

A DREADFUL EARTHQUAKE AT SAN SALVADOR—LOSS OF LIFE.

A circumstantial account of the terrible earthquake which occurred at San Salvador, on the 19th of April last, is given in the government organ of San Salvador, which we find translated in the New York Herald. The work of destruction was accomplished in ten seconds. The population of the city is about 25,000. San Salvador is the capital of the country of that name in Central America. It has suffered greatly in past times from earthquakes. Several ones are recorded as having occurred in the years 1575, 1593, 1625, 1656, and 1798. Another, which occurred in 1839, shattered the city, and led the people of abandoning it. The volcano has also, several times, thrown out sand, and threatened general destruction. But none of the earthquakes alluded to were comparable with that now recorded. The event has inspired so profound a terror, that the people do not propose to return again to the same site, but to select a new locality for their capital.

State of the City of San Salvador.
The night of the 16th of April, 1854, will ever be one of sad and bitter memory for the people of Salvador. On that unfortunate night our happy and beautiful capital was made a heap of ruins. Movements of the earth were felt on the morning of Holy Thursday, preceded by sounds like the rolling of heavy artillery over pavements, and like distant thunder. The people were a little alarmed in consequence of this phenomenon, but it did not prevent them from meeting in the churches to celebrate the solemnities of the day. On Saturday all was quiet, and confidence was restored. The people of the neighborhood assembled, as usual, to celebrate the passover. The night of Saturday was tranquil, as was also the whole of Sunday. The heat, it is true, was considerable, but the atmosphere was calm and serene.—For the first three hours of the evening nothing unusual occurred; but at half-past nine a severe shock of an earthquake, occurring without the usual preliminary noises, alarmed the whole city. Many families left their houses and made encampments in the public squares, while others prepared to pass the night in their respective court yards.

Finally, at ten minutes to eleven, without premonition of any kind, the earth began to heave and tremble with such fearful force that in ten seconds the entire city was prostrated. The crashing of houses and churches stunned the ears of the terrified inhabitants, while a cloud of dust from the falling ruins enveloped them in a pall of impenetrable darkness. Not a drop of water could be got to relieve the half-drowned and suffocating for the wells and fountains were filled up or made dry. The clock tower of the Cathedral carried the great part of the edifice with it in its fall. The towers of the church of San Francisco crashed the Episcopal Oratory and part of the palace. The church of Santo Domingo was buried beneath its towers, and the college of the Assumption was entirely ruined. The new and beautiful edifice of the University was demolished. The Church of the Merced separated in the centre, and its walls fell outward to the ground. Of the private houses a few were left standing, but all were rendered uninhabitable. It is worthy of remark that the walls left standing are old ones; all these of modern construction have fallen. The public offices of the government and city shared the common destruction.

The devastation was effected, as we have said, in the first ten seconds; for although the succeeding shocks were tremendous and accompanied by fearful ramblings beneath our feet, they had comparatively trifling results, for the reason that the first had left but little for their ravages.

Solemn and terrible was the picture presented on that dark, funeral night, of a whole people clustering in the plazas, and on their knees crying with loud voices to Heaven for mercy, or in agonizing accents calling for their children and friends, which for a heaven opaque and ominous; a movement of the earth rapid and unequal, causing a terror indescribable; an intense, pulsing approach filling the atmosphere; and streets filled with a suffocating cloud of dust almost rendering respiration impossible. Such was the spectacle presented by the unhappy city on that memorable and awful night.

A hundred boys were shut up in the college, many invalids crowded the hospitals, and the barracks were full of soldiers. The sense of the catastrophe which must have fallen upon them gave poignancy to the first moments of reflection after the earthquake was over. It was believed that at least a fourth part of the inhabitants had been buried beneath the ruins. The members of the government, however, hastened to ascertain, as far as practicable, the extent of the catastrophe, and to quiet the public mind.—It was found that the loss of life had been much less than was supposed, and it now appears probable that the number of the killed will not exceed one hundred, and of the wounded fifty. Among the latter is the Bishop, who received a severe blow on the head; the late President, Senor Duenas; a daughter of the President, and the wife of the Secretary of the Legislative Chambers—the latter severely.

The movements of the earth still continue, with strong shocks, and the people, fearing a general swallowing up of the site of the city, or that it may be buried under some sudden eruption of the volcano, are hastening away.

Jenny Lind Goldschmidt.—A letter from Vienna says that Jenny Lind Goldschmidt is at Vienna, giving concerts. She appears somewhat older, but retains her frankness and simplicity of manners, which have characterized her above all other artists. She informed the writer of this article of her expectations to settle permanently in the United States, mainly on account of her child, a bright little boy.

SUMMARY OF NEWS BY THE LATEST MAIL.

Arrival of the Canada at HALIFAX.

LESTER FROM EUROPE.
The steamer Canada, from Liverpool, with dates to the 10th inst., arrived at Halifax on Wednesday morning. The greatest anxiety was felt for Silistria; the absorbing question was, will she be able to hold out till the French and English arrive to the support of the Turks. They are not expected before the 14th of June, and the indications are that she will not, the Russians having 70,000 men on the spot, and making continual assaults. They had effected a practical breach in the wall, but a sudden rise of the Danube prevented the storming of the fortress. On the night of the 27th, the Russians lost 1500 men, killed in three attempts to storm. The Turkish garrison has also made a sortie, and killed and wounded 4500 Russians. On the 31st the Turks defeated the advance of the Russians in the face of the threatening from the allied armies is creating some uneasiness in moneyed circles in England and France. They begin to fear that Nicholas is really in earnest, and means to gain his object at all hazards.

In the Black Sea nothing is doing, and the same inactivity prevails in the Baltic. Napoleon is in no hurry to rival Nelson's exploits at Copenhagen, and try the virtue of Nicholas' impregnable walls. Masterly inactivity is the policy, though the sailors have all their outlaws sharpened. Some fresh insurrections are reported to have occurred in Shanghai. The advance of the Russians in the face of the threatening from the allied armies is creating some uneasiness in moneyed circles in England and France. They begin to fear that Nicholas is really in earnest, and means to gain his object at all hazards.

ITALY.
Another miracle picture of the Madonna, at the Church of San Antonio, in Civita Vecchia, has been WINDING AT WHIPPERS.

THE OVERLAND MAIL BRINGS CALICUT dates to May 1st, and Canton to April 20th.

IT IS REPORTED that the insurgents, imprisoned by the British, have driven the Imperialists from Silistria. The truth is, that prices are weak, and transactions moderate.

WASHINGTON.—In the Senate on Wednesday, Mr. Seward reported from the committee on commerce adversely to granting aid to construct a ship canal around the falls of Niagara.

THE CANADIAN RECIPROCITY TREATY has been sent into the Senate. The Mexican Treaty, as ratified by Mexico, arrived at Washington on Saturday last.

POLITICS IN MISSOURI.—The contest between Senator Atchison and ex-Senator Benton in Missouri grows warmer.

NEW YORK.—Distinguished Visitors.—Prince Paul of Wurtemberg, Count Wedgottens of Germany, ex-President Ceballos, of Mexico; Mr. Stock, Charged Affairs of Russia, and a number of other distinguished visitors from Peru, Chili and Europe, are now at the Metropolitan Hotel, and their leaves in the drawing-rooms are quite a feature.

CHOLERA IN NEW YORK.

Sixty or seventy deaths from various forms of cholera, during the past week, cause some alarm, and furnish a text for eloquent leaders in the papers on the fruitful subject of the dirty streets of New York. If the present hot weather lasts the cholera may assume an epidemic form as much in Brooklyn and Williamsburg as in New York city.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL MONUMENT.—The managers of this work have issued an appeal to the nation for aid, saying that the funds are now nearly exhausted, and that, unless prompt and strenuous efforts be made to raise money, the work must be discontinued. The monument is intended to reach a height of 517 1/2 feet, and it has already been erected to an altitude of 154 feet, at a cost of \$230,000.

SLAVES FOR NEBRASKA.—A letter from St. Louis of a recent date from a person said to be very reliable, speaks of the writer having seen pass through that city on their way to Nebraska in charge of their owners, a number of gangs of slaves. The writer doubtless meant the territory of Kansas, as there seems to be a popular confession in regard to the two. The St. Louis Republican quotes this statement, and remarks that possibly it may be true, though the editor does not believe it.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE FAIR, this season, will be held on the Powell and Bringham Estates, in the 24th ward, Philadelphia, near the Market street bridge, a site most advantageously located for the convenience of agriculturists reaching the city from the interior by railway.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Millville, Mass., on Saturday night. Alexander Hewitt, in a fit of jealousy, shot his own wife, and a man named Owen Brown, to whose house she had fled for protection, and then committed suicide by taking strychnine. Mr. Brown died instantly. Mrs. H. lingers, but cannot live.

GOVERNOR BIGLER has issued the death warrant for the execution of Conrad C. Johnson, convicted at the last session of the DuPont County Court, for the murder of Nathaniel Colyer. The execution is to take place in the Jail yard, at Harrisburg, on Friday, the 25th of August.

HEAVY FAILURE.—Boston, June 15.—The failure of one of our leading merchants, largely engaged in the East India and California trade, is announced. His liabilities are estimated at \$250,000, which will fall chiefly on the South.

GODGING WITH AN ANKER.—On Monday night a shipwright at a ship yard in Essex, New York, who was boring a hole in a vessel under an anker, requested a young man named Moses Burnham, Jr., to go inside and see where the anker would come through. He did so, when the anker having passed through the wood, suddenly struck him in the eye, taking it from his head altogether.

A GAME COCK.—The Cheltenham (England) Examiner, gives an account of a keeper of fowls being attacked in a cellar by his own game cock, which flew from his perch and drove one of its spurs into the unprotected crown of his master. The spur broke, and the portion which stuck in the man's head had to be extracted with pinners.

A DEVASTATING HURRICANE VISITED THE CITY OF MEXICO ON THE 16TH ULT.

Encouraged by many of my friends throughout the country, I herewith offer myself to your consideration for the office of COUNTY COMMISSIONER at the ensuing election. Should I be elected I pledge myself to discharge the duties thereof with punctuality and impartiality.

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JOHN V. MARTIN, MERCHANT TAILOR, SUNBURY, PA.
RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and customers that he has just received from the city a new and complete assortment of Mens Wearing Apparel, which he will make up to order, or sell, as cheap as any other establishment in the place, as he is determined to permit no one to undersell him.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.
All those paying their State Tax fifteen days prior to the first day of August next, will be allowed five per cent.

BRIDGE LETTING.
A Henry J. Reader, in McEwen's will, on the 24th day of June, 1854, for a Bridge across Watson's Run, near Watson & Vincent's mill, in Delaware township, and Watson's will be received until 1 o'clock of said day.

THE MARKETS.
Philadelphia Market. June 21, 1854.
FLOUR AND MEAL.—There is very little export demand for Flour.—Small sales at \$8 75 a 9 per bbl. for standard brands, and \$9 12 1/2 for extra. We quote Rye Flour at \$5.50, and Pennsylvania Corn Meal at \$3.75 per barrel.

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WHEAT, 200
RYE, 100
CORN, 80
OATS, 56
POTATOES, 50
BEEF, 12
PORK, 12
LARD, 12
TALLOW, 12
FALLEN, 10

Billiard Saloon, Market Square, Sunbury.
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TOWER HALL CLOTHING STORE.

THE subscriber is happy to announce to the citizens of Sunbury and vicinity, that he has just opened a large stock of CLOTHING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, such as Coats of every fashion, Pants and Vests, Shirts of all kinds, figured and plain, undershirts and drawers, both woolen and cotton, red flannel shirts, twilled, plated bosoms, overalls, stockings and gloves, of all kinds, suspenders, silk handkerchiefs, ties and stocks, pocket handkerchiefs, collars, neckties and silk; suspended collars, suspenders of all sizes and prices.

It has often been said of a pocket in a shirt, but come and see the pocket, vest and shirt in one.

NEW DRUG STORE!
Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Market St., next door to E. Y. Bright's Store, SUNBURY, PA.
OFFER to the public the largest and best selected stock ever opened in this section of country, consisting of FRESH AND PURE DRUGS, Medicines, Chemicals, Ground Spices, Plants, Oils, Varnishes, Dyes, Window Glass, Patent Medicines, together with a complete assortment of Paints, Cloths, Hair, Tooth, Nail and Shaving Brushes, Dressing, Balm, Neck and Pocket Combs, Fancy Soaps, Shaving Creams, Tobacco, Segars, Port Monias, Stationery, Confectionaries.

SAMUEL W. PEPPER, SUCCESSOR TO HENRY J. PEPPER & SON, Watches, Jewelry & Silver Ware, No. 175 Chestnut St., opposite the State House, PHILADELPHIA.

Peter W. Gray
INFORMS his friends that he has just received a good assortment of Spring and Summer Goods at his Store in Whortleberry street. His stock consists of DRY GOODS, VIZ: Cloths, Cassimers, Sattinets, Jeans, Drillings, Barages, Barge De Laines, Gingham, Lawns, Linens, Muslin, Flannels, Mantilla, Silks, Summer Shawls, Dress Trimmings and all other goods in the Dry Goods line. Also, a large assortment of Shoes for Men Women and Children. Summer Hats.

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THIS well-known establishment celebrated for its Table and re-furnished in modern style, with Ladies' Parlors on the first floor is most centrally situated on Chestnut Street—the fashionable promenade—opposite the Custom House, and near Independence Hall.

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PLATINA FOR LIGHTNING RODS.

MANUFACTURED AND SOLD BY McALLISTER & BROTHER, OPTICIANS, 48 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Highly Interesting News!
THE information brought to us by the steamship Asia of the sudden decline of Flour, Indian corn, &c. in Europe, is no doubt interesting to some, and therefore it must be also interesting to a great many others to know that there is so much fluctuation in the price of Bread-stuff at home and abroad, there is nothing to effect the low price of the

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