

TERRIBLE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

NORWALK, Ct., May 6.—A terrible accident has taken place on the New York and New Haven Railroad.

The train which left New York at 8 o'clock this morning, ran off the drawbridge at this place.

It is supposed that at least fifty persons were killed. One car full of passengers is now entirely submerged in the water.

The submerged car is still in the same position, though a large force is engaged in endeavoring to extricate it.

Two cars of the train are completely shattered to pieces. The cries of the wounded and dying are agonizing.

From what I can see and learn, there are not less than forty or fifty killed and drowned. Some of the unfortunate victims are mangled in the most shocking manner.

The submerged car has been raised.—Forty dead bodies have been recovered, among them were six females.

Twenty persons were injured—fifteen, it is feared, fatally. The blame is said to rest with the engineer.

It is now ascertained that there are seventy persons injured—a number of them quite seriously. It is believed that the dead will reach sixty.

We extract from the New York papers the following particulars of the awful calamity at Norwalk. The following from the Courier and Enquirer of Saturday morning, gives the clearest and most correct description of the occurrence:

The express train for Boston, on the New Haven Railroad, left the Canal street station in this city at 8 o'clock in the morning, and at the upper station the locomotive was attached, making the train there to consist of two baggage cars, and three first class passenger cars.

The train proceeded, as usual, until it reached Norwalk, 45 miles distant, at half past ten o'clock. Half a mile east of the Norwalk station is a bridge across the creek, and over the channel there is a draw in the bridge sixty feet in width.

The rules of the road require that the speed of the train should be checked at the Norwalk station, and the train held well in hand until the engineer obtained sight of a signal—a red ball upon a pole some thirty feet high, which is visible nearly half a mile from the bridge.

The draw had been opened to permit the steam-boat Pacific, from Norwalk for New York, to pass through, and she had barely passed as the train dashed in. The engine was followed by the tender, which rested upon it.

The second car, containing the smoking apartment, went alongside the first baggage car, and two of the first class cars were dashed among the wreck of those which preceded them; while the bottom of the last car was broken in two crosswise, the forward part being dragged into the submerged ruins, leaving one half the bottom and the entire sides and roof upon the track.

The water in the channel over which the draw is placed is from ten to twelve feet deep at high water. The frightful scene that ensued may be conceived, but neither those who witnessed the occurrence, nor those who escaped with their lives, can give any adequate description.

The cars were so broken that those who had not sustained any injury from the collision instantly strove to escape through the windows and broken roofs, and it is wonderful that under the circumstances, so many succeeded in their efforts.

It is supposed that all in the last car escaped—those who were dragged forward on the broken floor being thrown on top of the wreck, reaping with a few bruises.

Those who were in the two cars preceding the last, were all immersed in the water, but, as far as can be ascertained, most of them were rescued. The moment the accident occurred, there were strong and willing hands with manned small boats, fortunately lying near, and by their efforts, the rescue of the saved was effected.

Many of those in these cars sustained contusions of greater or less severity. But few of those in the smoking car escaped, and it is the opinion of Dr. McLean, of Norwalk, who was in attendance, that most of those who lost their lives were seriously injured by the crushing of the car.

STILL ANOTHER RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—On Monday evening, the emigrant express train of the Peterson line, which left Jersey City, came in collision with the Erie express train, traveling towards that place, near Bergen Four corners. The shock was terrific.

The locomotives were broken into pieces; three persons were fearfully injured, of whom two now lie in the New York Hospital.



THE AMERICAN. SUNBURY.

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER: THOMAS FORTSYTH, Of Philadelphia County.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL: EPHRAIM BANKS, Of Middle County.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL: J. PORTER BRAWLEY, Of Crawford County.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Business Notices.

The Advertisement of Mr. J. E. Gould, 160 Chestnut St., Philadelphia will be found in another column of to-day's paper.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE.

Service will be held, by Divine Permission in St. Matthew's Church, to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

LAND WARRANTS.—Persons having Land Warrants for sale, can dispose of them for cash, by applying at this office.

Hon. S. A. Douglas will please accept our thanks for favors from Washington.

Hon. James Gamble will receive our thanks for public documents.

THE CROPS.—The crops of wheat and rye, as well as the grass, look very promising in this neighborhood; and we believe the same remarks applies to other sections of the State, as the papers refer to the crops as being very luxuriant.

The death warrant of Arthur Spring, is in the hands of Sheriff Allan.—The Gov. has appointed Friday, the 10th of June, next, between the hours of 12 M., and 3 P. M., for his execution.

WILLIAM SHANNON, editor of the "Ouachita Register," Monroe, La., formerly of this place, has been appointed Register of the Land Office, at Monroe.

The last Bedford Gazette says, that morally prevails to so great an extent in that country, that there was not a criminal case on the docket, and the Grand Jury was discharged.

LEBANON VALLEY RAILROAD.—This company was organized on Wednesday the 4th inst., by the election of General Simon Cameron as President; John Tucker, Robert Coleman, William Strong, Isaac Eckert, Samuel Bell, and John W. Killinger, as Directors, and Henry A. Malenborg, as Secretary and Treasurer.

IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.—ARMY MOVEMENTS.—Washington, May 6.—The Republic of this morning states that letters have been received in this city from Mexico, stating that Santa Anna has formally declared his approbation of the Sloss-Tehuacan treaty, by accepting \$50,000, the first monthly instalment. It also denied that a protest has been entered in the State Department against the Sloss treaty.

The Intelligence announces that the War Department intend abandoning Fort Arkansas, on the Upper Arkansas, and to transfer the troops to the new fort on Walnut creek.

The removal of the subordinates is slowly progressing in the Departments.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Hon. David Merriweather, of Kentucky, has been appointed Governor of New Mexico, and it is understood has accepted the office. He will be here in a few days, to receive his instructions, and will leave immediately thereafter for the scene of his duties.

THE CALIFORNIA ROBBER.—To the bill in the California Legislature appropriating \$5000 for the capture of the bandit Joaquin, Mr. Proctor offered an amendment authorizing the Governor to appoint three Commissioners who shall settle all adverse claims to the head of Joaquin, provided his cars be reserved to the State as revenue. It is a wonder that that highwayman, being public property, has not long since been seized.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR DATED Philadelphia, May 11, 1853.

The business season of the city is drawing to a close, excepting with the retailers, who are in the midst of their harvest. The display of the rich and beautiful goods of the large and elegant stores of the present day, would contrast strangely with those only twenty years back.

Cloths, and many fine woollen goods both for gentlemen and ladies, it is true, are much cheaper, but then a great many other expensive luxuries substituted, that swell the expenses of the toilet, especially for the fair sex, to a much larger amount than then.

Though people in the city, live extravagantly and expend large sums in the luxuries of life, it must be said of them that there are no people who work harder, or more assiduously for wealth than they. Many of them are as constant and as laborious in their devotions to mammon, as an Eastern pagan is to his idols.

The richer he grows the more anxious he is to increase his wealth. His avarice seems to increase with his years. The result often is, that his son, who living in expectation of inheriting wealth, fails to acquire those habits of business and industry that are the only safe-guard against vice and dissipation, and ultimately become bankrupt in purse as well as in morals.

This, however, is not applicable to cities, only. Its practical illustration is seen everywhere. The great increase of gold from the mines of California and Australia has given rise to much speculation in regard to its depreciation.

Political economists have given their views on the subject, and those who know as little of political economy as they do of Hebrew, have also expressed their do, so that the world must necessarily become enlightened on the subject. It is a great mistake to suppose that the price of gold must come down, but it is certain the price of commodities, of which gold is a representative of value, must go up.

This is already seen in the advance of almost all kinds of goods and articles of production exceeding grain, which, strange to say, has advanced but little. Labor is high every where, and none more so than ordinary manual labor. But a few days since, a merchant employed a "gentleman of color" to do some work at his store at twenty-five cents per hour, and Samba intimated that he was doing his employer a great favor by working at all.

But machinery is superseding hand labor in every branch of business, and the facility and cheapness with which some things are manufactured, is really astonishing. For instance, ordinary blacking boxes, are sold at 12 mills, or one dollar and two cents per hundred. There is a large establishment in New York for making boxes, cans, &c., by steam and machinery. The agent informed me that, without using half their machinery, they could turn out sixty thousand boxes per day. The establishment employs about 50 hands.

I have remarked in a previous letter, that rents here are enormously high. The Grand House has leased the additional building, adjoining that Hotel, at \$7,500. Then entire rent for the Hotel, therefore amounts, to \$27,500 per annum, a small fortune, even in this age of gold.

The late terrible accident, or rather massacre, as the papers properly term it, on the New Haven rail road, will no doubt be the means of introducing reforms by law in the management of rail roads, that will tend greatly to the safety of the lives of the passengers. Nine-tenths of all such accidents are the result of criminal carelessness and should be severely punished.

There seems to be a determination to build another rail road from this city to the Susquehanna. The Harrisburg and Reading rail road Company is now fully organized by the election of Gen. Cameron as President. The directors are composed of some of the wealthiest and most influential men in the State. There can hardly be any doubt of its success. The distance is about the same as the Columbia rail road and of course the road will be much better, in its structure as well as in grades.

RIOT IN TEXAS.

A letter dated Indianola, April 23d, which is published in the New Orleans Picayune, relates the following occurrence: The usually quiet little town of Lavaca was in a state of great excitement last night. The fine weather for the last few days had brought an unusual number of wagons and carts from the interior into town, principally loaded with cotton. After they had deposited their freight and turned their oxen out to graze, about a hundred of the wagoners, chiefly Americans, assembled in town, beat on a drum.

About 10 o'clock they became sufficiently drunk to be reckless, and they turned their arms against some Mexican teamsters, who had quietly camped on the bluff. These they drove off with pistols and knives, and then backed three of their wagons over the bluff into the bay, first scattering the provisions of the poor devils through the streets. They performed a number of other feats, such as displacing signs, &c., accompanied by such an amount of yelling, shouting and firing of pistols as to make up a concert decidedly louder than agreeable. A few of the citizens endeavored to prevent their attacks upon the Mexicans, but were obliged to depart, glad to escape with their lives. This morning, however, all is quiet, and no further rioting is apprehended.

THE REV. ELEAZER WILLIAMS.—Baltimore, May 6.—New Orleans papers of Saturday have been received. Rev. Mr. Hanson, of Bourbon notoriety, was in New Orleans. The Bulletin says:—We learn from a gentleman, himself conversant with the facts, that important testimony has been discovered in this city, respecting the mysterious case of Rev. Eleazer Williams, which go far to confirm the belief that he is indeed the Dauphin of France. It is derived from a person who was in close intimacy with the Bourbon family in the early part of this century, and entirely sustains the arguments presented in Putnam's Magazine.

ANOTHER NEW PLANET AND COMET.—M. Chacornac discovered last month, at the Observatory at Marseille, another new, small Planet, the 24th now known to exist between Mars and Jupiter. The comet was discovered by M. Schweizer, at Moscow.

RIOT, ARSON AND MURDER.

Blair county has been disgraced by the perpetration of another most diabolical outrage within her borders; by another scene of riot, arson and fiendish murder, which has hardly a parallel in the annals of crime.—The outrage occurred on Wednesday night last, and had its origin in the feud which exists between the clans of Irish laborers employed on the line of Public Works. It seems that a "Leinster man" was met on the public road by three or four "Farlowens," or Connaught men, some days previously, and severely beaten by them. In relation, the Leinster man on several occasions rallied on the night above mentioned, and proceeded to the job on which the offenders against their clan were employed, armed guns and other weapons, and commenced a murderous assault, firing into the shanties and putting the inmates to flight for their lives.—Upon one shanty they particularly wreaked their vengeance, firing many well aimed shots into it, and finally setting it on fire and burning it to the ground, together with its contents, including one unfortunate inmate, who for some reason, perhaps from being disabled by a gun shot, failed to make his escape. In the morning his crushed and charred and dismembered body was found among the ashes, a most revolting and horrible sight, with the legs burned off to above the knees, the arms to above the elbows, the eyes from their sockets, and the entrails burst from the abdomen.

Measures were immediately taken to arrest the offenders, by the authorities in the neighborhood, and by Monday evening some 40 were lodged in prison, to answer indictments for murder, arson and riot.—Holidays Register.

ANOTHER RAILROAD CASUALTY.

BOSTON, May 8.—The four o'clock train of yesterday afternoon, between New Bedford and Taunton, met with an accident when near Taunton. By the breaking of an axle, the baggage and passenger cars ran off the track, and were precipitated down an embankment of thirty feet. The cars contained twenty-five passengers, most of whom received bruises, but, fortunately, only two were severely injured, and none killed. The cars were much shattered.

STILL ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT.

Another accident occurred at Jones & Cole's Backsville Colliery, at about 4 o'clock on Monday last. It appears that Mr. David Armstrong and his son James, about 18 years of age, contracted with the above firm to drive a breast of coal, and commenced work in the morning, little expecting that so fearful an accident would happen them so soon.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the said day, whilst the father and son were busily engaged at work, a run of coal came in upon them so suddenly that to escape was impossible; the fall of coal completely emboldened the young man, and slightly injured the father. The miners immediately fell to work to exhume the body by removing the coal, and when they had nearly recovered the body, which still gave symptoms of life, another run of coal came upon them, again angling the unfortunate young man, and, before he could again be reached, life was extinct.—Tonopha Gazette.

THE CHICAGO COLLISION.—Moses M. Tyler and Thos. Rockham, the conductor and engineer of the Michigan Central Railroad, have been admitted to bail in the sum of \$2000 each, upon a writ of habeas corpus. Mr. Whiting, the conductor, and Mr. Davis, the engineer, and the fireman of the Michigan Southern train, have also been admitted to bail by Judge Wilson in the sum of \$2000 each. Each of the persons were also put under bonds of \$2000, to appear as witnesses in the judicial investigations to be hereafter instituted.

In the course of the trial relating to the recent railroad collision in Michigan, the engineer of the southern train testified that he knew he was behind time, that he did not know the rule for avoiding trains till the morning of the accident. The conductor of the other train testified he had no head lights because he had no wicks, and had no instruction, but supposed somebody had; and the engineer saw the approaching train but did not reverse the breaks because he thought there was no occasion.

IMMIGRATION FROM IRELAND.—The following is an extract of a letter from Dublin, dated April 18:—"The emigration mania has at length reached the comparative sedate and prosperous Northmen. In Louth, Down, Monaghan, Armagh, Antrim and Londonderry, immense numbers are preparing to take a flight to Australia and America. Upwards of thirty Presbyterian families have already left the neighborhood of Freefield.

CALIFORNIA NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE EL DORADO.

New York, May 8.—The steamship El Dorado arrived at her berth at 2 o'clock this afternoon, from Aspinwall, with 500 passengers and \$50,000 in treasure on freight. She brings San Francisco dates to the 9th of April, being the first arrived under the new weekly arrangement of the California steam service.

The El Dorado left at Aspinwall the Illinois awaiting the mails and treasure by the Northern, which left San Francisco on the 16th of April. The shipment of gold dust it was believed would be large.

The dates from the Isthmus are to the 28th, at which time the health was good, and business flourishing.

The El Dorado brings the passengers and way and through mails, received at Panama by the steamer Columbus.

The robber Joaquin is said to be in San Francisco, disguised.

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so ample, that the Committee charged with its distribution had a large surplus on hand.

Proceedings have been commenced against Captain Sanson, late of the steamer Independence. The agit has been instituted in the Supreme Court.

A report has been received from Humboldt Bay, stating that 16 out of a party of 18 men, engaged in exploring a road from Paragon Bay to Rogue River Valley, had been murdered by the Indians.

The Alta California states positively that an expedition was on foot for taking possession of the Mexican province of Sonora, and that its designs were known at Washington as well as to the authorities of California.—In a few days, it says, the public will be fully advised of all the particulars.

The corner stone of the U. S. Marine Hospital was laid on the 8th, at River Point.

The bill before the Legislature in relation to the water front extension had caused much excitement in San Francisco. It had passed the lower house by a majority of four, but a petition against the measure had been presented in the Senate, signed by 5000 citizens of the city. The Alta California says that if the bill is passed, it will put into the pockets of the half a dozen schemers about sixteen millions of dollars.

The members of Assembly from San Francisco had resigned their seats, in consequence of the excitement in relation to the extension bill, and Governor Bigler having ordered a new election on the 11th, the same members are candidates for re-election, so that the coming contest will be a test of the public feeling upon the subject.

James D. Harlanburg, a Democrat, has been elected Mayor of Sacramento.

A violent three days' storm had occurred at Calaveras and Sonoma, unroofing houses and doing other damage. All the rivers are considerably swollen.

The Joint Committee in relation to the State prison contract, made a report, recommending that the contract be declared void.

The steamer Columbia had arrived from Oregon, with a large freight and considerable gold dust.

The news from the mining districts was satisfactory. Grain was depressed, owing to the heavy stocks and the small demand. Iron and hardware were dull, and lumber lower in price.

SACRAMENTO, April 7.—Flour has declined a trifle. Provisions are moderately brisk, with a downward tendency of prices.

YVES SHREVE was the emphatic answer given by a fashionable young gentleman when asked if he was going to get his new summer suits at Rockell & Wilson's. He had long ago found out that they kept the best, the most fashionable, and the cheapest garments to be found in the city of Philadelphia, and at his suggestion all his friends now get their clothing at Rockell & Wilson's Clothing Store, No. 11 Chestnut street, corner of Franklin Place, Philadelphia, Nov. 6, 1852.—ly.—cw.

New Advertisements.

DOCTOR L. W. HUGHES, OFFICE on Broadway, near the Episcopal Church, Sunbury, April 14, 1853.—4f.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY Virtue of certain writs of 17th. Eps. to me directed will be sold by public Vendue, or outcry upon the premises at 10 o'clock, A. M. on Friday, the 31 day of June 1853.

A Certain Lot of Ground, situate in the town of Turtletown, Lewis township, in the county of Northumberland, bounded north by Main street, east by lot of Jackson Heller, south by an alley and west by lot of Andrew Terwiger, containing one-fourth of an acre more or less, whereon are erected one and a half story Brick dwelling House and other out buildings.

Also: Upon the premises at 10 o'clock, A. M. on Saturday, the 4th day of June, 1853, the following Real Estate to wit: the undivided one seventh part more or less, of and in

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, situate in Delaware township, in the county aforesaid, bounded north east and west by lands of Geo. Oyster, dead, and on the south by lands of John Oyster, dead, containing 90 acres more or less, whereon are erected a frame tenor house, a tenant house, &c., a barn, lam, sheds, &c.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of John Manes.

WM. B. KIPP, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Sunbury, May 14, 1853.

J. E. GOULD, (Successor to A. FIDT), No. 140 Chestnut Street, Seaside's Bowling, PHILADELPHIA.

EXTENSIVE MUSIC PUBLISHER, and Dealer in Musical Instruments of every description. Exclusive Agent for the sale of Hallet, Davis & Co's (Boston) PIANOS SUPERIOR BALDWIN ESTLIN and other.

PIANOS, L. Gilbert's Boston Pianos, Melodions, Martin's Guitars, Harps, Violins, Saxet Music, Music Books, &c., &c.

Residents of the country will be supplied with music or otherwise with any music they may wish, at as low rates as if purchased in person. Having one of the largest stocks in the United States, I feel confident of satisfying all who may favor me with a call or order.

Dealers in Music supplied on the most liberal terms. Pianos to let. Second-hand Pianos for sale. Philadelphia, April 14, 1853.—ly.

FRENCH Cloth, Fancy Vestings, and Casimeres just received and for sale by Sunbury, May 14, '53. TENER & CO.

JUST RECEIVED A Splendid assortment of Ladies' Dress Goods, consisting of Silk, Muslin de Berger, Canton Crapes, Silk Poplin, Dotel Swiss Lawn Robes, &c., and for sale by Sunbury, May 14, '53. TENER & CO.

SUMMER Shawls, Ready made Mantillas, Black Silk and Silk Laces, just received and for sale by Sunbury, May 14, 1853. I. W. TENER & CO.

UMBRELLAS, Parasols and Fancy Fans, just received and for sale by Sunbury, May 14, '53. TENER & CO.

FLUID Lamps, Choice Baskets, Flower Vases and Ornaments; Queensware and Glassware, just received and for sale by Sunbury, May 14, '53. TENER & CO.

BURNING Fluid, Camphine, Sperm and Whale Oil, White Lead, Lined Oil and Turpentine just received and for sale by Sunbury, May 14, '53. TENER & CO.

CHOLERAEGUE.—An excellent remedy for the cure of Fever and Ague, just received and for sale by I. W. TENER & CO. Sunbury, May 14, 1853.

SPECIAL AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Hon. Alexander Jordan, Esquire, President, and his Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Northumberland.

We, the subscribers, auditors appointed by said Court, to open, re-audit, settle and adjust the accounts of William Gulick, Jesse M. Simpson, and George B. Youngman, as former Treasurers of said county, report:

That we, in pursuance of said appointment, met at the Commissioners' Office, in the borough of Sunbury, on the 29th day of November last, and after subscribing the oath and affirmation prescribed by the Act of Assembly, directed notice to be given to Ann Gulick, Exec'x of William Gulick, deceased, Jesse M. Simpson, and George B. Youngman of the time and place of meeting of said Auditors;—that we continued in session from day to day until the 18th day of December then ensuing, and by an adjournment met the 27th day of said month, and continued in session until January the first, 1853; then by an adjournment met the 14th day of February ensuing;—that upon the 30th day of November last Gen. B. Youngman appeared before the Auditors and waived notice of time and place of meeting;—that Jesse M. Simpson, on the 1st of December last, appeared before the Auditors and waived notice of time