mr. James McGlinchy presented him with an elegant gold-headed cane last evening.

A very pleasant entertainment took place at India street church last evening.

A new fact in natural history has come to light. Last night the ghost told us of the quills upon the *freckled* porcupine.

The Mechanic Blues, while holding their weekly meeting last evening, were surprised by a party of ladies with baskets full of refreshments. Capt. Pennell procured G. A. R. Hall and soldiers and ladies repaired thither for a dance and supper.

City Affairs.

A special meeting of the Common Council was held last evening, President Small in the chair. Reading of records was dispensed with. The roll call showed all present save Gage and Merrill of ward four and Perry of five and Hale of six.

The report of the Joint Standing Committee on increased wharf facilities, and the order with amendments passed at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen respecting the purchase of Galt's wharf was read. The order was printed in the PRESS yesterday. The amendments were adopted.

The question was then called on the order, which resulted as follows:

Yeas—Trefethen, Dennison, Greely, McAleny, Brunel, Thurston, Marsh, Roberts, Fox, Nash, Small—11.

Nays—McMahon, Pennell, Whitten, Hannagan, Lovejoy, Green—6.

Councilman Fox moved to reconsider the vote. Doubted. Passed on a rising vote 10 to 5. On motion of Mr. Fox the order was laid upon the table. Adjourned.

MEETING OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.—The Council met Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock, at Arcana Hall. After appointment of a committee on order of business for the Grange department, the business department held a session. The reports of the several committees in this department were made and unanimously commended as highly gratifying to the order. The committee on tools, machinery, and seeds reported that in their opinion the matter should be referred to the annual meeting, to be held the first Tuesday of February. The importance of this branch was considered as demanding the most careful investigation and mature action. At 1 o'clock the Council sat down to dinner, and the cold morning ride made deliberation extremely distasteful and difficult, but with the Doctor at the head of the table, to divert with his winning talk, no one but brother Deputy got "too full for utterance." After dinner the matter specially assigned for discussion came up, and an interesting debate followed, and the resolutions were passed almost unanimously.

MARINE DISASTER.—A dispatch was received at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday, stating that the brig Eudora, Capt. Lee, of this city, ran ashore on the bar at Nantucket yesterday morning at six o'clock. She was boarded by the underwriters' boat and the captain and crew taken off. Efforts were to be made to get her off.

A private dispatch received by her owner, Isaac Emery, states that she parted her cable and went on the bar and was at anchor. The crew were badly frost bitten before they were taken off. It is not known whether the damage is serious or not. She is an old vessel but has been recently repaired and this is her first trip since her repair. We could not learn in regard to her insurance. She was loaded with box shooks.

TEMPERANCE.—The meeting at Chestnut street vestry last night was very well attended, and the speeches were lively, numerous and to the point, just the kind to induce us to go again to-night to the same place, where we have the promise of hearing from one of the Brooklyn Women's crusade.

The Allen Mission chapel was well filled last evening to listen to a powerful sermon from Rev. Mr. Jones of Chestnut street church. This is the first of a series of sermons to be preached every Wednesday evening at the Mission, by our city clergy. J. R. McKelvey will preside at the temperance meeting this evening. The public are cordially invited.

OLD FOLKS' CONCERT.—On Friday evening the Old Folks will give one of their most enjoyable concerts at the Bethel church in behalf of the Bethel work for sailors. It will doubtless be a fine concert, and all who wish to help a worthy charity should attend.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.—Locke, Twitchell & Co. have received a bunch of shaved cedar shingles from Aroostook, inscribed as follows: "Aroostook fractional currency, issued March 25, 1874, by Sawin & Teague, Caribou, Me." The bunch is about a foot in length, and is a very good sample of Aroostook currency.

Our Christmas Tree.

GEORGE A. HARMON,

George A. Harmon in Mechanics block has as fine a lot of Christmas gifts as need be seen. Ladies' and gentlemen's gold watches and chains may be found in abundance. Some fine sets of jewelry await purchasers. The assortment of gold and silver plated ware is large and very attractive. The fruit knives are handsome and no one would object to one for a holiday gift. A lot of new designs in napkin rings are in the show case, all ready to be bought, engraved, and presented to some one. It would be useless to attempt to enumerate the articles to be found in this well regulated store, so we say go and see for yourselves.

G. L. BAILEY AND CO.

G. L. Bailey & Co. have a fine lot of sporting goods for the holiday trade, such as revolvers, air pistols, game bags and in fact everything that a sportsman could wish for to complete his equipments. Here you can find skates of all kinds. The Acme Club skate, which is having such a rage, can be bought for $4.50 per pair. The Florence skate can be bought for $1. You can also get pocket cutlery of all kinds, and ladies' scissors.

A. H. ATWOOD AND CO.

Atwood, the silver plater in Market Square, is all ready for the holiday trade. He has a large lot of silver plated ware of all kinds suitable for holiday and wedding presents. He has everything in this line. All kinds of plating done here at reasonable rates and in good shape. He has some very tasty looking door plates that would adorn the best of our houses. Give him a call and see for yourself.

J. U. P. BURNHAM

Burnham in Market Square is prepared to take your photograph in the best style of the art. His samples at his door tell what he can do for you. All kinds and styles of pictures are taken at short notice. He will take pictures in a club at reduced rates. Look at the samples of his work.

H. TALBOT & CO.

H. Talbot & Co., in Clapp's block, have a lot of holiday gifts just opened. The stock to be found here now is large and comprises both useful and ornamental articles. They have a large stock of worsted leggings for ladies and children and every variety of ladies' gentlemen' and children's handkerchiefs, &c. You can also find watch stands, smoking sets, painted and Scotch wood, portmonnaies and all kinds of lined kid gloves and mittens; also a fin assortment of water proofs for winter wear. Visitors to the store cannot fail to find something for holiday gifts.

W. C. SAWYER & CO.

The firm of W. C. Sawyer & Co., in Market Square are prepared to furnish any amount of housekeeping goods for the holiday trade or any other trade. The firm also make a specialty of plants and plant pots of all kinds. All kinds of nice work made to order. A large lot of workstands and work-baskets have just been received from the importers. His is a store worth visiting for holiday goods.

L. C. NELSON & CO.

L. C. Nelson & Co. are just opening a large line of fancy goods for the holidays. Work boxes, writing desks and dressing cases, can be found in almost endless variety; also ladies' cloaks, jackets, leggings and hosiery at reduced prices. Visit this store at No. 503 Congress street and see what you can find to hang on a Christmas tree or send to a friend. Examine their stock of woolen goods.

DEANE BROTHERS.

Although the members of this firm are young men they are wide awake and have a reputation for doing a large business. Their stock is largely manufactured by themselves, and consequently they know just what they are dealing in. They have a large salesroom on the first floor, where they have a fine assortment of all kinds of furniture. On the second and third floors they have separate rooms for the display of hair-cloth fancy chairs and chamber sets. They have a fine lot of smoking chairs, trimmed in different styles, for the holiday trade. The visitor can find here black walnut suits at prices ranging from $400 downward. All kinds of fancy chairs, tables and stands can be found here. They make a specialty of card-receivers. What can be a more acceptable present than nice furniture, and where can you find a finer assortment than at Deane Brothers, on Exchange street?

C. D. B. FISK & CO.

Fisk & Co. are closing out a large stock of ready made clothing at reduced prices. Elysian, Beaver, Ulster and Reefer overcoats can be bought at their store for a small amount of money. The stock is large, and the owners are bound to reduce it before the new year begins. They have a large stock of children's clothing that fits like a charm and is well made up. In fact, you can get any kind of a suit of clothes here that you wish. Call and examine this stock and see for yourselves if you cannot buy clothes as cheap as elsewhere. They want cash, and are willing to exchange their whole stock for ready money. Give them a call before Christmas.

TUKESBURY & CO.

At No. 537 Congress street can be found Tukesbury & Co. with their stock of goods for the holiday trade. The goods in this store are all fresh and new, and are especially adapted to the Christmas and New Year trade. They have everything usually found in a ladies' furnishing store. They make a specialty of ladies' underwear. Yesterday the store was crowded all day with ladies who were making their purchases for the holidays. The firm is a new one, but they have already a large trade established. Call and see their goods.

Railroad Celebration at Nashua.

A goodly number of our citizens responded yesterday morning to the invitation of the citizens of Nashua, N. H., in celebrating the completion of the Nashua & Rochester Railroad. Leaving this city at 8 o'clock a. m., the number of excursionists was rapidly increased by additions from the various towns along the line. At Lee, N. H., the train was met by a delegation of the Nashua Reception Committee, who extended the courtesies of the citizens of Nashua to their guests.

The train arrived at Nashua at 12.30, when the party were received by the full committee and were conducted through the Works of the Nashua Lock Co., the Nashua Iron Works, the Nashua (cotton) Manufacturing Co., the Indian Head Manufacturing (cotton) Co., and other manufacturing establishments of the city.

At about 2 o'clock the carriages containing the party arrived at the City Hall, where a magnificent banquet had been spread.

After the edibles had been fully discussed, the assembly were called to order by Mayor McKeen of Nashua, who, in a brief and fitting speech, welcomed the visitors to the city.

Mayor Wescott of this city responded in behalf of the guests present from Portland. In absence of the Mayor of Worcester, Mr. Albert Tolman, one of the prominent citizens, responded in behalf of those present from that city.

Brief and pertinent speeches were made by C. K. Sanborn, Esq., of Rochester, Col. F. Robie of Gorham, Col. C. H. Waters of Groton, Dr. J. C. Eastman of Hampstead, Hon. Geo. W. Woodman, President of the Portland Board of Trade, Hon. Thos. W. Gilies, ex-Mayor of Nashua, Gen. Israel Hunt of Nashua, M. L. Stevens, Esq., of Portland, N. V. Whitehouse, Esq., of Gonic, Stephen Holt, Esq., of Epping, Major A. H. Dunlap of Nashua, and others.

The hearty spontaneous character of the celebration is seen in the fact that the splendid banquet was not the work of a caterer, but was provided by the ladies of the city, who personally assisted in serving it.

The hall was finely decorated with flags, bunting and painting, excellent music was furnished by the Nashua Band, and the galleries were filled with the first ladies of the city.

At 6.30 the Portland party took the regular train for home, arriving here at about 11 o'clock.

THE MUSEUM.—Mr. Marshall labors under decided disadvantages in face, form and age in playing Hamlet, and does not approach the general idea of Shakespeare's Dane. But we doubt if the large audience last evening kept in mind his deficiencies in these respects after the opening of the third act. From that time he had his audience with him, and the deep interest then awakened was sustained to the close. We are disposed to quarrel with his conception of the sad prince, but the conception is carried out masterfully.

Miss Isadora Cameron did excellently well in the arduous *role* of Ophelia. The mad scene in the fourth act, which so tasks the abilities of an actress, was rendered with close fidelity to the requirements of the part.

Miss Victoria Cameron was a fine Queen Gertrude. She looked the royal lady, and played her part with simple dignity and ease.

Mr. Bascomb made a good Laertes. Mr. Calder was of course excellent as the grave digger. The ghost was very funny. We regret to notice that he was laboring under an irritation of the bronchial tubes.

In accordance with general desire Hamlet will be repeated Saturday evening. This evening "The Stranger" will be put upon the boards.

CADETS' BALL.—The fifth annual ball of the Portland Cadets occurs in City Hall, New Year's eve. Chandler furnishes music and a good time may be expected. Arrangements are in the hand of a competent committee, who will do all in their power to make this the ball of the season. Palmer immediately ordered five cases of white kid slippers upon hearing of this ball, and a young miss of four years became so excited that she at once grew to be nearly as aged as her mother. But of course all will go who wish to "dance the old year out and the new year in."

MERCANTILE COURSE.

Wit and Humor.

Last evening Enoch Knight, esq., delivered in the Mercantile course to a large audience in City Hall his lecture entitled "Wit and Humor." It is but simple justice to Mr. Knight to say that his lecture will compare favorably with any delivered in the course this season, and that in fact it is superior in ability and subject matter to nearly all. We present an abstract.

That wit or humor can ever be "thought out" by practice, by sitting down, however doggedly, to work, may be fairly doubted. Indeed, to undertake to be "funny" is a very serious business. But in the first place, the difference between these two great lights of life and knowledge should be remembered, for in their true place and exercise they make up the brightest and best phase of our literature. Even many cultivated persons have failed to make and hold this high distinction, for wit may be, and generally is, anything but fun, in which general class humor is almost always found. Any terse and vigorous form of speech will answer the general definition of it, though it sting like a serpent's fangs, and rankle in the memory like poison in the blood, and, in fact, the wittiest men the world ever saw never knew the lovely light and the warmth of humor at all. Wit is the scimeter stroke that makes the victim cringe long ere the abrasion or the blood appear; while humor may be only the stuffed club that contuses and puts to discomfiture and route, but never quite destroys. Wit is the thunderbolt that crashes through the roof straight to the mischief; while humor is that milder flash that throws its strange, fantastic gleames into marvellous variety, leaping, glowing and blinding in its glare, but it never kills. Sure, Johnson was a great leader in the school of British wit, and who wielded the two-handed sword of British criticism with merciless stroke, crushing every skull around him except that of the airy and shallow Boswell, who seems to have been the only spared monument of that wealth of weird and wrathful wit—spared to give us the life of his master whose service was sweetly slavish. Johnson had many moods, and was, possibly, something more than a wit; but in no true sense was he a humorist, and no thoughtful essayist has ever put him there. Sir Philip Francis was only another, and a finer, type of the sturdy wit of that time and people—dogged, disperate wit, that composed its words by hard means and never illumined by one gleam that lights up the domain of humor. And so of wit in our own land and day. The wittiest American orator is Wendell Phillips, a man whose very humanity is set on an intellectual formula, whose wit spared not Lincoln in the terrible days of '64, nor Seward in his grave—whose intelligence is forever up to the snow line, and who never felt the tropical breath of humor. Indeed, wit is unlovely in all ages of literature, and not even George D. Prentice, the wittiest American editor who ever lived, had enough of humor's gentleness to take the rancor from his remorseless wit. And the tendency of mere wit is always to embitter controversy, and to put off the fair consideration of most things. The study of wit is hearty and vigorous, and sharpens one in a wonderful way, somehow, but its tendency is too much of invective, too broad beggary of premises, too little of kindliness.

But coming to the main branch of this theme, humor, let us take it in its broadest and best estate, as we find it in our own land. For American humor is as much broader than the British, with which alone we can compare it, as our country is broader than England. For hard-headed sense, and even for many forms of wit the British Isles have ranked high in production, but for cosmopolitan humor no people on the earth can compare with us. Punch has humor, but it is pinched, and powdered; and provincial. The world has wondered why New York has no Punch, like London or Berlin, but the world has not stopped to think that fun is so abounding with us that no one receptacle can gather in any peculiar measure, so much of humorous matter is to be found in all our periodical literature—the leading newspapers even, having a feature if not a department.

The lecturer then passed to a brief review of the foremost American humorists, and the work accomplished by them. Volumes of bright things are and upon any general topic while it is passing before the popular gaze, and specific reforms wrought by this same gentle agency. John Phenix's matchless ridicule of government expenditures on the golden shore of California shook the whole continent with laughter; and later the Bigelow Papers broke the front rank of the slave power as connected with the Mexican war. A long train of half-fledged and inconstant humorists followed these early writers, most of whom "wrote themselves out," while a few have fully impressed themselves upon the literature of their times, in one or two instances clothing such in the armor of dialect, destructive and dominant. But much as has been glorious in this growth, a vast amount has been not only crude but coarse and vulgar. There has been a tendency to obscure spelling, and still absurder speech, nourished by thoughtless clamor of partizanship and sold in the market-places by indiscriminate puffing, investing our literature with a clownish and vulgar swagger and slang that have no place in true humor—the humor of humanity. Rude hands curse and despoil humor. It is a gentle thing and must not be overdone.

A great number of illustrations were given of the comprehensive character of American, and its cosmopolitan range, utterances which the speaker claimed could never be made by other people on the whole earth, many of them of an intensely funny and epigrammatic kind. And this immeasureable fund of humor is not only the most buoyant and enjoyable of all intellectual things, but is the deepest and most appreciative of all human capabilities. The man who has delicate humor is a man generally of fine instincts, and without narrowness or bitterness in his heart, for humor is wit with a soul in it, flavored and seasoned through and through with humanity and kindliness. And so it becomes the great agency for good in the world.

"Cervantes smiled Spain's chivalry away."

and in thousand well remembered struggles with humbugs and with grosser wrongs, when the mere ravings of wit have done their utmost humor has lifted the clouds and let in the blessed light of victory and peace. Humor is the great interpreter of all sentiment. It gives joy in times of joy, making gladness creep into our hearts as the sunlight dances on summer waters, and in adversity its tears baptize everything that is sacred in grief; for true humor can strike every note on the scale of the human passions.

The lecturer paid a warm tribute to the great masters of humor, Beranger, Hood, Burns, Goldsmith, Addison, Thackeray, Dickens, and all the rest who have stood upon the charmed heights, and urged that the standard be kept very high in all our literature. The noblest expressions of manliness come forth through this gentle interpreter. Men have affected to despise sentiment, but they know not what they do. The intellect forms opinions, but the soul speaks in sentiment. Sentiment is the language of the heart, and true humor interprets it to all the world, keeping in their just balance the true harmonies of this poor world—world that has had too much of the pageant of tragedy that creaks its chariot wheels along the glaring, hardened highways, and too little of the gentle sunshine that penetrates every cranny of the crumbling back street. The lecture closed with an appeal for love and light in literature that can alone glorify the life or transfigure the promise of what is to come.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH FAIR.—The fair at Plymouth vestry this afternoon and evening promises to be a success. The ladies have spared no pains to make the tables attractive. At the confectionery table will be found a fine assortment of candies. The Silver Lake will afford fun and profit to old and young. From 6 to 10 o'clock an antiquarian supper will be served by the young ladies. No doubt many will avail themselves of the opportunity to get an excellent supper. The admission will be free.

THE DE MURSKA CONCERT.—This evening the eargerly looked for De Murska concert comes off at City Hall. In presenting so fine a musical treat the managers of the Army and Navy course deserve well of the public, and their venture should meet with substantial recompense. The prospect now is that the hall will be filled to over flowing.

I. O. O. F.—Last evening the following officers were elected by Machigone Encampment for the term beginning Jan. 1, 1875: F. T. Merrill, C. P.; L. A. Leonard, H. P.; S. P. Getchell, S. W.; N. G. Cummings, Scribe; S. K. Dyer, Treasurer; C. F. Plummer, J. W.

Business Notes.

Business is very dull in North Vassalboro'. The woolen factory has been running on three-quarters time since November 1st, and is now almost entirely stopped in consequence of a breakdown, and probably will not start up again before next week.

Tremont, which is largely engaged in navigation, suffers much from the depression in business. Many first-class vessels have been hauled up for the winter, it having been found that it will not pay to run them.

At Millbridge, Ezekiel Dyer, Esq., has on the stocks in his shipyard a fine vessel of about 500 tons, to be rigged as a barque. Her dimensions will be 128 feet length of keel, 12 feet lower hold, and five feet between decks. She is to be built of the best Eastern hard wood, hackmatack and Southern pine, from a superior model, and is intended for a general freighting business. She will be named the G. Reusens, after the successful tobacco merchant of that name in Boston. She will be commanded by Captain James A. Leighton, formerly of the barque Atlantic, and is owned by Mr. John Zittleson of New York. Mr. Dyer intends to have her off early in the spring.

Lumbermen are complaining of the absence of snow. A number of teams went into the woods on wheels this week. Others are waiting anxiously for snow. The preparations for logging have been more extensive than was anticipated earlier in the season, and if the season is propitious not far from an average winter's work will be done.

Messrs. White & Healy of Hiram are running their steam mill, cutting ash into shovel handles. Elliot & Bartlett are running their spool factory on full time. H. Cummings is drawing some handsome pines to Bethel and casting them into the Androscoggin.

Lumbering operations have begun in Denmark, as indicated by the sound of the axe on every side. McKenney & Bessey are already on Boston Hills with a full force.

Mr. E. T. Stearns is removing his steam mill from Oak Hill (Lovell) to "Slab City," and designs manufacturing spools, instead of staves, as heretofore.

The mill of the Paris Flouring Company, located on the Little Androscoggin river at So. Paris, is the largest grist mill in the state with one exception, that of a new one in Saccarappa. Each year it receives 70,000 bushels of wheat, and 50,000 bushels of corn, which are manufactured into 15,900 barrels of flour, and 30,000 bushels of meal. The mill has been in operation day and night during the past fall, turning out 100 barrels of flour daily.

STATE NEWS.

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

The City Solicitor of Lewiston has been requested by the City Council to investigate the charges of Alderman Dempsey respecting the bridge settlement, to hear the statements of all concerned, and report the facts to the City Council.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

Two fine specimens of caribou were shot last Saturday upon township Letter B, a few miles from Houlton, by Messrs. Bartlett, Syphers and Heywood. There were five in the herd, but the snow was not deep enough to prevent rapid flight and they were very shy.

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Tuesday evening last, a Mrs. James of Pittston got severely wounded by the explosion of a lamp chimney in the house of Eugene A. Barker, filling one of her eyes full of pieces of glass.

The last session of the Governor and Council for the current year will commence on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, at 10 a. m., and continue through that week and the first week in January, until the new council shall be sworn into office.

The annual meeting of the Maine Editors and Publishers Association will probably be holden in Augusta, Jan. 20th and 21st. The meetings will be purely of a business character, with very likely a reception during one evening, at the house of one of the brethren there. Among the topics for the consideration of the meeting, "The relations of newspapers to their patrons and the public," has been assigned to Mr. Wm. H. Simpson of the Belfast Journal.

KNOX COUNTY.

Charles Hodges and Clarence Blake started from Rockland for Bristol in a small yacht, Monday, but their craft was disabled in a squall off Owl's Head, and both men were terrib'y frost-bitten before they could get back.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

A citizen's meeting was held at Anson last Thursday to consider the question of a railroad to Solon. After quite a discussion between a connection at Skowhegan, and an extension of the Somerset road from Madison, it was finally decided to appropriate the $60,000 once raised for the purpose, to the extension of the Somerset road up on the east side of the river, and to ask the legislature to amend the Somerset charter to that end.

YORK COUNTY.

The Temperance Reform Club of Limington was addressed last Friday evening by J. K. Osgood of Gardiner, D. R. Dresser of Deering, and H. M. Bryant of Lewiston. Before the meeting closed forty-six signed the pledge.

James S. Tibbetts' shoe factory, on the Buxton road in Saco, took fire yesterday morning. The fire destroyed a one story workshop and a two story warehouse, together with a large amount of stock, tools, machinery, etc. One end of Mr. Tibbetts' dwelling house, near the shop, was badly scorched, but was saved through the efforts of the people who were early at the fire. The estimated loss is about $5000, and it is not known that there was any insurance.

The parishioners of Rev. Mr. Rowell of Biddeford, Tuesday night, presented him with over $100 in money.

Dr. S. D. Howe,

Notwithstanding the severe cold of yesterday Dr. Howe's rooms at the Falmouth were thronged. To-day and to-morrow will be his last day in this city. During his brief stay hundreds have received advice from him that will benefit them through life if they but heed his counsel. Let those who are afflicted with pains and aches be sure and call upon the doctor to-day and to-morrow if they would be cheered and benefited, especially consumptives.

There is no charge for either advice or examinations and his medicines can be obtained at the drug stores. To-morrow will be his last day, as he leaves for Lewiston next week.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.

LADIES KIDS from one to four buttons for evening and street wear, in all the latest shades. Also a fine assortment of Gents' Dog Skin and Kid Gloves, at the most reasonable prices. F. Latner, 539 Congress street.

IMPORTANT SALE of real estate this afternoon. F. O. Bailey & Co. will sell several pieces of very desirable property as will be seen in our advertisement column.

CLOSING OUT Ladies' and misses' trimmed an untrimmed hats and bonnets at cost for the next thirty days. New York branch, 529 Congress street.

PERIODICALS.—Harper's, for January, has been received, and are for sale at Wentworth's, No. 553 Congress street, corner of Oak street, also at Hall L. Davis, Exchange Street, Loring, Short & Harmon's and Augustus Robinson's, under the Falmouth Hotel; also at the book and periodical depot of Messrs. Fessenden Brothers, Lancaster Hall. Also at the newspaper and periodical depot of George H. Marquis, No. 80 Exchange street, and at the book, periodical and newspaper establishments of C. R. Chisholm & Bro. in the Eastern and Grand Trunk depots.

A MONUMENT as big as the grand pyramid might be built of the teeth that have been ruined by neglect. Shall this thing go on in face of the the great fact that SOZODONT is a certain preservative of dental decay?
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DR. O'FITZGERALD, the wonderful Clairvoyant physician and surgeon, will visit Portland at United States Hotel, Tuesday, Dec. 15th, remaining three days only. Don't fail to see him. His cures are truly wonderful. Examination free of charge. dc12-4t

UNDER SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, all qualities, as low as the same qualities can be sold by any one, at Charles Custis & Co's, 493 Congress street. dc1tf

FRENCH CLOTH GLOVES, a nice article, at Charles Custis & Co's, 493 Congress street. dc1 tf

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CAN'T GO TO CHURCH. Why not? O! my cough would disturb the congregation. Cure it then with Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar, a pure vegetable remedy, unfailing as the Sun and mild and harmless as the summer air. Crittenton's, 7, 6th Avenue. Sold by all Druggists.

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A fine assortment of Ladies' Front Pieces, just finished, to be sold during the Holidays at LOWEST PRICES.

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Perfumes, Brushes, Combs, Oils, Pomatums, Reliable Preparations for the Hair, fine Soaps, Indispensables—a case containing Brush, Comb, Tooth Brush and Nail Brush, Dental Troches, Poudre, Rouge, Cosmetics.

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We have a large assortment in stock and will manufacture to order Ladies' and Gentlemen's Full and Half Wigs, Plain or of the finest Gossamer finish.

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Green.....	2 00@3 00
Dried,western	7 @ 12
do eastern.	8 @ 12
Ashes.	
Pearl, ℔ lb. ...	11 @ 11½
Pot.....	9 @ 11
Beans.	
Pea.....	2 75 @3 00
Mediums.....	2 12½@2 37½
Yellow Eyes.	2 75@3 25
Box Shooks.	
Pine.....	60@75
Bread.	
Pilot Sup....	9 00 @11 00
Pilot ex 100lb	7 0 @ 8 00
Ship.....	5 00 @ 5 50
Crackers ℔100	35 @ 40
Butter.	
Family, ℔lb....	35 @ 42
tore.....	25 @ 30
Candles.	
Mould, ℔lb....	@ 13
Sperm.....	35 @ 37½
Cement.	
℔ bbl.....	2 25 @
Cheese.	
Vermont, ℔ lb	14 @ 15
Factory.....	16½@ 17
N. Y. Dairy..	14 @ 15
Coal—(Retail.)	
Cumberland...	8 50@ 9 00
Picton.....	8 00 @8 50
Chestnut....	7 50 @8 00
Franklin.....	9 50 @10 00
Lgha W.Ash..	8 50@ 9 00
Coffee.	
Java, ℔lb.....	33 @ 35
Rio.....	20 @ 22
Cooperage.	
Hhd. Shooks and Heads,	
Mol. City....	@2 62
Sug. City....	2 30 @
Sug. C'ty...	1 60 @1 65
Country Rt. Mol.	
Hh'd Sh'ks.	1 75@
Hh'd Heading.	
Spruce 35 in.	28 @
Soft Pine...	28 @
Hard Pine.	30 @
Hoops,(14ft).	28 00 @ 33 00
R.Oak Staves	50 00 @
Copper.	
Cop.Bolts.	35 @
Y. M. Sheathing	@ 22
Bronze do.	@ 22
Y. M. Bolts...	30 @
Cordage.	
American, ℔ lb,	12 @12½
Russia,.....	13 @14
Manila,.....	15½ @16½
Manila B'ltr'p	17½ @
Drugs and Dyes.	
Alcohol, ℔gal.	2 05 @ 2 15
Arrow Root,	25 @ 55
Bi-Carb Soda,	6 @ 8
Borax,.....	20 @
Camphor.....	35 @ 37
Cream Tartar	44 @ 48
Indigo,.....	1 25 @ 1 50
Logwood ex.,	11½ @ 12
Madder,.....	13½ @ 15
Naptha, ℔gal	18 @ 20
Opium,.....	@ 9 75
Rhubarb,....	75 @ 1 00
Sal Soda....	3 @ 3½
Saltpetre...	10 @ 17
Sulphur,....	4½@ 5½
Vitrol,.....	12 @ 15
Duck.	
No. 1,.....	@ 40
No. 3,.....	@ 36
No. 10, ...	@ 22
Ravens,	
8 oz,.....	20
10 oz.....	25
Dyewoods.	
Barwood,....	3 @ 5
Brazil Wood,	5 @ 7
Camwood,..	6 @ 7
Fustic,.....	2½@ 3
Logwood,	
Campeachy,	11½ @ 24
St. Domingo,	1½@ 2½
Peach Wood,	5½@
Red Wood....	2½@
Fish.	
Cod, per qtl.,	
L'ge Shore,	5 25 @5 50
L'ge Bank.	5 00 @5 25
Small,.....	3 75 @ 4 50
Pollock,.....	3 00 @ 4 00
Haddock,....	2 50 @ 2 75
Hake,.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Herring,	
Shore, ℔ bbl	4 25 @ 5 00
Scaled, ℔ box	35 @ 37
No. 1,.....	25 @ 30
Mackerel, ℔ bbl.,	
Bay No. 1,	10 50@12 00
Bay No. 2,	8 00@ 9 50
Large 3,....	8 00@ 9 00
Shore No. 1,..	12 50@14 00
No. 2,.....	9 00@10 00
Medium....	7 00@ 8 50
Clam Bait.....	none
Flour.	
Superfine,....	5 00 @5 50
" xx,...	7 00 @ 7 75
Mich.....	7 00 @ 7 50
" " xx	7 75 @ 8 25
" Family	8 00@ 8 50
Illinois x,..	6 75 @ 7 75
" xx,...	7 75 @ 9 00
St. Louis x,..	8 25 @ 9 00
" " xx,	9 00 @ 9 50
Fruit.	
Almonds,....	
Soft Shell,...	21 @ 22
Shelled,....	40 @ 55
Pea Nuts,..	2 50 @ 3 00
Citron, ...	35 @ 40
Currants,	8½@ 9
Dates, .	9 @ 10
Figs,.....	14 @ 18
Prunes, ...	14 @ 15
Raisins,	
Layer, new	3 25@3 38
L. M. new	4 00@4 10
New Val. ℔ lb	12@12½
Lemons, ℔ box	8 00@9 00
Oranges ℔ box,..	none
Grain.	
Corn, Mixed,	96@98
Yellow,...	98 @1 00
Meal	97
Rye,.....	@1 30
Barley,.....	75 @ 85
Oats,.....	68 @70
Fine Feed,	@35 00
Shorts,.....	@32 00
Gunpowder.	
Blasting,....	4 50 @ 5 00
Sporting,....	7 00 @ 7 50
Hay.	
Pressed, ℔ton	16 00 @18 00
Loose,.....	16 00 @ 20 00
Straw,.....	12 00 @ 14 00
Iron.	
Common,....	3 @ 3½
Refined,.....	3½@ 4
Swedish.....	@ 7½
Norway,.....	7½ @ 8
Cast Steel,...	18 @ 22
German Steel	12 @ 14
Shoe Steel	6½ @ 7
Spring Steel	9 @ 12
Sheet Iron,	
Common,	5½ @ 5½
H. C....	6½ @ 6½
Russia,....	17½@ 18½
Galv,.....	10 @ 12
Lard.	
Kegs, ℔lb..	@16
Pierces, ℔ lb	15½@15½
Pail.....	17
Caddies,....	16½@18½
Lead.	
Sheet & Pipe..	9 @ 9½
Pig,.....	8 @ 8½
Leather.	
New York.	
Light	28 @ 30
Mid. Weight	29 @ 31
Heavy	29 @ 31
Slaughter...	38 @ 43
Am. Calf....	1 00 @1 10
Lime.	
Rockland c'sk.	@1 20
Lumber.	
Clear Pine,	
Nos. 1 & 2.	50 00 @60 00
No. 3.....	40 00 @45 00
No. 4.....	30 00 @35 00
Shipping..	20 00 @25 00
Spruce.....	14 00 @17 00
Hemlock ...	12 00 @15 00
Clapboards,	
Spruce ex.	30 00 @35 00
do No. 1.	20 00 @27 00
Pine.....	45 00 @60 00
Shingles,	
Cedar ex...	4 00 @ 4 75
Cedar No 1.	2 50 @ 3 25
do Shaved	4 00 @ 6 50
Pine do...	4 50 @ 7 00
Spruce ..	1 75 @ 2 00
Laths, Spruce	2 00
Pine.....	3 00 @ 3 50
Matches.	
Star, ℔ gros....	1 95
Molasses.	
Porto Rico	55 @ 65
Cienfuegos	none
Muscovado..	46 @ 48
New Orleans.	70 @85
Badoes.....	@ 55
Sagua	50 @ 52
Nails.	
Cask,.....	3 75
Naval Stores.	
Tar, ℔ bbl....	5 50 @5 75
Pitch (C. Tar).	4 50 @4 75
Wil Pitch....	5 50 @5 75
Rosin,.....	4 00 @ 7 00
Turpentine,	42 @ 46
Oil.	
Kerosene,....	@ 17½
Port. Ref. Petr	@ 12½
Devoe brilliant	@ 27
Sperm,.....	2 00 @ 2 10
Whale,.....	85 @ 90
Bank,.....	58 @ 68
Shore,.....	50 @ 60
Porgie, ...	@ 50
Linseed,.....	78@ 79
Boiled do,...	83 @ 84
Lard,.....	1 15 @ 1 20
Olive,.....	1 25 @ 1 75
Castor,.....	1 65 @ 1 75
Neatsfoot,...	1 25 @1 50
Elaine,.....	58 @ 60
Paints.	
Port. Lead,..	11 25 @
Pure Gr'd do	11 00 @11 25
Pure Dry do	11 00 @
Am. Zinc....	10 @ 12
Rochelle Yell	3@ 3½
Eng. Yen. Red	3½@ 4
Red Lead,...	11 @ 12
Litharge....	11 @ 12
Plaister.	
White, ℔ ton,..	@3 00
Blue,.....	2 75
Ground, in bls	8 00 @ 9 00
Calcined, bris	2 75 @ 3 00
Produce.	
Beef Side, ℔lb	9 @ 13
Veal,.....	8 @ 10
Mutton,.....	12 @ 13
Chickens,....	12 @ 15
Turkeys,.....	16 @ 18
Eggs, ℔ doz.,	27 @ 29
Potatoes,	50 @ 60
Onions, bbl..	3 25@ 3 50
Cranb's ℔bbl.	8 00@ 9 00
Round hogs...	8 @ 9
Provisions.	
Mess Beef,..	12 00 @13 50
Ex Mess,..	13 00 @15 00
Plate,....	15 00 @16 50
Ex Plate,..	16 50 @17 00
Pork,	
Backs,....	27 00@27 50
Clear,....	26 00@26 50
Mess,.....	23 00@24 00
Prime,...	none
Hams,.....	12@12½
Rice.	
Rice, ℔ lb....	7½@9
Saltpetre.	
Saleratus, ℔lb,	6 @ 7
Salt.	
Turk's Is. ℔	
hhd.(8bus).	2 37½@ 2 87½
Bonaire,	2 75 @2 87
Cadiz, duty paid	2 75 @2 87
Cadiz, in bond	2 00 @ 2 50
Liverpool, duty	
paid,.....	2 75 @2 87
Liv. in bond,..	2 25 @ 2 50
Gr'nd butter,	23 @
Liv. fine sack.....	2 25
Seeds.	
Clover lb.,....	10½ @ 11
Red Top bag,	4 75@
Hd.Grass, bush.	3 00 @ 3 25
do Canada,	none
Soap!	
Ex St'ns Ref'd	@ 8
Family,.....	@ 7
No. 1,.....	@ 6½
Spices.	
Cassia, pure,.	40 @ 45
Cloves,.....	55 @ 60
Ginger,.....	20 @
Mace,.....	1 75 @
Nutmegs,....	1 35@ 1 40
Pepper,.....	23 @ 25
Starch.	
Pearl,.....	9 @ 10½
Sugar.	
Granulated,..	11@11½
Coffee A, ...	@10½
Extra C,.....	10 @10½
C,.....	@10
Syrups,.....	65 @ 75
Eagle Sugar Refinery:	
C....	none
CC....	@10½
Ex C....	none
Hav. Brown	
Nos. 12 & 16	10 @ 10½
Refining..	7½@ 8½
Teas.	
Souchong, ...	25 @ 45
Oolong,.....	25 @ 50
Oolong, choice	55 @ 80
Japan,....	45 @ 70
Do. choice...	70 @ 1 00
Tin.	
Straits, ...	26 @ 29
English,.....	25 @ 27
Char. I. C.,...	11 50@ 12 00
Char. I. X....	14 00@ 14 50
Terne	11 75@12 75
Coke.....	9 25@11 00
Antimony,...	17 @ 18
Zinc.....	11½ @ 11½
Tobacco.	
Fives and Tens,	
Best Brands,	70 @ 85
Medium,....	60 @ 65
Common,....	55 @ 60
Half lbs.,.....	55 @ 65
Nat'l Leaf,....	85 @ 90
Navy lbs....	55 @ 62
Varnish.	
Damar,.....	1 25 @ 1 75
Coach.....	2 25 @ 3 80
Furniture,...	1 25 @ 2 00
Wool.	
Fleece washed	40 @ 42
do. unwashd	30 @ 33
Pulled,Super	50 @ 55
Pelts, large -	1 25@1 35

Portland Daily Press Stock List

For the week ending December 16, 1874.

Corrected by W. E. WOOD, Broker, 67 Exchange.

Descriptions	*Par Value.*	*Ofered*	*Asked*
Gold,.....		111½	111½
Government 6's, 1881,.....		120½	120½
Government 5-20's, 1862,.....		112½	113
Government 5-20's, 1864,.....		114½	114½
Government 5-20's, 1865,.....		116½	117
Government 5-20's, July, 1865,.....		118½	119½
Government 5-20's, July, 1867,.....		120½	120½
Government 5-20's, July, 1868,.....		119½	120½
Government 10-40's,.....		114½	114½
State of Maine Bonds,.....nextax		101½	101½
Portland City Bonds, Municipal,.....		97	97½
Bath City Bonds,.....		92½	93½
Bangor City Bonds, 20 years,.....		93	98
Calais City Bonds,.....		95	96
Cumberland National Bank,.....	40	60	60
Canal National Bank,.....	100	*137	138
First National Bank,.....	100	*137	138
Casco National Bank,.....	100	*135	138
Merchants' National Bank,..	75	98	100
National Traders' Bank,.....	100	137	138
Portland Company,.....		80	85
Portland Gas Company,.....	50	70	75
Ocean Insurance Company,...	100	103	105
A. & K. R. R. Bonds,.....		85	86
Maine Central R. R. Stock,....	100	40	45
Maine Central R. R. Bonds,7's,		93	94
European & North American R.R bonds		65	75
Leeds & F'rm'gton R. R. Bonds,	100	85	87
Portland & Ken. R. R. Bonds,	100	85	87
Portland & Ogdensburg R.R. Bonds, gold,		85	90

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