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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 24.

Subscriptions by the Week.—The carriers of the Bee are authorized to receive subscriptions by the week, at the rate of 25 cents.

The NORTHERN MAIL did not arrive yesterday [illegible] 12 o'clock, M., and then brought no papers from New York later than the 16th [illegible].

THE NORTH-WEST—THE UNION.

A few days ago we took occasion to notice the extraordinary progress and developments of the West and North-west, as evidenced in the unparalleled growth of their principal towns and cities. But this mode of demonstration is not wholly satisfactory. A city may be so favorably situated as to concentrate within itself a large proportion of the inhabitants of a State, while elsewhere the population may be sparse and scanty. A more convincing proof of rapid expansion may be obtained by examining the statistics of the leading States of the North-west. This [illegible] will elicit facts that seem almost [illegible]. Take, for example, the State of Iowa. In 1852 the total number of votes [illegible] was [illegible]; in August, 1856, the entire [illegible] was [illegible]; in November it rose to [illegible]. Within the past four years the increase [illegible] per cent. Wisconsin cast 55,800 [illegible] at the Presidential election in 1852; at [illegible] 1856 she polled 119,407—showing an increase of 114 per cent. Michigan, Illinois [illegible] do not exhibit so wonderful a [illegible] augmentation, yet it is large enough to impress the most casual observer with the [illegible] that "Westward the course of empire takes its way." The per centage of increase [illegible] Michigan since 1852 is [illegible], and of Indiana 42. The [illegible] of the five Northern States in [illegible] was 823,752, against 305,756 [illegible] previous, being an average increase of [illegible] per cent.

[illegible] rate of progression has [illegible] to attract the attention of observers [illegible]. A Northern contemporary asserts that those States have cast about one [illegible] inhabitants, and must, consequently, have a population of nearly [illegible] them, at the present [illegible] representatives, whereas [illegible] only twenty-nine. There can [illegible] that the next decennial census [illegible] the North-western States have [illegible] even an accelerated ratio. If [illegible] now reaches five millions, it [illegible] to conclude that in 1860, it [illegible] millions, and the States of [illegible] will then be entitled to a [illegible] Congress of more than [illegible] number, even should the representation be greatly increased. [illegible] says that a ratio of 130,000 [illegible] States to a representation [illegible] more than one fourth of the [illegible]. In this connection we must [illegible] that Minnesota is entitled, by [illegible] now estimated at 200,000, to [illegible] as a State. By the time of the [illegible] Minnesota, at her present rate [illegible] possess a population of half [illegible] entitled to at least four representatives.

[illegible] with these facts, the [illegible] the *Atlas* are pregnant [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] The fat lady at Vannuchi's [illegible] daily and nightly levees, [illegible] of New Orleans, for such is her [illegible] worthy the distinguished [illegible] the public. She is a mountain [illegible] a miracle of cheerfulness [illegible] Her feet and hands, which [illegible] from the superfetation of [illegible] elsewhere, are [illegible] handsome. The fat [illegible] appropriate companion to [illegible] weighing, as it does, 125 [illegible] other respects, Vannuchi's is an [illegible] the illuminated Planetarium [illegible] illustration of [illegible] solar system, the [illegible] the earth, the eccentric [illegible] the moon's phases, &c. [illegible] there are innumerable curiosities [illegible] be seen—prominent [illegible] are the matchless groups [illegible] as the Last Supper, [illegible] in which thirty figures [illegible] the death scenes of [illegible] Webster, the counterfeit [illegible] statesmen, distinguished [illegible] remarkable villains, and a [illegible] marvels. Every body [illegible] especially during the [illegible].

[illegible] We invite attention to [illegible] of ANTOINE FAYAR, No. 8 [illegible] Pontalba buildings. He is [illegible] assortment of fancy [illegible] gifts, and other articles [illegible] which are offered [illegible]. See advertisement.

[illegible] state that on Christmas [illegible] the choir of St. Patrick's [illegible] perform Lambillotte's Grand [illegible] by the organ, and a part [illegible] Theatre orchestra. The choir [illegible] by Mr. VON LA HACHE.

[illegible] AND LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN RAILROAD. [illegible] holders of the Jefferson and [illegible] Pontchartrain Railroad Company are [illegible] that the annual election of [illegible] will take place at the office of the Company, No. [illegible] Baronne street, on Monday, [illegible] between the hours of 10, A. M., [illegible] 2, P. M.

[illegible] PRESENTS.—F. ROBERTS, No. 20 [illegible] requests the public to remember [illegible] receipt of a rich and beautiful [illegible] watches, jewelry, silverware, [illegible] fancy goods, perfumery, and [illegible] articles suitable for holiday [illegible].

[illegible] This is the title of a story, or [illegible] series of sketches, by GEORGE W. [illegible], published by DIX, EDWARDS & Co., [illegible] sent us through J. B. STEEL, No. 60 Camp [illegible]. It is a very pleasant volume, and [illegible] the author's fine taste, delicate fancy [illegible] happy appreciation of character, in [illegible] eminent degree.

[illegible] the officers of the steamer *Fall* [illegible] St. Louis papers.

The case of Dred Scott, now being argued before the Supreme Court at Washington, involves the constitutionality of the Missouri Compromise and the power of Congress to prohibit slavery in a Territory, in the following manner: Scott is the son of a slave woman belonging to an army officer, who moved with his family and his slave into the Territory where, by the Missouri Compromise, slavery was prohibited. There Scott was born, but was afterward carried back to Missouri, and is now held therein as a slave. He sues for his freedom, on the ground that he was born free, by virtue of the Missouri prohibition. The case has been before the Supreme Court a year or more, and was argued, but not decided, last winter. It is supposed that the majority of the Court will decide, if they can be brought to decide the point at all, that Congress has no power to prohibit slavery in a Territory, that the Missouri prohibition was unconstitutional, and that Scott is lawfully held as a slave.

The earnings of the Pacific Railroad, from St. Louis to Jefferson City, 129 miles, for the month of November past, were as follows:

Passengers	$[illegible]
Freight	24,465 13
Mail Service	1,397 00
Total	$50,354 41

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 15, 1856.

The Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, will soon report a bill giving to each branch of Congress entire control over its Contingent Fund; in effect making the auditing by the Committee of Accounts final, without interference by the First Controller of the Treasury, who, by virtue of his office, claims a supervisory power, (as has been heretofore) and which the Committee resist.

The friends of the French Spoliation bill claim that the prospects for its passage are now better than ever before, even over a veto, if one should be interposed by the Executive. Although the aggregate amount of claims is $10,000,000, one half of that sum, as heretofore, is the basis proposed to be appropriated, as a matter of compromise.

It was reported in the House to-day that Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, has sent a challenge, or a note preliminary thereto, to Mr. Hill, one of the Fillmore electors of that State. Their difficulties grew out of a question of veracity concerning the terms agreed on by them for conducting public discussions during the Presidential canvass.

Edgar M. Garnett, of Virginia, has been appointed assistant clerk in the Court of Claims, at a salary of $2000 per annum.

The Washington correspondent of the *Tribune* writes as follows. We have not seen any mention of the reports in the Washington or Baltimore papers:

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 15, 1856.

The people of Alexandria, Va., have been greatly alarmed for several days past, in consequence of a threatened insurrection among the slaves. The military were called out last night, and thirty-two slaves were arrested at a ball, where they had assembled without permission, against the laws of the State. Gov. Wise has supplied arms and ammunition, and the people throughout the counties of Alexandria and Fairfax are arming themselves in fear of a general outbreak. No evidence has been found against any of the slaves arrested. I learn from one of the patrol of last night that each piece of property will be fined and whipped for violating the law by attending the ball. About twenty valuable slaves have escaped from this district recently.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—*Senate.*—The chair laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States, transmitting communications from Gov. Geary in relation to affairs in Kansas, and from Peter Parker, commissioner of the United States in China; which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Dodge, a resolution was adopted requesting the Secretary of War to communicate to the Senate copies of all letters to the War Department, or to Wilson Shannon, late governor of the Territory of Kansas, by Col. E. Sumner, of the United States army, relative to Kansas affairs, which have not been heretofore communicated.

Mr. Fessenden introduced a bill to remedy some defects and omissions in the criminal law; and Mr. Benjamin introduced a bill providing for the location of certain confirmed private land claims in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

After the usual morning business, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the joint resolution granting further time to the creditors of Texas to present their claims, and for other purposes; which was debated by Messrs. Rusk, Benjamin, Bayard, Collamer and others, until the hour of adjournment.

House of Representatives.—Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, reported with amendments House bill regulating the contingent expenses of Congress; which was recommitted, and ordered to be printed. Also, the Indian and civil appropriation bills for the next fiscal year; which were read twice and referred. Also, a bill revising the existing duties on foreign importations, which was read twice, and made the special order of the day for the first Tuesday in January next.

[From the St. Paul Pioneer, 8th.]

Horrible Indian Outrage—A Chippewa Indian Burned by the Sioux.

By the arrival of a gentleman in this city yesterday, we are put in possession of the details of a terrible outrage, committed by the Sioux Indians, near Glencoe, on Sunday, the 23d ultimo.

A party of Sioux Indians captured, a few days previous to the 23d, near Glencoe, a Chippewa Indian. The Indians, in council, determined, after retaining the Chippewa in their possession several days, to burn him. Accordingly, on Sunday, the 23d, the Sioux, numbering some seven hundred warriors, took the Chippewa to a point on Buffalo Creek, near Glencoe, and there burned him to death.

Our informant derived his information from a teamster, who was passing near the spot selected for the terrible outrage, with a wagon loaded with dry goods. All efforts made by him to save the Chippewa were futile. He represents that the Chippewa met all the horrid tortures inflicted on him by the Sioux with the greatest indifference. He was burned at a slow fire, and lingered several hours before he expired. When the teamster passed, the Indian was tied to a stake, and the slow fire, by which he was destroyed, had but partially consumed his feet and ancles. While tied to the stake, the Indian was scalped and otherwise mutilated.

It is supposed this outrage was committed by the Sioux in revenge for the horrible murder of Dakota women, in the fall, near Lac Qui Parle.

FIRE AT GREENBUSH—SERIOUS LOSS TO THE HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY.—The Hudson River Railroad Company was visited with a very destructive fire Sunday morning, about half-past 3 o'clock.

It destroyed three passenger houses at East Albany, some ten or twelve cars, and three wooden freight houses. The latter were filled with all kinds of valuables—flour, whisky, lard, clover seed, hides, and pork.

A large portion of the latter belonged to Colonel Mercer, of Greenbush. The flames caught in the oil rooms, connected with the passenger depot. Whether it was the act of an incendiary or produced by carelessness is not known.

Of the cars destroyed, four were passenger first class, and cost about $[illegible] each.—The loss is a very heavy one. While some estimate the loss as low as $75,000, others put it up to $200,000.

Probably a hundred thousand dollars will cover the entire damage. The loss falls entirely on the Company, except the refreshment department, which belongs to an individual.

Attempt at Robbery and Murder.

One of the most diabolical attempts at robbery and murder that ever took place in this city, says the Portland *Advertiser*, of December 10, occurred yesterday morning.

About 5 o'clock the family of Judge Potter, who resides on Free street, were awakened by a noise in the house. The domestic heard it, and thought some of the family were up. Judge Potter heard it, and thought the domestic was up. In a few moments the Judge was alarmed by the entrance of a person into his room, and, [illegible] crying out "What do you want?" was immediately struck with a bludgeon, which penetrated two or three coverings upon his head, completely cutting through them, and inflicting a dangerous wound. Judge Potter immediately pulled the bed-clothes over his head, as the attack was resumed, during which he received three more blows.

The daughter of Judge Potter, who had been awakened by the alarm, heard his cries and immediately hastened to his room. When she reached the door she saw two men going down the stairs. She immediately raised a window and gave the alarm of murder. The men went out by the front door and ran up Free street, making good their escape.

Dr. Gilman, who lives opposite Judge Potter, and Samuel Small, Jr., Esq., the cashier of the Bank of Cumberland, living in the same house, heard the cries of Miss P. and immediately hastened to the scene. They found Judge Potter covered with blood, and examining the wounds found the marks of the four blows.

It appears that the robbers entered the premises in the rear of the house by prying open one window and then breaking through a door. When they got into the kitchen they furnished themselves with lamps and lantern, and ransacked the lower rooms, but nothing has yet been missed.

In their haste, they left a box of percussion caps, and a burglar's saw—also a pair of boots and a pair of shoes, thus having been removed in order that their footsteps might not be heard.

Judge Potter had long since retired from public life. He was for a long period of years the Judge of Probate for this county, and is now nearly 81 years of age, and it cannot be conceived that this attack was made for any other purpose than for plunder. The event has created great excitement in this city, and we trust the ruffians may yet be discovered and brought to justice.

It is astonishing that the venerable Judge was not killed by the blow. He probably owes his life to the efforts he made to protect his head by covering it with the bed-clothes after the first blow was given.

Judge Potter was more comfortable last evening, though not yet considered out of danger.

SALE OF SEASONABLE DRY GOODS, [illegible].—We call the attention of the trade to the sale of [illegible] Dry Goods, [illegible] &c., which will take place this day, at [illegible] A. M., at Hoobs & Lonnemann's auction room, No. [illegible] Chartres street. Terms at sale.

[illegible]

A [illegible] DOCUMENT.

The New York [illegible] of the 16th, contains a chain of intelligence from Nicaragua, [illegible] the most candid and impartial history of recent events we have seen is embraced in the subjoined statement by Dr. [illegible], to which the attention of the reader is particularly directed:

Statement of Dr. [illegible].

We have also received the following statement from a surgeon in Walker's army, who arrived by the [illegible]:

I was a volunteer surgeon in Walker's army for five weeks previous to leaving for home. The last battle fought after I was in the army was between four hundred of Walker's troops, under General Hornsby, and [illegible] hundred Costa Ricans, on the transit route, between Virgin Bay and San Juan del Sur. [illegible]

[illegible]

They are under the command of Brig. Gen. Henningsen, the commander of artillery. Nothing has been heard from them since they were surrounded; they are entirely cut off from Walker and his remaining forces. They are hemmed in on every direction, by superior and constantly increasing forces. Seven cannons, being all Walker's artillery, except one howitzer, are with them, and at least half of his ammunition, none of which does he at present appear to be able to save. A straight road leads from Granada to Lake Nicaragua, from which it is not far distant, and a wharf and old fort were situated on the shore of the lake at the end of said road. [illegible]

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—We spent a [illegible]

[illegible]

THE COUNCIL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—Session of Tuesday evening, December 23d.—[illegible]

[illegible]

By Telegraph.

Transmitted to the New Orleans Bee.

STEAMBOAT PASSING.

VICKSBURG, December 23.—The Natchez passed down at one, and the Eclipse at six P. M.

A PERFUMED BREATH.

[illegible]

TO THE PUBLIC.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

[illegible]

NOTICE.

General Collecting Agency.

[illegible]

New York and Charleston.

[illegible]

California.

Will sail on MONDAY, January 5, at 8 o'clock, A. M. FOR CALIFORNIA, via HAVANA, ASPINWALL AND PANAMA.—[illegible]

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129 Carondelet street, near Poydras,

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Such as Bronchitis, Consumption, Asthma, Heart Diseases, &c., &c.

[illegible]

DR. JAMES SCOTT

Has taken rooms at the FRANKLIN HOUSE, No. 93 Canal street, near the corner of Camp, where he may be consulted, at almost any hour of the day. [illegible]

PURE SILVERWARE.

[illegible]

FOR SALE.

[illegible]

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FRENCH JEWELRY.

[illegible]

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MR. H. CORRI........Acting Manager

CHRISTMAS EVE—THIRD NIGHT OF MR. COLLINS.

WEDNESDAY, December 24, 1856—The Irish Comedy of THE NERVOUS MAN—McShane, Mr. Collins, (with the songs "[illegible]" and "[illegible]"). The National song "HAIL TO THE UNION," Mr. Collins and chorus. The celebrated farce, THE IRISH POST—Terence O'Grady, Mr. Collins, (with the song of "Trust to Luck.") To conclude with the farce of THE PHENOMENON IN A SMOCK FROCK—[illegible]

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The most elegant Theatre in the United States.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 24th, 1856.—Miss MATILDA HERON'S [illegible] but two, at positively the last time of the great play of CAMILLE, in which Miss Heron has achieved the most distinguished [illegible]. During the evening the Orchestra will perform the CAMILLE POLKA AND MAZURKA, composed and dedicated to Miss M. Heron [illegible]; also the SAINT [illegible] WALTZES, [illegible] ILLUMINATED BALL ROOM [illegible]

[illegible] the distinguished comedienne, has been engaged, and will shortly appear.

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MORE and BETTER GYMNASTS!
MORE and BETTER LIVING HORSES!
MORE ELEGANT PARAPHERNALIA,
A BETTER AND LARGER CIRCUS

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

Lottery through Palmistry.

[illegible]

H. HARDING,

[illegible]