

Foreign News.

ARRIVAL OF THE WASHINGTON. LATER FROM EUROPE. THE PEACE CONGRESS.

New York, April 13.—The steamer Washington, from Bremen and Southampton, arrived at 7 o'clock this morning, with London dates to the morning of the 26th ult., and Liverpool to the evening of the 25th.

The protocol of peace had not been signed at the latest dates, and the Conference was less harmonious, owing to difficulties raised by Prussia. Peace was, however, substantially certain.

The British Government has despatched two steam frigates in search of the Pacific, of which no tidings had reached England.

The Copenhagen correspondent of the London Times states that the Danish Commission has submitted to the Copenhagen Conference the proposal for the capitalization of the Sound Dues, fixing the sum of 35,000,000 rix dollars as the minimum of the indemnity which Denmark claimed.

The writer states further, that the United States having declined taking any part in the Conference, the question would, in all probability, be resolved without their co-operation.

Mr. Buchanan designed leaving Southampton on the 7th of April, in the steamer Arago, for New York.

Mr. Buchanan had gone to Paris, accompanied by Mr. Campbell, the American Consul at London, and Mr. Crocker, the American Consul at Southampton. He designed to visit the Hague before starting on his return to the United States.

According to the London Times the cause of the difficulties in the Paris Conference is a demand put forth by the Prussian Plenipotentiaries to be admitted to sign the treaty on the same footing and in the same character as if Prussia had been a party to the alliance throughout. It is said that Russia supports the Prussian pretensions.

This took place at the meeting on the 23d of March. Another meeting was held on the 24th, but nothing has transpired of what took place. The opinion that the Peace Conference would ultimately resolve itself into an European Congress is strongly believed.

The London Times Crimean correspondence says that the war party still cherish hopes that the negotiations will break down. It may suit the French to make concessions, but it ought not to suit us. They doubtless consider they have done enough for the honor and glory of France, and to revenge the reverses of 1812.

The Allies had commenced the demolition of the enclosure and lines around Sebastopol.

STILL LATER BY THE CAMBRIA. HAMBURG, April 14.—The Royal Mail steamer Cambria, from Liverpool on the 29th ult., arrived here at six o'clock this morning. She sailed again at ten o'clock for Boston, where she will probably arrive in season for the arrival of the mail on Wednesday morning's train.

There is no news of the missing steamship Pacific.

The Peace Congress met again on Thursday, the 27th, all the members being present. The deliberations were said to have been important. Another meeting was held on the 28th, but nothing has transpired of what took place.

The Paris correspondent of the London News, says the Court traders have been ordered to prepare illuminations for Saturday evening. Other matters being settled, the Paris Congress will be adjourned on Saturday, the 29th of March—the day the Cambria sailed.

The Paris correspondent of the London News, says that an arrangement was come to, that the Allies shall sign one protocol, and that a second shall be drawn up which Prussia and the Allies shall sign jointly. The committee is now engaged in the reduction of both protocols. The only delay, supposing no accident to occur, will be in the proper framing of these protocols.

The London Times, in an editorial, speaks of "Generalities" as unwise and unqualified in their demonstrations in favor of Peace, and concludes that the people of Great Britain will be disappointed with the terms of peace for which they are contending.

The armistice is not formally prolonged, but telegraphic instructions have been sent not to renew hostilities without express orders.

The advances from the Crimea are to the 15th ult. The health of the French army was much improved. Several congratulations had occurred at Eupatoria. Ten thousand English troops were at Balaklava.

There is no excitement whatever with regard to the difficulties with America. Interest in the subject is almost extinct, although the papers continue to discuss the subject. A writer, dating from Paris, over the signature of "States Man," sends an admirable letter on the subject to the London Times.

The newspapers continue to publish numberless congratulatory addresses. A review will be held at 100,000 men to celebrate the signing of the declaration of peace. The signing, nominally, is a compliment to Count Orloff, the only soldier of the Plenipotentiaries. Among the rumors prevalent are, that the Emperors of Russia and Austria have respectively promised to visit Paris soon after the signing of peace.

Six thousand French have embarked at Marseilles for the Crimea, probably to supply sick vacancies.

Napoleon has determined to send an extensive expedition to colonize Madagascar, which England does not approve of.

The Queen of Spain has performed the annual ceremony of washing the feet of the poor. She also, has the Emperor of Austria. There is nothing reported concerning the Carlist troubles.

A BLEND HISTORIAN.—One of the papers states that Wm. H. Prescott, the American historian, who resides at Groton, Mass., lost one eye when at college, by a blow from a crust thrown by a boy. The sight of the other was so weakened by sympathy, that he cannot see it. He accordingly uses the apparatus invented for the blind—a stylus, with a paper, and string to guide the hand. He is thus able to sit up at night and write without lighting a candle. In this way his great historical labors have been perfected.

THE WAR.—The Richmond Enquirer thus sums up the results of the European war:

To sum up results Sardania, after exhausting its credit, is obliged to reprimand for its impertinence to interfere, the Ottoman Empire in Europe is overthrown, and Turkey has become the prey of its protectors; Great Britain has been outwitted in the cabinet, dishonored in the field, and degraded from its proud position among the nations of Europe; France has monopolized the glory of the war, and is now indisputably the foremost Power of the earth; Russia is just what it was before, not diminished in its resources, nor disparaged in character, nor curbed in its ambition, but full of young life, irrepressible energy, and confident in its own great destiny.



THE AMERICAN.

SUNBURY. SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1856.

H. B. MASSER, Editor and Proprietor.

To ADVERTISERS.—The circulation of the Sunbury American among the different towns on the Susquehanna is not exceeded if equalled by any paper published in North or Pennsylvania.

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

For Canal Commissioner, GEORGE SCOTT, of Columbia county.

For Auditor General, JACOB FRY, of Montgomery county.

For Surveyor General, TIMOTHY IVES, of Potter county.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.

St. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.—Divine Service on Sunday evening, 20th inst., at 7 1/2 o'clock.

A full list of Tavern license applicants will be found in this weeks paper.

The legislature will adjourn on Tuesday, the 22d inst.

Professor Sweet delivered a lecture in the Court House on Tuesday evening last.

The lecture was well received by a respectable audience, although the notice was short.

THE MAIL from Philadelphia was exchanged at Shamokin by mistake, on Tuesday evening. The conductor, Mr. Hanna, rather thinks the fault was his, this time, and as he is generally obliging and attentive to his duties, we should not grumble much, but hope that he will keep a sharp look out hereafter.

FAREWELL SERMON.—Rev. Richard A. Fisher, Pastor of the German Reformed church in this place, will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday morning next. Mr. Fisher has been the Pastor of the German Reformed church, in this place, for more than twenty years. Declining health has compelled him to withdraw from his labors temporarily, and may, perhaps, render his permanent retirement necessary. During his ministry, in 1847, the present new church edifice was built, but was not completed without considerable difficulty and financial embarrassment. Mr. Fisher has always been popular and highly esteemed by the members of his church, as well as by the community, who regret the necessity that compels him to separate from us.

CHANGE OF TIME.—The passenger train over the Philadelphia & Sunbury rail road, now leaves Sunbury at 8 o'clock in the morning instead of 9 o'clock as heretofore. The change has been made to facilitate the coal trade over the road, which is rapidly increasing.

The Sunbury and Erie road commenced running a train on Tuesday evening, leaving this place about 2 o'clock at night, so as to take the passengers on the arrival of the Packet boats at Northumberland. We have also heard that the morning train for Williamsport leaves earlier than heretofore. As soon as the injunction of secrecy is removed, on this subject, we will let our readers know, as some of them may have an interest in knowing when the trains leave, if the company has not.

The new Steamboat built by Mr. Ira T. Clement of this place, made a trial trip last Saturday—and performed as well as had been expected. The boat is now awaiting completion of her upper deck, after which she will commence business operations. The boat is designed for towing and carrying passengers.

The Steamboat Susquehanna is also undergoing repairs, and will be ready for running the beginning of next week.

THE MAILS.

The mail lettings for Pennsylvania by the Post Office department, closed on Monday last, the 14th inst. The lettings will be declared on the 7th of May. We observe that the contract for carrying the Mail on the Sunbury and Erie road, extends only from this place to Milton, from whence, we presume, it is to be carried on by the Philadelphia Express train. Whether it will be as expeditious as if carried on direct from this place to Williamsport is yet to be determined. It cannot be worse than the present arrangement of carrying mails to Northumberland in the evening to be put in the cars, which leave this place next day at 11 o'clock, and they pass through Northumberland. The department also received proposals for carrying the mail three times a week from Northumberland to the Junction, offering, however, to consider proposals for six times a week. The mails between this and Harrisburg have been anything but reliable, and will hardly be improved, until after the completion of the rail road. Judge Campbell will not reap many honors for the administration of postal affairs, in this section of the state.

DREADFUL TORNADO IN PHILADELPHIA. On Saturday night at about 10 o'clock, a dreadful tornado passed over the city of Philadelphia. It lasted about fifteen minutes. The wind blew with tremendous violence. The dust was carried up in clouds, awnings were torn to pieces, houses were unroofed, chimneys were blown down, and property was destroyed to the amount of upwards of one hundred thousand dollars. Five houses were utterly demolished, and more than one hundred and fifty were more or less injured. Among these were five Churches. The panic for a few moments was fearful. Many of those who were in the streets ran for their lives. Signs were dashed to the earth with great violence, and several persons were injured in this way.

FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia was visited with a most disastrous fire on Thursday night. About midnight a fire broke out in the upper part of the Artisan building, a vast establishment five stories in height, forming a hollow square in the rear of Chesnut and Fourth streets, occupied by various branches of manufacture, which together with nearly all its contents was entirely destroyed. Every part of the building was tenanted by workshops, with valuable machinery driven by an eighty-horse engine in the basement.

Mr. Duval, the well known Lithographer occupied one floor. His loss is estimated at \$100,000, on which he has but \$30,000 insurance. He had forty steam presses and an immense stock of stones, &c., including the lithographs of Commodore Perry's Japan Expedition for the Government, and plates worth \$6,000, all complete and ready to be sent off.

The whole loss is estimated at \$250,000 and may reach \$400,000. An old lady, a Mrs. Chester who occupied the house adjoining the United States Hotel, died during the fire from fright. The rear of the United States Hotel was on fire several times, and its destruction seemed inevitable. The boarders fled in consternation. Mr. Mac Lellan, the Proprietor suffered considerable damages by water. An iron safe containing \$40,000 worth of Jewelry was taken out of the fire uninjured.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY Met on Tuesday evening. A lecture was to have been delivered by John Youngman Esq., but a Professor Sweet volunteered his services, and as he was a stranger, Mr. Youngman yielded the stand to him. The Professor talked about an hour on the proper mode of teaching the alphabet, &c., after which he treated the audience to a short lecture on the subject "Home." This selection was well chosen and appropriate, and the word met the sympathy and wishes of the audience.

The lectures before the society have hitherto been free, but the Prof. had the admirable coolness to pass around the hat. After a collection had been made, a travelling companion asked leave to add a few words. We regret being unable to name the subject, for the speaker did not announce it, and it was impossible to discover it by any other means. These gentlemen having occupied the whole evening, the regular exercises of the society were necessarily postponed until next meeting.

GLEANNERS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS. LEWISBURG.—The papers of this thriving borough announce the arrival of farmers and others who have made Lewisburg their residence. The bonds given by the borough of Lewisburg to the Susquehanna Rail Road Company were burnt by the Treasurer on Saturday last. The bonds had been given on condition that the road be extended to Lewisburg. The University Female Institute will open on the 22d inst.

SUNBURY.—The editor of the Democrat speaks encouragingly of the business prospects of this place, and its excellent location for manufacturing purposes, especially when the bridge is built to connect the town with the Northern Central rail road.

DAKILLY.—The workmen of the Montour Iron Works had come to terms and agreed to go to work. The company agreed to pay up to March 1st, and to pay monthly thereafter. Payment was postponed until Saturday, when it is supposed matters will be arranged.

THE MINERS' JOURNAL, of Pottsville, has been for several weeks past, publishing statistics on the subject of tunnelling the Broad Mountain, and making a new rail road. The project is a great one, and will, no doubt, be accomplished. It is only a question of time. The table of distances are, however, not correct. The distance from Philadelphia to Milton by Harrisburg and Sunbury is only 169 miles, whilst by the Cattawissa rail road, it is 172.

From Philadelphia to Harrisburg, 104 " Harrisburg to Sunbury, 53 " Sunbury to Milton, 12 Total, 169 Making the whole distance about 162 miles less than the distance given by the Journal, whilst the equation of grades in favor of the Harrisburg route is equivalent to at least 30 miles more in its favor.

The Journal also assumes Milton to be the terminus of the three roads. This also is a mistake. Milton is the terminus only of the Cattawissa road. The Sunbury and Erie the Northern Central, and the Philadelphia and Sunbury road, terminate at this place.

Besides no road from Pottsville to Milton can be made, without heavy grade as an inclined plane, between Shamokin and Milton without coming through Sunbury.

Those of our readers who may visit Philadelphia, should not fail to visit Shaw's WASHINGTON DAGUERREAN GALLERY, No. 128 Arch street, opposite the Theatre. His pictures are of the best quality, and of the latest style, and the gentlemanly proprietor spares no effort to render entire satisfaction to his customers.

The Mining Register, of Pottsville, has changed hands, and is now edited and published by Henry L. Cake, Esq. Mr. Cake was formerly a printer, and with an energetic and talented business man.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.—The Legislature of Georgia has passed an act to define the liabilities of the husband for the debts of the wife, and to define the liabilities of property received through the wife for the debts of the husband existing at the time of the marriage. It provides that hereafter, when persons intermarry, the husband shall not be liable for the debts of the wife further than the property received through the wife which he is bound to pay, and that the property received by the husband through the wife shall in no case be liable for the debts, defaults, or contracts of the husband existing at the time of the marriage. Several other States have looked into and secured women's rights in this important particular.

LEWISBURG AND WIFE.—The Legislature of Louisiana has arrived with Galveston dates of the 11th inst. The Indian depredations on the Northern Mexican frontier continue without abatement.

A camp of Lapan Indians had been surprised by Colonel Leaugua, when a conflict took place in which the Indians lost 40 killed. One hundred prisoners were captured.

TERRESTRIAL.—The municipal election in this city took place yesterday. Joseph Wood, Democrat, was elected Mayor by 230 majority, and the whole Democratic city ticket, with one exception. The School Superintendent was elected by about the same majority. There is a tie in the Council.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

The general meeting of the stockholders of this company took place at the Calvert Station on Saturday, when William E. Mayhew was called to preside, and R. S. Hollins appointed secretary. The meeting was called under the charter for the purpose of electing twelve directors, and also to take action on some other important matter, which it was designed to bring before them. Among these were the acceptance of an act supplemental to the charter of the company passed by the Legislature of Pennsylvania at its present session, which authorizes the company to dispose of its bonds for less than par, and also to make special contracts for the use of their machinery and cars on the line of other roads with which the connect, and to make special contracts with other companies for transportation, and with manufacturers for their line of iron roads with which the connect for the transportation of coal, stone lime, iron ore and lumber. On motion therefore, of R. M. Magraw, seconded by Gen. Packer, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "an act supplemental to an act incorporating the Northern Central Railway Company," passed at the present session, and approved the 25th March, 1856, be and the same is hereby accepted by the stockholders in a meeting assembled for that purpose.

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PROSPECTS OF NEXT HARVEST.—The Alto

(Ill.) Courier, of the 7th inst., expresses its opinion that we may expect another fine crop of wheat, and the opinion is based upon the following reasons: "The early winter was very mild, so much so that the late sown wheat, of which there is much, continued to grow to a much later date than usual. Then the snow will have protected it from injury by the frost. Lastly, such uninterrupted cold weather for so long a period and until so late a date, augurs an uninterrupted springtime when it comes. It is further said that the number of acres put under wheat in that part of the country last fall was greater than ever before known."

The Chicago Journal says:—"We must have large crops next fall. The snow which has fallen during the past sixty days is equal to five inches of manure. People capable of estimating matters, imagine that the wheat crop of 1856 will be the largest ever harvested in this country. To estimate the value of snow upon the ground at ten millions of dollars, would be a low figure."

PEQUIN OIL.—The sloop Copy, arrived here a few days since from Sag Harbor, has on board a barrel of Pugin oil, received from the brig Parana, which arrived at that port recently from the South Sea Islands with 150 barrels of the same kind of oil. The brig's crew killed 43,000 birds, from which they obtained this quantity of oil. We are informed that the brig will return to the above named Islands and pursue the same business—the captain being confident of securing much more barrels of oil a day. While the Parana was lying there a French vessel was also engaged in the same business.—New Bedford Standard.

FIRE AT THE LANCASTER POOR HOUSE.—Another incendiary conflagration took place at the Poor House on Thursday morning. The barn, which was 140 feet long and 40 feet wide, partly stone and partly frame, was destroyed, together with 900 bushels of oat, threshed, 65 bushels of rye, 25 tons of hay, a quantity of straw, all the horse gear, harness, &c., belonging to the hospital; 36 head of cattle, of which 24 were valuable cows, 2 bulls, 2 fat heaves, and eight young heifers; 4 valuable horses burnt, and one so badly injured that a fever will be useless. The whole loss at a low estimate, may be set down at \$5,000, on which there is no insurance.

In addition to the barn, the pump house, a small building 18 or 20 feet square, containing many useful articles, was also burnt.—Berks County Press.

LEGAL EXECUTION.—A man named Franklin, was sentenced at the last fall term of the county (Albany) Court to be hanged on the 4th inst. The jail of Walker Co., not being secure, the doomed man was confined in that of Tuscaloosa, until the day preceding that fixed for his execution, when he was removed by the Sheriff of Walker county to the jail of Tuscaloosa, where he died. Tuscaloosa county, who immediately forwarded it to his brother official. The Sheriff of Walker, however, refused to acknowledge the validity of the document, because it had no official seal, and accordingly executed the wretched man at the prescribed time.

OVERLOOKED BY DEATH.—The Memphis (Tenn.) Enquirer says that the young man, who a week or two since killed Captain Stevens, of the Ohio Belle, and was in turn tried and thrown overboard, was Jos. Coche, jr. of Coche, a highly respectable citizen of Mississippi. Young Coche, killed a man named Anderson, at Holly Springs, Mississippi, a year since, and has been fugitive from justice ever since under the name of Jones.

MACHINERY IN THE HUMAN FRAME.—Very few even mechanics, are aware how much machinery there is in their own bodies. Not only are there hinges and joints in the bones, but there are valves in the veins, a forcing pump in the heart, and other curiosities.—One of the muscles of the eye forms a real pulley. The bones which support the body are made precisely in that form which has been calculated by mathematicians to be strongest for pillar and supporting columns—that of hollow cylinders.

Thomas Jefferson was born in Shadwell, Albemarle county, Virginia, on the 14th of April, 1743, and Monday was consequently the 123d anniversary of that event. He died on the 4th of July, 1826, just fifty years from the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, his great work.

SHARP'S RIFLES.—It is stated that Sharp's rifles are in Kansas for a war trifle. Some men Yankee there, the Dayton Empire informs us, have been buying them up, almost from the first month of their introduction, shipping them East, and reselling them to the embargo, to be again sent back as "aid to Kansas." It is supposed that a large number of these famous weapons have been paid for by the Beechers and others half a dozen times over.

THE JAPAN REPORT.—Although some of the plates prepared to illustrate Commodore Perry's report of his expedition to Japan were destroyed in the great fire, on Thursday night last, it gives as much pleasure to state, on the authority of the Superintendent of Public Printing, that their destruction will not delay the publication beyond two or three weeks.—Phila. Sun.

COMMUNICATED. For the Sunbury American.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE. We are happy to learn that a Normal Institute, under the charge of Prof. Sweet, of New York, is to be held at Muncy, commencing Monday April 21st inst., and continuing one week.

These Institutions have so commended themselves to the public favor, that the Normal Institute, New York, and several other States have made appropriations to sustain them, and they are exciting a general interest in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Though we have no state appropriation, the liberality of the citizens often renders the expense to teachers merely nominal.

The whole expense to each member of the Muncy Institute is only one dollar, board being free.

Teachers of Northumberland, another opportunity like this for improvement may not occur. If you value your own success as teachers, and the progress of the educational cause, avail yourselves of every opportunity for becoming familiar with the modern improvements in the art of teaching.

Go to the Muncy Institute and aid in elevating the profession to which you belong. Sunbury, April 16, 1856. H.

DEATHS. In Selingsgrove, on the 13th inst. JACOB HAUPT, aged 41 years, 2 months, and 12 days.

In Northumberland, on Friday, the 4th inst. ELIZABETH, wife of John Shriner, in the 62d year of her age.

Death! Death! sad monitor. Only a few weeks since a much loved daughter was suddenly summoned home, and ere the hearts that mourn the loss are calmed, the mother is taken from them. MARY, MORGAN, God grant they may be thought of and loved as happy angels, until met again by those now left to other trials.

Sad indeed must be the hearts thus saddened and doubly bereaved. Those only who have experienced the loss can know the sorrow which we freely grieve, but God bless our comfort.

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The Markets.

Philadelphia Market.

GRAIN.—For Wheat the demand is quite limited. Small sales of red at \$1.60@1.65, and white \$1.75@1.87 per bushel. Rye is in little demand—sales of 500 bushels West. Corn is sold at 85c. Corn in hull and 1 cent lower—4500 bushels Southern yellow, sold at 85c, delivered. Oats are in better demand—sales of Penna. at 39 cents.

SUNBURY PRICE CURRENT.

WHEAT. 150  
RYE. 100  
CORN. 80  
OATS. 36  
POTATOES. 37  
BEANS. 35  
HEAVY FLAX. 16  
HAY. 12  
PORE. 12  
FLAXSEED. 125  
TALLOW. 10

New Advertisements.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Northumberland county to make distribution of the monies in the hands of William V. Silverwood, Administrator of Adam Ream, dec'd., to and among those entitled to receive the same, will attend to the duties of said appointment at his office in the Borough of Sunbury, on Friday, the 15th day of May, A. D. 1856, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at which time all persons interested may attend if they see proper.

WM. M. ROCKEFELLER, Auditor.  
Sunbury, April 19, 1856.—3t.

NOTICE!

APPEALS to be held at the following named places