

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1854.

A WORD CONFIDENTIAL.—  
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we mean that will tell. Not just a word, in this case  
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The Steamship North Carolina.

This new Steamship arrived here yesterday from Philadelphia, from which port she made an excellent run and proved herself a staunch sea-boat. Her length 127' feet, breadth 24' beam, 34' feet depth of hold, 13' feet, draught of water 9' feet in ballast; 12' feet loaded. Her measurement is 700 tons, but like all modern vessels she carries a great deal more. She is a propeller of nearly double the steam-power usually applied to vessels of that class of the same tonnage.

Her main object is freight, although her accommodations for passengers are very good, to the extent of sixteen, with easy facilities for increasing them to any required amount. Her first trip is made at a period of very general depression and of unusual scarcity of freight here, on account of the continued lowness of the streams. A portion of her is owned, we believe, in this State, and as the pioneer of steam-communication between North Carolina and the North, we wish her the utmost success, which we trust every effort will be made to secure. Her establishment as a regular trader will be a great advantage both to this port and Philadelphia. She comes to George Harris, Esq.

Dr. W. W. Harris whose name appears upon a list for Commissioners of Towns requests us to state that he cannot, under any circumstances, be a candidate and will not serve if elected.

John J. Conoley, Esq., also requests us to make the same statement on his behalf. He cannot be a candidate and will not serve if elected.

**Bananas.**

We have had, and we still have many whig papers at the South, which gives a halfhearted and equivocal support, or an openly avowed opposition to the Kansas and Nebraska policy, of the administration and of the last session of Congress, contending, as Mr. Webster contended in the case of California, that the affair was not worth a cent to the South, that she was betrayed, that she had lost and could gain nothing by the movement. The result, as in the case of California, shows how totally these people have been mistaken, how far prejudices against Democratic men and measures was allowed to influence their judgement and bias their actions. The question in Kansas has almost ceased to be an open one. That it will declare for slavery is morally certain. The election of Mr. Whitelock has shown that—the game of abolition is up—would that we could say the same of the game of destruction which has been played against the administration and against Senator Douglass.

Will Kansas be a slave State? A correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, from Douglas city, Nov. 18, discusses this interesting question, if question it can any longer be considered. He says:

In July last, I wrote you that Kansas would not be a slave State. I am now of a different opinion. The important and insolent interference of your Eastern fanatics, the colonizing as they have, lone of hundreds of the lower class of rowdies to blow beat our voices and prevent a fair expression of the popular will, have brought about this result. They have located themselves near the Kansas river, named City Lawrence, and number, I am told, some hundreds of voters. I have seen some of them, and they are the most unmilitant looking set of blackguards I have ever laid my eyes on.

Up to late in September there was no excitement in the Territory on this question. Everybody here and in Missouri believed that Kansas would be a free State but no sooner did these colonists appear here than all the river counties in Missouri—Andrew, Holt, Buchanan, &c.—sent over thousands of their young men to counteract their treasonable schemes. They will be successful; and if the "plague spot of slavery" darkens Kansas, the people of the South may thank the red republican, Jacobin, and jinfidol, editors of the East.

In reference to the candidates for the Legislature, they will, at least nine-tenths of them—he in favor of the principles laid down in the Douglas-Nebraska bill of the last session.

**Secretary Dobbin.**

The Philadelphia Argus thus notices the last annual report of the Secretary of the Navy:

The consummate ability by Secretary Dobbin, since his advent to the Navy Department, led me to expect something more than usual from him in the same shape of my annual report to Congress, and we have not been mistaken, nor will the country when it is fairly circulated and read by all classes, as it will be. Mr. Dobbin is not satisfied to merely present a mass of figures compiled from the books of the department, but he enlightens the community with suggestions based upon his experience, brief as they have been, and recommended, by their justice and practical wisdom, to the confidence of the public.

**Highly Important from Mexico—Progress of the Revolutionists.**

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—Accounts from Orizaba, Mexico, to the 6th inst., say that a force of the rebels under Gen. Morelos were routed in the department of Michoacan, on the 24th of November, and 300 of them killed. In the engagement Gen. Rebagary, the governor of the province and commander of the government troops, was killed.

An election is going on in Mexico whether Santa Anna should continue as President or not. He had issued a decree compelling the government employees to vote for him, the penalty being immediate dismissal in case they refused.

It is said the government of Honduras has agreed to sell Tiger Island to the United States for twenty thousand dollars. Its ownership, however, is being disputed by San Salvador.

**Further from Mexico.**

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—The advice from the city of Mexico and Vera Cruz represent that both had voted almost unanimously for Santa Anna. One hundred and fifty of the compatriots of Court Bouillon have been pardoned by Santa Anna as a mark of esteem for the Emperor Napoleon. Five civil judges have been suspended in consequence of a disrespectful communication addressed to the President.

The plague was committing great ravages among the Indians in Yucatan.

**Destructive Fire in Philadelphia.**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—The extensive chandelier and gas fixture factory of the Messrs. Cornelius, at the corner of Eighth and Cherry streets, in this city, was entirely destroyed by fire this morning, together with numerous dwellings, stables, &c., surrounding it.

The factory was built in the form of the letter U, 12' by 60' feet, and five stories high. It was used as a finishing shop for the work manufactured in the two other large establishments of the firm. It gave employment to 400 workmen, and was filled with an immense amount of finished work ready for shipment. The stock was valued at \$150,000, and the building cost in erection \$50,000. The whole insurance amount is \$125,000 which is divided among the various companies.

Some time after the commencement of the conflagration the eastern wall fell with an awful crash, completely crushing several small dwellings on Rittenhouse street, also the Ward House, a residence in rear of same. Apply to A. H. TAMBORRELL, Esq., 12th Street, 1854.

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JOHN P. BLOOM, Admin'r. 85-21-15-41

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THE lower floor of the building No. 5 South Wharves, suitable for an extensive Wholesale or Retail business, also the Ward House, a residence in rear of same. Apply to A. H. TAMBORRELL, Esq., 12th Street, 1854.

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