

Pennsylvania has a free negro population of 50,849 more than can be found in any other of the Northern or Western States. The six New England States have the following:—Maine 1,827, New Hampshire 494, Vermont 700, Massachusetts 9,692, Rhode Island 3,952, Connecticut 8,527, or altogether 24,711. During the last ten years Pennsylvania has added to her colored population 3,223, while New York State has 64 less than she had in 1850.

An official dispatch from St. Louis reports several skirmishes in the northern part of Arkansas, in which the Confederates were defeated with considerable loss.

A collision of trains took place about eight o'clock Saturday evening, near the Carrollton Viaduct, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which resulted in the death of one and the injury of five or six other employees of the company.

The new capitol of California will cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

The examination of the Detroit rioters is concluded. Eight were discharged and twelve held for trial.

The Florida reports having been chased, after leaving Barbadoes, by the Vanderbilt, and night coming on she tacked ship and stood for the Vanderbilt, all her lights having been extinguished and her steam stopped. The Vanderbilt approached and hailed to know if a steamer had passed. The reply was, "Yes; and going at great speed right astern." The Vanderbilt kept on, and the Florida soon after captured the ship Star of Peace.

AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE.—Attention is called to the sale of Household and Kitchen furniture at No. 178 Cameron street, to take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

BENEFIT AT LIBERTY HALL.—To-morrow night Harry Fenton and Frank Wyant, two of the best and most popular performers at the Canterbury, are to have a grand joint benefit, and something "rich, rare, and racy" may be expected. Let the lovers of mirth music and dancing look out for something good.

LIBERTY HALL.—To-night a new bill will be inaugurated. An original farce written by an attaché of the Canterbury is to be produced for the first time. And an unusually attractive programme will be presented.

DIED.

In Alexandria, on the 5th inst., EDITH, beloved daughter of Philip and Catharine Park, aged 8 months and 3 days.

"And is my little Edith gone?
And has her spirit fled?
Yes, her lovely form
Is reposing with the dead.

"Oh, yes, the conflict's o'er,
The mortal strife is past;
Our Edith is no more—
I saw her breathe her last."

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

At the Government Insane Hospital, on the 3d inst., GEORGE W. BONTZ, aged 36 years.

WORTH TO READ!

TO THE LADIES OF THIS TOWN AND VICINITY.

178 KING STREET. 178 KING STREET.

S. ROSWALD

OFFERS his whole stock of SPRING STYLES, at reduced prices. The finest DRESS GOODS and TRIMMINGS. Shawls of the best shades and most select qualities of Muslin de Laines and Prints. Small profits and quick sales being his motto, he hopes to have the patronage of the ladies of Alexandria.

COME ONE! COME ALL!!
S. ROSWALD,
178 King street, Alexandria.

COUNTY COURT—TO-DAY.—On the bench R. Crupper, L. McKenzie and John Moore.—Thirteen deeds have been admitted to record since the last term of the court. Administration was granted to Andrew Jamieson, on the estate of Thomas S. Jamieson deceased; to Julia Eveleth on the estate of John Eveleth deceased; and to Ann Hammadinger on the estate of John C. Hammadinger deceased. A grand jury was empaneled, who found an indictment against Joseph Moore, for felony, after which they were disclosed.

THE WEATHER.—The climate of this our latitude never has borne the best of characters for regularity, but the capricious changes of this spring, we fear, have forfeited the little reputation it had, as well as driven the "clerk of the weather" to despair. First, though there was an absence of the usual high cold winds of March, there were the usual snows about St. Patrick's day; but who could have anticipated the heavy snow at the close of the month, which threw us per saltum back into winter, and Gen. Hooker again knee deep in mud? People, however, let it pass as an extraordinary freak of our "shocking climate."—The skies again brightened, the winds rose, the roads dried, the army cheerful, anxiously listening for the word "forward," and civilians beginning to look for news from "the front," when lo! on the 4th and 5th of April, Easter day, comes a regular January snow storm, which continued for twelve hours without intermission, restoring the earth to that state of semi-fluidity which, with brief intervals, it has maintained nearly ever since it was rather rashly predicted for the army when General Burnside took command of it that we "should now hear no more of mud." So untoward has been the season that we heard hardly of anything else.—[Nat. Int.]

AMUSEMENTS.

NIXON'S HIPPODROME,
KING STREET, NEAR ROYAL.

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 6,
AND EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK.

The world's wonders, the renowned

SYRO-ARABIC TROUPE!

consisting of five performers, (male and female) who have created such an immense sensation at Barnum's Museum, New York, will appear.

This troupe consists of
**MALE AND FEMALE JUGGLERS,
ACROBATS, CONTORTIONISTS, &c.**
who will appear in some of the most astonishing performances of the age.

NOTICE.—ZARA and ZULEIKA, the extraordinarily beautiful and renowned female members of this unrivalled acrobatic troupe, are the first female gymnasts that have ever appeared in America. Their agile grace and wondrous dexterity in performing the most difficult and extraordinary evolutions, must be seen to be comprehended, as description fails in rendering them an approach to justice.

In addition, all the
EQUESTRIAN STARS
will appear in their great acts.

A Palco, or large Private Box, has been fitted up for family parties, where arm chairs can be secured for 25 cents extra.

ADMISSION.—Boxes, 50 cents; Pit, 25 cents.
Doors open at 1/2 to 2 and 1/2 to 7 o'clock; performances will commence at 8 and 7 1/2 o'clock.
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LIBERTY HALL,
CAMERON STREET, NEAR ROYAL

A SPLENDID PERFORMANCE

by the
GREAT CANTERBURY COMPANY,
EVERY NIGHT.

THE LARGEST AND BEST TROUPE
IN THE CITY.

ADMISSION.—Parquette, 25 cents; Orchestra 50 cents. Doors open at 6 1/2; performances commence at 7 to 8.
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THE DESTRUCTION OF PENSACOLA.

A New Orleans letter to the New York Post gives the following account of the destruction of Pensacola:

"When it was known that orders were received at Pensacola for the departure of the 28th Maine Regiment for New Orleans, and the occupation of the forts and Navy Yard only by the two remaining regiments, the 15th Maine and the 28th Connecticut, the soldiers seemed to think that the entire evacuation of the place to the enemy was intended, and many of them were heard to swear that they would burn the place before they left. Accordingly on Thursday noon fires made their appearance, and for three days and nights the place was filled with smoke and flame. At night the scene is described as terribly magnificent.

There had been no quarrel between the citizens and soldiers of which I have been able to learn. The soldiers were not intoxicated when the fires commenced, but they broke open a drug store and obtained a quantity of liquor before their progress was checked. They burned the houses they had themselves occupied, St. Mary's Hall, a fine hotel, in the best part of the town all the dwellings but those of Major Chase and Colonel Mallory. There were but a few hundred people in the place, who gathered such moveables as they could collect and assembled with them in the public squares. Officers and soldiers must have been in a state of utter demoralization. The officers seem to have had no influence over the men. They are reported as having used their utmost endeavors to arrest the work of desolation.

All military operations and discipline were at an end. Guards would be stationed to protect property, and on the instant of the disappearance of the officer, the guard would fire the property he had been placed in charge of. Colonel Dyer, commanding the post, rode about report says almost distracted at the conduct of his men. He gave orders, it is said, that persons caught setting fires should be instantly shot, but no one executed them for a long while. Finally the long roll was beaten, the men were gathered into the Navy Yard and confined.

FORTUNES MADE AND LOST.—The New York Journal of Commerce gives the following instances of the hazard of mercantile transactions during war times:

An invoice of 600 bales of cotton was consigned to this market, on English account. It was sold at 93 per pound, and the seller at once engaged his exchange for remittance. Before the transactions were concluded, the turn came, and both cotton and exchange. The buyer of the cotton was not able to take it, but the buyer of the exchange was compelled to fulfill his agreement, so that he was compelled to pay \$102,000 on his part of the transaction while the cotton still remained unsold! Take another instance: A celebrated manufacturer bought of a very clever speculator 800 bales cotton for forward delivery at a high price, say 88. Cotton went down, down, down, every day, and the manufacturer warmed into a panic. So he settles his contract by paying over to the fortunate operator a check for \$4,000.

PIANO INSTRUCTION.

PROF. E. BUKOWITZ,

ANNOUNCES to the public that he has established himself in this city, and will accept pupils, beginning Monday, April 6th, inst. **PIANO SINGING AND LANGUAGES.**
The highest references given.

Orders left at Mr. E. S. Fleming's jewelry store, No. 86 King street, will receive prompt attention.
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The monthly meeting of the **Friendship Fire Company**, will be held in its hall on Monday evening next, April 6th, at 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested, as business of importance will be brought before the company. By order:

JOHN H. DEVAUGHAN,
Recording Secretary.

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