

Washington News.

Development of the Public Ledger, FROM WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, Nov. 13, 1849.

Though the slave question seems to be actually settled by an act of the local self-government of California, the Wilcox proviso still threatens to disturb the equanimity of Congress. There is no Mexico, to which some of his zealous advocates will endeavor to apply it, and there is Texas, which will claim New Mexico as a part of her territory.

Gen. Sam Houston has said so, and he is likely to keep his word. Leaving then, slavery in California out of the question, we shall have the following perplexing questions to agitate Congress and the country.

- 1st. The establishment of the boundary of Texas.
2d. The Wilcox proviso, as an abstraction.
3d. The abolition of the Slave Trade in the District of Columbia.
4th. The retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland.
5th. The Monroe and Polk declaration in regard to European settlements on this continent in connection with the Niagara treaty, and King Samba's and Queen Victoria's joint occupation of the Mosquito coast.
6th. The tariff of 1846, in regard to which the administration seem to be determined on an *à caser* ad valorem.
7th. The Sub-Treasury, for which under certain restrictions a Bank deposit system may be attempted to be substituted.
8th. The Warehouse system, on which the Secretary of the Treasury will make an outline.
9th. The question as to the admission of California as an independent State into the Union.
10th. The abolition of the office of Secretary of the Interior.
11th. The regulation of our Diplomatic and Consular system.
12th. The establishment of an Agricultural Bureau.
13th. The Railroad across the continent, and the Railways or Canals across the Isthmus of Panama, Nicaragua or Tehuantepec.
14th. The possible annexation of Canada and Cuba.

HORRIBLE STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

Explosion on board the Louisiana - The boat shivered to atoms - Upwards of one hundred and fifty lives lost!

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 16, A. M.

One of the most disastrous steamboat accidents that ever took place at this port, occurred about 2 o'clock last evening. The magnificent, first class boat Louisiana, was putting out from the levee and bound to St. Louis, just as the steamers Storm and Boston were coming in from above. The boats were side and side, the decks of all three crowded with passengers, at the moment when a tremendous explosion took place on board the Louisiana - both boilers having burst, severing the boat literally to atoms - ripping and tearing the other two boats, and carrying upwards of one hundred and fifty human beings to their last accounts, without a moment's warning. Simultaneous with the terrible explosion came a wild shriek, which sent a thrill of horror to the stoutest hearts. As the smoke and steam cleared away, a scene was presented to the eye, of which I can scarcely form a conception. The shattered boats, the shrieks of the wounded, the struggles of the drowning, and the groans of the dying, appalled and, for a moment, paralyzed all who witnessed it. Human arms, legs and heads were scattered in every direction, and the levee was strewn with the dead and dying!

In a short time thousands of persons were collected in the vicinity of the melancholy scene, and nothing was left undone to afford relief to the unfortunate sufferers.

This morning the levee is crowded with our citizens, and every effort is being made to recover the bodies of those blown into the river. Already fifty dead bodies have been recovered. It is supposed that at least one hundred and fifty lives were lost by this dreadful disaster! A large number are mangled and seared in the most horrible manner. I have not been able, amidst the confusion which prevails, to obtain any thing like a reliable list of the names of the killed or wounded, but will endeavor to send you a despatch containing more full particulars, this afternoon or in the morning.

The Louisiana sank a few minutes after the disaster. It is unknown what led to the explosion. It is supposed that the engineers and firemen were killed, as they have not been seen since the accident.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 17 - A. M.

Captain Keenan, of the steamer Louisiana, has been arrested, and held to bail in the sum of \$8,000. The explosion having been attributed to carelessness, a searching investigation will shortly take place. Many more dead bodies have been found. The number of killed, it is believed, will reach 200, besides many dreadfully wounded. The flags of the shipping are all at half mast.

DUTY ON COAL.

The Coal Mining Association held a meeting, in this Borough on Tuesday last, at the instance of one of the gentlemen who had been invited to visit Washington, to confer with the Secretary of the Treasury. They decided upon recommending a specific duty of \$1 25 cents per ton on Coal, and \$2 per ton less than the duty in the bill 1842, which was \$1 75 per ton. The trade prefers a moderate but adequate duty for protection, with a view of permanency in preference to high duties, which are constantly liable to change. In the present state of the coal trade, with ample protection to these branches of industry into which the consumption of Coals enters largely, the rate recommended would be sufficient - but it ought not to be lower. In the Bill of 1846, the present rate of duty is about 65 to 70 cents per ton. - Miners' Journal.

TABACCO.

Some one has quaintly said - "Tobacco is an Indian weed." "Tobacco is the devil seed, it drains the pockets, scents the clothes, and makes a chimney of our nose."

A GALLANT SOLDIER.

At the funeral honors paid, to Worth, Duncan and Gates, John Van Buren delivered an oration, in which he related the following anecdote of the former.

While General Scott was under charges by order of General Jackson, and a court of inquiry was investigating his conduct in Florida, a party of gentlemen met in this city, and after dinner the conversation turned upon the subject of Scott's services. Worth, indignant at the proceeding, was describing the part which Scott took in the battle of Niagara. He said that Scott's brigade were advancing towards evening, under the cover of a wood, from which they were to leap into the open field; Scott had already had one horse shot under him, and as the column were deploying, his second horse fell, and he became entangled under it. The column wavered, and Worth, then his youngest aid, rushing to his assistance, dismounted and tendered him the column falling for a leader? Scott immediately mounted, and riding to the head of the column, cried out, "Advance men! the night's our own," and Worth followed Scott, as his aid, on foot. At this moment a discharge of grape from a single cannon prostrated Scott, the horse which he rode, and his aid, Worth. Scott and Worth were immediately carried to the rear, Scott seriously, and Worth, as it was supposed, mortally wounded. Attention was of course, first paid to the commanding officer. After some time, a deep groan was heard, apparently from the adjoining tent, and Scott, with that forgetfulness of himself which distinguishes him on such occasions, begged the surgeon to repair to the quarter where the poor Worth, who must be dying? Instead of this, as Worth concluded, "the cry of agony proceeded from my faithful dying charger, who had managed to drag himself upon three legs to the edge of my tent, where he had lain down to die." Pursuing for a moment, while there was hardly a dry eye in the company, he added - "I beg your pardon, gentlemen, I find that in defending Gen. Scott, I have been incidentally led to describe my own service."

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In Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa., on the 10th inst., the Hon. CHARLES HUSTON, in the eightieth year of his age.

Judge Huston was born in Bucks county in this State, and was a lad during the Revolution, many incidents of which were indelibly impressed upon his memory. He entered Dickinson College, then under the Presidency of Dr. Nesbit, a distinguished Scotch Divine, and after having graduated with the honors of the institution, took charge of its Grammar School, at the same time studying Law in the office of Thomas Deane, with whom he was afterwards associated on the Bench of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

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The land titles of this part of Pennsylvania were in a very unsettled condition. Ejectments were frequent and complicated. The Bar at the time, were distinguished for their talent and ability, and it is not the language of eulogy, to say that Judge Huston was the equal of any of his competitors. In 1818 he was appointed by Governor Findlay, President Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, and Presided with distinguished ability for eight years. Such was his influence with the jury, that the writer has heard him more than once say that in the course of those whole eight years he had granted but two new trials.

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Bellefonte Whig.

Coal Trade.

SUNBURY, November 22, 1849.

Amount of coal brought to Sunbury over the Danville and Potsville rail road, from the Shamokin mines: Tons. 572

For the last week, 572

Per last report, 17169

Total, 17741

The Markets.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET. Nov. 20, 1849.

WHEAT - Prime Pennsylvania reds are held at \$1 06 1/2 and white at \$1 12 1/2. 13.

RYE - Sales of Penna. at 64 a 65c, and Southern at 60c.

CORN - Old yellow is worth 60c; new 50c; white 60 a 61c.

OATS - Southern Oats are held at 28 a 30; Penna. 35 a 36c.

WHISKEY - Sales in hhdts at 28c and blbs at 28 cents.

BALTIMORE MARKET. Office of the American, Nov. 19, 1849.

GRAIN - Sales of good to prime red Wheat at 1 00 a 1 06 and of whites at 1 06 a 1 10 cents.

CORN - Sales at 50 a 52c for white, and 60 a 53c for yellow.

RYE - Small sales of Maryland Rye at 57c. OATS - Sales at 30 a 33c per bushel.

WHISKEY - We note a sale of blbs. this morning at 26c, and hhdts. at 27 cents.

SUNBURY PRICE CURRENT.

Corrected weekly by Henry Masser.

WHEAT, 100 56

RYE, 50 37

OATS, 50 31

CORN, 50 27

BUTTER, 50 10

EGGS, 50 9

PORE, 50 9

PLASTER, 125 10

YELLOW, 125 10

BREWERY, 125 10

BEANS, 125 10

HICKLED PEAS, 125 10

DRIED APPLES, 60 20

Do. PEACHES, 60 20

THE PAINTERS OF WASHINGTON CITY are about to contribute towards the National Monument.

They are the right sort of men, as a witness correspondent of the News remarks, "to get up a column?"

MARRIED.

On Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Alleman, Dr. ROBERT H. AWE, to Miss REBECCA PEARSON, both of this place.

[The happy couple did not forget the printers.]

In Northumberland, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. Mr. Alleman, Mr. JOSEPH R. LUDWIG, to Miss REBECCA PEARSON, both of this place.

In Lewisburg, on the 6th inst., by J. A. Metz, Esq., PETER SKETZ, of Union county, to Miss CAROLINE E. STETLER, of Point township, Northumberland county.

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August 25, 1849. - 3m

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July 14, 1849. - 3m

Estate of Sarah Dreher, dec'd.

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JOHN BREHER, Adm'r. Lower Augusta ship, Oct. 30, 1849.

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