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THE KENT NEWS

CHESTER TOWN, MD.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 1847.

The President's Message

Was received by us on Wednesday last and distributed to our subscribers and patrons. All have doubtless read it, and have passed their own judgment upon it. Exercising the right common to all, we will make a few remarks upon this long paper.

We are glad to find that the President does not advocate the conquest of all Mexico. This will disappoint his ultra friends, who regardless of right and justice, and who deem *power* the measure of right, have openly advocated that iniquitous measure, while others have surmised and hinted at it, without the courage to avow it, (as did a certain self-styled neutral paper in Baltimore.) The President, however, disavows such a purpose and we concur with him in that particular.

The message, however, is disingenuous in contending that the Mexicans commenced the war by shedding American blood, upon American soil, and by quoting the preamble to the act of Congress, voting appropriations and recognising the existence of the war. The President well knew that the Whig members, disavowed the preamble pronounced it untrue at the time, and that it was resolved upon as a caucus and party scheme, to compel the Whigs to vote for appropriations, in a law which they believed contained a positive misrepresentation of fact. Mr. Clay in his Lexington speech in November, said he would have suffered death rather than have voted for such an untruth!! It is wanting then in candor and frankness in the President to refer to that vote as evidence that the war was commenced by Mexico. It seems to us as too much on the adceptandum, order.

The President advises that our laws be extended over the two Californias and New Mexico, and that they be constituted territories of the United State!! This, of course, is annexation on a large scale! If we can thus unceremoniously annex three States of Mexico, why not the whole? If we can admit those upon principle, nothing but policy would forbid the annexation of the whole! But what is to be done with these territories which he desires to be annexed? Shall they be admitted as free or slave territories? Does not the North contend for the Wilmot Proviso, which excludes slavery, and does not the South raise the flag of disunion, as soon as the North talks of the Wilmot Proviso? Does not the President see that the acquisition of territory is to be the great bone of contention between the North and the South, and that if our union is dissolved it must be upon this rock? And yet, with a a crisis looking us in the face, stoutly advocates the acquisition of territory by conquest, which, when acquired, will go near to, if not actually bring about, the destruction of our Government!! See the following proceedings in the South Carolina Legislature:

"SOUTH CAROLINA.—Mr. Middleton has introduced into the Legislature of this State, another series of resolutions on the Wilmot Proviso, after denouncing which, in the strongest terms, as evincing a settled spirit of hostility towards the institutions of the South, they declare, "that the State of South Carolina will regard the passage of any act by the General Government upon the subject of slavery, in violation of the rights of the South, as annulling the obligations of the Federal Compact; and upon the passage of such an act, she will consider herself at liberty to form a new, separate and distinct Government."

The President estimates the public debt at forty five millions of dollars, only twenty seven millions of which has accrued since he came into power. He estimates a loan of eighteen millions as necessary for the ensuing year. We think there is a mistake in this, and that the public debt is considerably larger. When we see the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, we shall be able to examine the subject more satisfactorily.

While the President eulogises the army and its brilliant achievements, he omits to mention, *in connection* with their battles and victories, the names of Taylor and of Scott. He declined introducing Gen'l Taylor's name in his last message, and he as studiously avoids both Taylor and Scott in the present, *in connection* with their glorious battles and victories, as if they were not in existence. We hope he is not jealous of the growing popularity of these great men.

The President has disappointed us in not reiterating his charge of treason, against all who differ from him in opinion. Perhaps the complexion of the House of Representatives, may have had some influence in preventing this. But we have extended our remarks beyond what we intended and must forbear to say more at present.

The Clay Demonstration in Philadelphia.

One of the largest and most respectable meetings ever called together in Philadelphia, assembled on Monday evening last, to "respond to the call contained in the resolutions submitted by the Hon. HENRY CLAY, to the Lexington meeting, of the 13th ult., in regard to the Mexican war, its authors and objects."

It is said that the meeting transcended the hopes of the party, and was the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in the "*City of Brotherly Love.*" A large meeting was expected, but a demonstration extraordinary was not, and could not have been anticipated. It is evidence of an unanimity and fervor of sentiment upon the important subject, such as is seldom witnessed.

The meeting was organized by calling the Hon. SAMUEL BRECK, to the Chair, and appointing a number of Vice Presidents and Secretaries.

The President on taking the chair made a very appropriate address, stating the object for which the meeting had convened.

In reply to the call made, *Robert T. Conrad, Esq.*, came forward and delivered an eloquent address, and concluded by offering a number of Resolutions, which were put to the meeting by the President and adopted by acclamation!

Joseph R. Chandler and *Morton McMichael, Esqrs.*, were called upon by the vast assemblage, came forward and addressed the meeting in their usual pointed and happy style. The speakers were frequently interrupted by loud and enthusiastic applause.

The views of Mr. Clay have met with a response from Philadelphia, worthy of her, of him, and of the greatness of the question and the crisis.

Congress

Assembled at Washington on Monday last. On Tuesday the Message of the President was received. The Whigs have elected the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Boston, Speaker Few gentlemen have occupied a seat in our national councils of more uniform urbanity, of greater parliamentary experience, of more enlarged and statesmanlike views. He will, no doubt, make an able, prompt and impartial officer. Thos. J. Campbell, of Tennessee, Clerk.—Nathan Sargeant, of Philadelphia sargeant-at-arms. J. M. Johnson, was re-elected Postmaster of the House by *one* majority.

On motion of Alexander Evans, Esq., the House proceeded to ballot for seats. A bill in favor of the heirs of John Paul Jones has passed the Senate. The same Bill passed both Houses last year and was dropped on the floor by the Clerk of the Senate and consequently was not signed by the President. Mr. Campbell, the new Clerk has appointed Eli Duvall, Esq., of Baltimore his chief-clerk. Mr. D. was for several years reading Clerk to the House of Delegates in Maryland.

The Vice President presented the memorial of the representatives of the people of Oregon, asking the establishment of a territorial government, which was read and ordered to be printed.

ARRIVAL OF GEN. TAYLOR.

General Taylor arrived below New Orleans on the 1st inst. The Delta says:—"The arrival of the gallant old hero in the neighborhood of our city, has created general admiration and pleasure, which are preceptible in the face of every man, woman and child we have met in the streets. Though it was a rainy and dismal day, it could not dampen or restrain the ardent admiration and affection which pervaded our whole population for the valiant old man, who has done so much to brighten the nation's escutcheon, and elevate the name and renown of our glorious Republic."

Preparations have been made to receive this distinguished hero in a becoming manner. A magnificent sword, presented by the State, will take place on the occasion.

A letter having been addressed by the Mayor to General Taylor, inviting him to become the guest of the city, he replied as follows:

U. S. Steamer Monmuth, Mississippi River, Nov. 30, 1847.

SIR:—I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 27th inst., communicating the invitation of the municipal authorities of New Orleans to become the guest of the city while I remain in it.

I cannot but deeply be sensible to this unexpected token of the respect and affection of the people of New Orleans. Superadded as it is to so many testimonials of their confidence, I feel that they have laid me under an obligation which I can never adequately repay.

I beg you to convey to the authorities of the city my most sincere and heartfelt acknowledgments for the great honor thus conferred, and my acceptance of their offer during the brief period that I can remain in your city.

With high regard, I have the honor to be your friend and obedient servant,

Z. TAYLOR.

His Honor A. D. Crossman, Mayor of New Orleans.

☞Insolvent petitioners should have their advertisements published next week, or they will *not* be able to give the notice required by law.

Gen. Taylor.

The friends of General Taylor, of both parties, are moving in Maryland, and nothing can divert them from giving the electorial vote of this State in his favor. A long and ably written article appeared in the Maryland Republican, of Saturday last, which we should be pleased to tranfer to our columns did their limits permit. We however, publish the two concluding paragraphs:

"The peculiar endowments of Gen'l Taylor, his position, character, services, and immoveable hold he has on the affections of the country, emphatically point to him as pre-eminently *the* candidate for the next Presidency. He is the People's candidate. Already nominated in a thousand primary assembles, no National Convention is necessary. National conventions are only necessary for the discipline of party. Taylor is not the candidate of party—he is the candidate of the People—let the people then at an early day name the Electors."

We speak the opinion of a vast number of those with whom we are daily associating that the desire in Maryland is becoming general that the friends of Taylor at the approaching session of our Legislature should name the two Electors at large, as it is termed, and that they should recommend an early day for the people to assemble in their respective Congressional Districts to nominate Electors pledged to the election of Zachary Taylor to the Chief Magistracy of this great Union. We commend our suggestion to the favorable consideration of our Brethren of the Press."

The Weather.

The Weather for several days has been unusually warm for the season. Persons should be careful and guard against the sudden change, which may soon be expected.

ARMY NEWS!

Late from Mexico.

Another Revolution—Death of Ampudia Santa Anna's whereabouts—Another Victory—Americans Victorious.

The Philadelphia papers of Saturday tain the following despatch from Louisville, which we publish with the remark that we have New Orleans dates of the evening of the 26th, which make no mention of the news given below:

The steamboat Pretona, from New Orleans, arrived here to-day, and having left that city on the 26th ult., brings later dates can you have received by mail, The papers furnish additional items of Mexican intelligence received by the Alabama from Vera Cruz.

The publication of the Genius of Liberty as been stopped, and the editor thrown into prison.

A revolution had broken out at Guadalaxara with the design of elevating Gomez Farias to the Presidency. A sanguinary conflict ensued between his troops and the mob opposed to him, headed by the priests. In the action, General Ampudia and many others attached to the party of Farias were killed, and in the end the church party triumphed.

Paredes was at Tulacingo and had openly pronounced in favor of his monarchical scheme, seconded by the garrison at Mazatlan.

The Mexican population still exhibit an unquenchable hatred for Americans and express no desire for peace.

The Mexican Congress had moved from Querotoro to Morelia to get rid of the military, by which it was overawed.

Gen. Rea and Santa Anna, with a single brigade, are at Triseatra, intending to make an attack upon the next train.

Canales had been encountered by a small American force, and defeated with some loss.

MODE OF ESCAPE OF MIDSHIPMAN ROGERS.

The editors of the N. O. Delta have had an interview with this gallant young officer since his return to that city from Mexico, and have published a brief account of his sufferings and escape. The mode of this latter was very novel and romantic as follows:

"Finally, Mr. Rogers was released on bonds, and snatching a favorable opportunity, escaped from the city in the disguise of an English workman on his way to the manufactories near Pleubla. To sustain this character, he procured from a friendly Scothman the usual certificate or passbort, and by the aid of false whiskers, mustachies and coarse garments, escaped observation and detection. On his way to Pleubla he overtook some young ladies with whom he had become acquainted in the city of Mexico, and who, being accompanied by their father, gave him great concern lest they should expose and betray him. But, with the sagacity and kind-heartedness of woman in every land and in every age, they perceived his condition and purpose, were cautious not to recognize him, and kept their secret until they thought he had had time to get to Puebla.

MURDERER ACQUITTED.—Our readers will remember the death of Wm. W. Meredith, of Baltimore, a couple of years ago, by the hand as was alleged of John H. Harper, of Independence, Missouri. The event occurred during one of those scenes of violence so common in the Far West, and was of such a nature as to excite a feeling of horror throughout the Union. The St. Louis Republican of the 27th ult., states that the Western Expositor had been informed by a gentleman from Platt City, that Harper, whose trial had been strangely procrastinated, has been acquitted of the charge made against him, and, so far as we have ever seen the matter referred to in the Missouri press, believed by every body.—The nature of the defence is not stated.—The venue had been changed from Jackson to Platt county.

EARTHQUAKE AT PORT AU PRINCE.

The New Orleans Tribune publishes a letter from Port au Prince, dated November 11th, giving an account of the late earthquake at that place, and the blowing up of a ship of war. The Journal of Commerce, of yesterday afternoon, publishes the following particulars of the destruction of the vessel (the sloop-of-war Constitution:

The vessel lay at anchor in the bay of Port au Prince, with all her bravery on, her crew aboard, together with several Spanish and Haytien prisoners, and many women and children who had gone to visit them. The quiet of a beautiful afternoon was suddenly disturbed with a noise louder than thunder when nearest, shaking the city to its foundations. A dense cloud of smoke, hanging like a pall over the scene, revealed the nature of the terrible and awful disaster. But before the crowd could reach the shore, the unfortunate vessel, thrown into the air by the explosion of her magazine, had become engulfed in the water, drawing down with her nearly all who are on board. A few unfortunates—more or less mutilated, succeeded in attaching themselves to floating portions of the wreck—of these nine were taken up by boats, and thus rescued from immediate death. Four marines were saved by the boats of the French-man-of-war l'Ernestine, whose captain was conspicuous for his humane exertions. The number of victims is known to excel fifty, and among them besides women and children, was an own son of Colonel C. Mitchell, the commander, and a nephew of the Minister of Finance.

FROM THE ARMY OF GEN. TAYLOR.—The New Orleans Picayune, of the 27th ult., has had a later mail from Buena Vista, Monterey and Carralvo. It give several letters from its correspondent, touching General Taylor's movements and affairs on his distant line. The N. O. Picayune says:—

We have a letter from Cerralvo of the 4th instant, which says a report had just reached Lt. Col. Webb, stationed there, of the 16th Infantry, that one of his scouting parties had fallen in with the guerilla chief Elmojah Martimus and his party, and that in the engagement Martimus was killed.

There are known to be many parties of guerilleros and robbers in the vicinity of Cerralvo under Canales, Mendez, Arispe, Col. Travinia and others. Col. Webb has three companies of mounted men and four of his own regiment, under his command and hopes are entertained that he may succeed in destroying or dispersing some of these lands. Gen'l. Taylor was expected at Cerralvo on the 10th inst.

BURNING OF THE STEAMER PATAPSCO. The Baltimore Clipper, of the 8th instant., says the large and powerful steamer Patapsco, belonging jointly to the Corporation and the Baltimore Steam Tawing Company, was burnt to the water's edge st her wharf, at the City Block, near the site of the old drawbridge, between 7 and 8 o'clock last evening. How the fire originated, is not known, but is supposed to have been the result of accident, as the boat had been down the river all day, and did not reach her wharf until after 5 o'clock. The loss about $30,000, will fall principally upon the city, and we fear there was no insurance.

A terrible murder was perpetrated in Norfolk County, Va. last week by a man named Lemuel Cregory, who was inflamed at the time by liquor. The murderer had threatened the life of an aged citizen of the county, who sent a colored boy to a neighbor for assistance. Gregory followed the boy, and, mistaking a deaf and dumb negro boy for the one he was in pursuit of, seized him and killed him on the spot.

CECIL County Court, held an extra session last week, at Elkton. The Whig states that the case of Stump v. Philadelphia Baltimore Railroad was concluded on Thursday evening, in a verdict for the plaintiff of $1,500. The case of Howard v. Railroad, wae decided against Howard. The suits, we believe, were for damages to property.

Major Iturbide, of the Mexican Army, taken prisoner at the battle of Humantla, has arrived in Baltimore from Philadelphia, and is stopping at Barnum's City Hotel.

FRUITS OF GAMBLING.—A young man, named John Moody was arrested on Friday in New York, on a charge of embezzling $870 from his employer. He was decoyed into gambling houses, and fleeced of all but $200, when he confessed his crime.—The gamblers have been arrested.

It will be a general cause for satisfaction to learn that all personal misunderstanding between General Kearney and Commodore Stockton has been explained and settled.

☞The speech of Henry Clay is a noble and eloquent effort, worthy of his lofty reputation—it is an emanation from the mind of the statssman and the heart of the patriot.—It is full of moderation and justice—replete with generous sentiment and patriotwisdom.—Charleston Courier.

MURDERER ARRESTED.—We learn from the Leonardtown (Md) Beacon of the arrest, at that place, of an absconding slave, from Westmoreland county, Va., who turns out to be a fugitive from justice, charged with the murder of another slave. He has been taken back to Virginia.

DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.—Amos James, a farmer living about three miles from Williamsport, Md., was found on Thursday in a field near his residence, in the last agonies of death. He had remained out overnight, and died shortly after being removed to his residence.

SANNA ANNA let loose 2000 scoundrels from the prisons, when our army entered Mexico.—*Boston Post.*

But who let loose that prince of the gang Santa Anna himself?—*Alb. Ev. Jour.*

By Sloop Gen. Washington, Capt. Brow e

BALTIMORE MARKET.

Baltimore, Dec. 9, '47

White wheat—$1 50 to 1 60
Red " 1 40 a 1 50
Yellow corn—68 to 69
White do. 58 a 60.
Rye—85 to 90.
Oats—40 a 44.
White beans—85 to 1 00
Fam. flour—$8 00
Extra " —$7 25.
Sup. " —$6 50.
Potatoes—80 to 85.

MARRIED,

On the 25th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Owens, Mr. Albert Dorney, of Harford county, to Miss Anna M. Newman of Kent.

DIED.

Departed this life, of scarlet fever, on the 25th ult. Anna Maria, daughter of Turbatt C. and Sarah A. Meginnis, aged 5 years and 6 months.

None but parents can ever know,
Or feel the pang severe;
Of little babes thus torn away,
From hearts and friends so dear.

But yesterday her sparkling eyes,
And cheeks in youthful bloom,
To-day, alas that lovely form,
Is shrouded for the tomb.

A soul too pure for earthly toys,
Or earthly friends to cherish;
Has gone to him for Heavenly joys,
In endless youth to flourish.

Anna Maria we give thee up,
Consign thee to the tomb;
Though awfully bitter is the cup,
Thy absence—what a gloom!

Consoling hope transporting thought,
Though doomed on earth to sever;
We all again may be brought,
To part no more, no! never!

A FRIEND.

At the Head of Sassafras, on the 6th inst., Ellen Rebecca, daughter of the late Reese Beck, aged 16 years.

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

Mr. James A. McClean from Wheeling in Va., but a native of our county, is now in Chester Town, fully prepared to execute Portraits in the best style of the art, and on moderate terms. We have seen some specimens of his Painting and feel no hesitancy in pronouncing them of a superior order. While the drawing and colouring are exceedingly correct and brilliant, it may be said that his especial excellence consists in the most perfect delineation of character and features.

We hope that the public will come and examine for themselves, and that a native Artist will have no cause to complain of a want of encouragement from his old friends and those of his father.

For Rent.

THE Tailor Shop at present occupied by E. Neal, is for rent the ensuing year.—For terms, apply to

Dec. 11 C. STANLEY.

NOTICE.

THE Notes taken at the sales of the personal estate of the late John Atkinson and Miss A. Frazier, dec'd., being due, will be proceeded on immediately after the 25th instant, without distinction as to persons. This notice may be considered as a personal call on each for the money due.

Chestertown, Dec. 9, } G. VICKERS.

DIVIDEND.

BY order of the Orphans' Court, of Kent county, the creditors of

WM. STEVENS,

late of said county, deceased, are hereby notified to file their claims against the said William Stevens, dec'd., duly authenticated, on or before the 11th day of January. 1848, and to attend before the Orphans' Court and Register of Wills on that day when a dividend on the said personal estate will be made and paid according to law.

THOS. LAMB, Adm'r of William Stevens.

Dec. 7—tdd.

$10 REWARD.

THE above Reward will be paid to any person who will arrest and deliver to me my apprentice boy, named

Osmond Razin,

aged about 17 and small for his age. He had on when he left, his working clothes, consisting in part of a frock coat, cassinet and steel-mixed—his pantaloons of the same colour, considerably worn and mended on the knee. He had also on a pair of boots and a common cap. His name is imprinted on one of his arms—He has long black hair, and he can make a good shoe. He left the services of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 1st December.

I forewarn all persons from harboring or employing the said apprentice, as I shall certainly prosecute every one who has or may harbour or employ him.

WILLIAM CONYER.

Dec. 11—3w. Chester Town.

DISSOLUTION

THE Co-Partnership in the Butchering business heretofore existing under the firm of Thomas Carroll & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All persons indebted to the late firm are requested to call on A. W. Sparks and pay their respective accounts, as he alone is authorised to receive the same.

The public's ob't serv'ts,
A. W. SPARKS,
his
THOMAS x CARROLL.
mark.

Witness—Wm. M. Gemmill.
Dec. 10th, '47.

FOR SALE, *by Wilmer & Nicols*—1 piece light Coberg Cloth, suitable for Ladies. [Nov. 20.

For Sale.

A negro woman, aged about 23 years old with two children, one about 8 years and the other 13 months old. Slaves for life; not to be sold out of the State. The woman is a first rate cook, washer and ironer. Apply to the editor.

dec. 11, '47. 3w

BOARDING.

MRS. E. G. SUDLER, adopts the method to notify her friends and the public, that at the commencement of the ensuing year she will open a

Boarding House,

in that commodious house, in Queen street, near the intersection of High street, where she will be prepared to accommodate boarders by the year, month or day. Particular attention will be paid to transient boarders.

☞For terms applications to be made to Mrs. Sudler.

Chestertwn, Dec. 11.—3w.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned, having declined housekeeping, will sell at public sale, at her residence, in Quaker Neck, on

THURSDAY,

the 30th December, Inst., if fair, if not the first fair day thereafter, all her personal property, consisting of

2 milch Cows, 1 Horse and Cart, together with all her Household and Kitchen Furniture.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. Terms made known on the day of sale.

ANNA BROWNE.

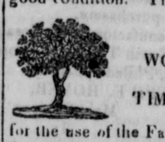
Dec. 11, '47.

Farm and Woodlot FOR SALE,

THE subscriber, as agent for H. Smith, will sell at private sale, the FARM lying near St. Paul's Church, containing about

50 ACRES.

The BUILDINGS are nearly new and in good condition. There is a sufficiency of



WOOD & TIMBER,

for the use of the Farm. The land is in a fine state of cultivation.

ALSO, a WOODLOT, containing about *TWENTY ACRES*, adjoining the lands of Henry Webster, and others. It is about three miles from navigable waters, and heavily timbered with white oak.

JACOB G. MASLIN, Agent.

Dec. 11, '47.

MARYLAND,
Kent county, Orphan's Court, December 7, 1847.

On the application of Richard Hynson Administrator of George C. Griffith, late of Kent county deceased.

Ordered, that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased estate, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks in the Kent News, printed in Chester Town.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of the Orphan's Court of the county aforesaid, I have hereunto set my hand [Seal] and the seal of my office affixed, this 7th day of December, 1847.

Test, EBEN'R WELCH,
Register of Wills for Kent county.

In compliance with the above Order, this is to give notice that the subscriber of Kent county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, Md. letters of Administration on the personal estate of George C. Griffith, late of Kent county deceased. All persons having claims against the said dec'd. estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 30th of June, 1848, they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand this 7th day of December, 1847.

RICH'D HYNSON, Adm'r.
Geo. C. Griffith, dec'd. 3w

Dec. 11, '47.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

BY virtue of 6 writs of the State of Maryland, three of Fieri Facias and 3 of Venditioni Exponas, one at the suit of Sam'l Ringgold, one at the suit of H. W. Wissell, one at the suit of Geo. W. Crosly, one at the suit of Samuel H. Cooper, one at the suit of John Nelson, one at the suit of Isaac Perkins, issued by John N. Usilton, William S. Lassell, A. W. Sparks, Esq'rs. three Justices of the peace in and for Kent County, Maryland, against the goods and chattels lands and tenements of Thomas Jones, fn. to us directed, we have seized and taken in execution, all the right title claim and interest, of the srid Thomas Jones, fn. of, in and to, all that tract or parcel of land called and known as part of *WATT'S FOLLY*, containing four and a half acres, with the Buildings and Improvements thereon, & we hereby give notice, that on SATURDAY, 1st day January, 1848, at 11 o'clock, A. M. at the tavern porch of Thomas Lusby Esq. in Chester Town, we will offer for sale the property so seized and taken in Execution by public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, to pay and satisfy the said debts, interest and costs due and to become due thereon.

JOHN W. CARROLL,
JAS. W. PHILLIPS,
Constables.

Dec. 11, 1847. tds 3 00

A new supply of CLOTHS, Cassimeres, Cassinetts, Flannels, Calicoes, Mustins, for sale cheap by *Wilmer & Nicols.*

Nov. 20 '47.