

Foreign News.

ARRIVAL OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

LATER FROM EUROPE. New York, March 30.—The Steam Propeller City of Baltimore has arrived, with Liverpool dates to the 17th inst., four days later than previous arrivals.

Later advices from London and China, but with the exception that the bombardment of Lucknow was shortly expected, the intelligence is barren of important items.

The steamer Ava, with the Calceola mail and treasure, had been fortunately saved.

FRANCE. The execution of trial and Pierre took place on the 13th inst. The cause was excitement, the crowd, numbering from one to two hundred thousand, was kept at a distance by the military, of whom 3000 were on the spot.

INDIA. The Bombay dates are to the 24th of February. A large portion of the British army had entered Oude.

CHINA. The Canton dates are to the 28th January, when all was tranquil.

SWITZERLAND. A telegram, dated Bern, March 14, says: "The Geneva Government has dissolved the Italian Benevolent Society. The Federal Commissioners have ordered the repulsion of 12 French and 17 Italian refugees. An inquiry is going on concerning 12 others."

AUSTRIA. The Austrian police have adopted the French Police system, and all matters connected with passports, will refer foreigners to the consular agents of the country to which they belong.

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THE AMERICAN SUNBURY.

Demographic State Nominations. FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, WM. A. PORTER, Philadelphia.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, WESLEY FROST, Fayette County.

KEYSTONE EDITORIAL UNION. PREAMBLE to a resolution of the Keystone Editorial Union, passed at the first meeting of that body held in Danville, Montour Co., August 4th, 1857, the next general meeting will be held at Pottsville, on Tuesday, May 11th, 1858 at 2 o'clock, P. M.

LOST.—On Thursday night last, Mr. Thos. G. Grant, leader of our band, lost a heavy gold ring, with a red stone set in the finger will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at the Recorder's Office.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Solomon Stroh of this place, while shooting Pike, in company with Mr. W. Farnsworth and others, on Wednesday last, met with an accident by the premature discharge of a gun. Mr. Farnsworth while in the act of raising his gun to shoot, slipped and fell, the gun went off lodging the contents in Mr. Stroh's leg below the hip. He was conveyed to his residence. The shot were all extracted by Dr. A. W. His wound is severe but not dangerous.

AN ATTEMPT AT HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—SHOOTING OF THE ROBBER.—On Thursday night of last week, Mr. Casper Sowers of Fort Trevorton, left this place for home, with several hundred dollars in his possession. When about a mile below this place, an Irishman named Michael Farly, made an attack on him and demanded his money. Mr. Sowers made a defence and discharged the contents of a double barrel gun into the leg of Farly. The report of the gun alarmed several gentlemen in the neighborhood, who came to the rescue of Mr. Sowers from any further attacks. Sowers was brought to town and placed in the hands of Squire Shindel, who committed him to prison. On Saturday he was held to bail for his appearance at April session. Farly is lying in a critical condition.

GENERAL CAMERON AND LECOMPTON. The editor of the Sunbury Gazette, like the old woman who looked through the wrong end of the telescope, is eternally making some marvellous and wonderful discoveries. One of the latest of these is that General Cameron did not vote on the Lecompton Constitution, and has, therefore, grown cool on the subject; and that we "will feel it our duty to chill also." Without pretending to know what the present feelings of General Cameron are, we have only to say if they are half as cool as the impudent assurance of the Gazette, we would not be surprised to find him voting even for Lecompton.

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

John's Hotel, Philadelphia, March 30, 1858.

In looking over the last Sunbury Gazette, I perceived that the editor has taken exception to our "impressions" of the Lecompton Convention at Harrisburg, for it cannot, with propriety, be called anything else. Having been at New York last week, and therefore not able to reply, I will briefly notice a few of his "peculiar impressions." We certainly did not expect that Mr. Youngman's views would coincide with our own on this subject, at least for any length of time, although in December last, Mr. Youngman entertained views very similar to our own, on the Lecompton question, and did not hesitate to express himself in favor of Mr. Douglas course in his speech on this subject. It was not long, however, until one of those peculiar changes, to which the Gazette has so often been subject, was visible in its transition from its opposition to its final support of the Lecompton Swindle. It had indeed this sudden change, it is not for us to say, but the Philadelphia Sunday Dispatch whose correspondence at Harrisburg, had taken pains to gather the causes of the sudden conversions of the numerous anxious members of that convention, found that so less than about sixty or about one half, were either applicants for office, or expectants, or office holders. Among those that departed from Northumberland county was put down as an applicant for one of the numerous inspectors of the Custom House in Philadelphia. Whether this had anything to do with this change, we shall not undertake to determine.

Perhaps there was not a sane man in that convention, who seriously believed that it was a fair representation of the people. The President, Mr. Dawson himself, declared verbally and in writing his opposition to the Lecompton Constitution not three weeks previous, but the Gazette not only excuses him for this desertion of his principles, but contends that he was right in depriving the minority in having a voice on the committee, and that, too, after having given pledges to some of the members in the minority, who voted for him, that he would appoint a proportional number on this committee. The idea that a minority is not to have a voice, or to be heard in a Convention, because it is small, is certainly false and original, if not democratic.

The editor of the Gazette has also undertaken the forlorn hope of opposing the Sale of the State Canal to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company. He may well say that it seems hard that he should oppose the interests of that great work. With the exception of the Supervisors, Collectors, Weighmasters, Mud-booses and other Canal officials, there are not perhaps a dozen men in the county who do not feel that the sooner the State gets clear of the canal, and shakes off the leeches that fatten on the public plunder, the better it will be for the people.

It is, however, not more than right that this little squad of a minority should be heard and the Gazette is, perhaps, entitled to some credit for standing by them in the hour of their affliction, when the voice of the people was raised against them. Had the Gazette published the Report of the majority, which was signed by eight of the nine members that composed the Committee, its readers might have seen by whom, and for what purpose this white-washing report was got up. But here the editor is again inconsistent. He contends that in the Harrisburg Lecompton Convention the minority had no right to be heard, but in the Sunbury and Erie matter, he contends that the one, out of the nine members of the Committee should overrule the others, and that the interests of the mud-booses, and the canal officials, should be protected at the expense of the people. The records show that the canal have been a dead loss, and that the State would have saved money by giving them away twenty ago.

One of the remarkable features of the times are the prayer meetings and religious gatherings throughout the cities. These meetings are held not only in the churches but in the most public places—such as Theatres, Concert-rooms, &c. While in New York I went into the John's Street Church. The crowd was great, but at Burton's Theatre, where Henry Ward Beecher was announced, the building was packed full inside and out long before the hour appointed. The meetings in the city of New York are estimated at twenty-three, and the aggregate number of persons attending is 6110. Of these 12005 are at Burton's Theatre, which is a union meeting; 1850 at the Methodist Episcopal churches; 825 at the Dutch Reformed; 610 at the Baptist, 325 at the Presbyterian, and the remainder Union, Young Men's Christian Association, Congregational and Moravians. This is in the city proper, and does not include Brooklyn and the suburbs.

After the Theatre, by far the largest gatherings are at the John street and the Allen street Methodist churches. Of the meetings at the John Street Chapel, the Baptist Examiner says:—

"We dropped in at noon, and enjoyed the pleasure of hearing a few simple, earnest, fervent remarks from the converted pugilist, Gardner. He made an unaffected reference to his own recent experience of converting grace, which has so suddenly transported him, while riding in a wagon, from the horrors of conviction to a blissful view of Jesus, that he instantly cried out "Hallelujah!" in a tone so loud as to frighten his horse, and nearly to have produced a disaster. Said he, "Yes, I shouted hallelujah, then, I shout hallelujah now! I expect to die shouting hallelujah, and by God's grace I hope to shout hallelujah to all eternity."

The Baptist Examiner makes the following estimate of conversions during the present revival:—

Our revival summary for three weeks past, though imperfect, of necessity, shows a great advance. Over seventeen thousand conversions are therein specified; and the gathering on probation and otherwise, reported in our Methodist exchanges during the same period amounts, by our own count, to over twenty thousand more.

Another paper giving an account of the meetings at Burton's Theatre, says:—

There were fully three thousand persons at Burton's Theatre, this afternoon. Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of the Presbyterian Church, sent in a request for the prayers on behalf of the people of Washington. Prayers were likewise solicited for an old physician, who had spent his life in curing blind, but now wanted a cure for his own soul. A father asked a prayer for a boy, 16 years of age, who was represented as a hard case. In Philadelphia these meetings are also held daily. At Jones Hall there is, every

day, an assemblage of several thousand persons gathered in that splendid concert room. The prayer meetings are held at noon, commencing at 12 and ending at 1 o'clock. I went in on Monday at half past 12. A card is handed to each one that enters, of which the following is a copy:—

"Rules and Suggestions for the Government of the Business Men's Daily Union Prayer Meeting, Jayne's Hall. Members of Evangelical Churches only are expected to take part in the Exercises."

1. Hymn, not over four stanzas. 2. Prayer, by request. 3. Reading Scriptures, not over eight or ten verses. These three exercises not to occupy more than 12 minutes, then the meeting to be left open for prayer or exhortation. No person to pray or exhort over 3 minutes, or to sing more than 5 minutes. Not more than two prayers or exhortations consecutively. Those who take part in the exercises should face the larger portion of the audience, and speak in clear, distinct tones. YOUNG MEN are expected to participate.

On Saturday, the last half of the hour is to be devoted to special prayer for the various Churches, Ministers, Sabbath-schools and Bible Classes, that the Sabbath following will be great and agreeable. It is distinctly understood. No controverted points or denominational differences to be discussed. The singing will be led by some person near the desk, to avoid confusion. The leader will strike the bell whenever the rules are disregarded or when he wishes to gain the floor in order to direct the exercises. The leader will announce the closing hymn punctually 3 minutes before 6 o'clock, (any one having the floor yielding immediately), and ask for the benediction from some clergyman present.

All notices must pass through the Committee, and be read only by the leader, (or by some one at his request.) Union notices will be read gladly but those of denominational character must be declined. No notice or request will be received or acted on before the commencement of exercises.

N. B.—Those coming early will please fill the front seats, and all should take seats as they enter, (as far as possible,) in order that the aisles may be kept clear for free ingress and egress. On going out, the gentleman who has the floor yielding immediately, and ask for the benediction from some clergyman present.

The Special Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives, raised for the purpose of investigating the charge of bribery made in reference to the purchase by the Government of the Pennsylvania Bank building, in Philadelphia, for a Post Office and Court House, have reported that Mr. JOHN MILLER, late Postmaster of that City, received from the Bank \$23,000 for his services. The late Postmaster General, Judge Campbell, stands wholly exonerated by the testimony from any participation in this lucrative business transaction.

"SARTORE" AND WASHINGTON IRVING. A card from Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers, in reference to Washington Irving's endorsement and recommendation of "Sartore," the new novel by J. A. Maitland, deserves the attention of the reading world. A most injurious charge has been made by a New York publishing house—nothing less than that the letter signed "Washington Irving," in which "Sartore" is praised as the best novel issued from the American press for some years past, is a forgery. This very serious charge is a complete surprise to the publishers of "Sartore," and they very properly present the facts of the case before the public. It appears that Messrs. Fetridge & Co., of New York, originally undertook to publish the book, and issued a circular announcing it some months ago, which circular contained the letter referred to from Mr. Irving. They retiring, they offered to sell the work to Peterson & Brothers, and as it was accompanied by this letter which contained also a sentence authorizing them to use it publicly, they purchased it. The original letter is in their possession, and its bears all the marks of authenticity. Indeed, persons familiar with Mr. Irving's handwriting say they have no doubt of its genuineness. If it was not really written by him, it is neither the fault of Fetridge & Co., who brought the manuscript of the book, nor Messrs. Peterson & Brothers, who bought it from them and published it. The book is now ready and can be had by addressing Peterson & Bros., 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Geo. M. Lammam, Esq., recently appointed Flour Inspector by Gov. Packer has entered upon the discharge of his duties.

FIRE.—On Thursday evening last, about 4 o'clock, our citizens were alarmed by the cry of fire. The barn of A. H. McHenry was discovered to be in flames. And in the course of an hour it was entirely consumed. During the progress of this fire the foundry of Messrs. Wilson caught but was kept under by the almost superhuman exertions of our citizens. The frame of Mr. McHenry's barn had scarcely fallen when it was discovered that the barn of Jonathan White Esq., was also on fire, having caught from a spark which was blown about 300 yards—it was with its contents entirely consumed. The wind was blowing a gale from the west at the time and it is miraculous that our whole town was not laid in ashes.—Jersey Shore Republican.

We learn that in the case of Commonwealth vs. Wm. J. Clark, for poisoning his wife, which offence defendant was tried and convicted at the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in this place last month, a writ of error has been granted by the Supreme Court and that the case will be argued at Harrisburg, on the 7th of May next.—Danville Democrat.

The Cincinnati Gazette says:—A feature worthy of mention is the favorable appearance of the growing wheat crop. Of course the result cannot yet be predicted with any degrees of certainty, as the crop is liable to accident or disaster up to harvest; but the prospects are at present favorable for the largest yield in the history of the country. The weather during the month of February, and so far in the current month, has been favorable and these are generally the most trying seasons in the year on the plants. Nothing serious is now to be apprehended, except a small disaster, as may occur immediately preceding harvest.

Last Friday, the four-horse team attached to the Northumberland stage, ran off at Chualsky, upsetting the stage into the canal. Mr. Peter Baldy, carrying the road in a buggy, was overtaken by the horses, who had a portion of the running gears of the broken stage attached to them, and made a narrow escape from having his vehicle torn to pieces.—Danville Democrat of the 26th ult.

RAPIDS.—During the last five or six days, quite a number of rafts have passed this place on their way to market. A great deal of timber will not get started on this freshet, the water being already too low for safe running.—Bolton's Mercantile.

BURNED TO DEATH.—Another dreadful death from burning fire occurred in Reading Pa., on Thursday morning last. The victim was a young girl named Angeline Lees, employed as a domestic in the family of Mr. Albert Miller. On the evening preceding the fatal occurrence, she was observed filling a fluid lamp that was burning, and warned by Mrs. Miller, of the great risk she incurred, and told never to do so again. On the next morning, at 5 A. M., Mr. Miller and his wife found her dead from sleep by piercing cries and on proceeding from the girl's chamber, and on busting to her relief found her enveloped in the flames. She was immediately wrapped in a piece of carpet, and the flames subdued, but her injuries were so severe that she died a few hours after the tragedy. The deceased was sixteen years of age.

HARD TIMES NEARLY OVER.—The New York Herald says that a large money broker of that city last Friday discounted \$250,000 worth of groceries paper, including paper given for less, & at 7 per cent, six months, which has been considered an indicator of great ease in the money market. A large custom house stated that out of three hundred customers, only sixty-four had failed to pay, and out of these only four had failed to pay, if their full or fifty cents on the dollar, which was a much more favorable result, than they had at first been anticipated.

MONEY YENNON.—It appears that the ladies have already subscribed \$75,000, which they anticipate will soon be swelled to \$100,000, for the Mount Vernon fund. The Richmond Dispatch asks:—

"Now couldn't Mr. Washington, representative of the man who gave his living soul to the service of his country, be induced to take \$100,000, for the sepulchre? Every body knows that Mount Vernon is only valuable as the tomb of Washington, everybody knows that it was once offered for \$100,000, by a capitalist upon double? Why not let a gentleman bargain with gentle and generous women? Why not emulate her unselfish and chivalric patriotism? Why not, melted at the sight of her lofty devotion to the glory of her ancestor, come back to the original terms and take a round hundred thousand for Mount Vernon."

MURDER IN MISSOURI.—The St. Louis News of Friday last, says: A murder was committed at Warsaw, Thursday. A farmer named Donahue came to town trading, and went into a grocery kept by a German, and asked for a drink of liquor, but being intoxicated, the bar tender refused to give him any. On going out, Donahue kicked the door with his foot, whereupon the German picked up a gun and shot the farmer, killing him instantly. The murderer was arrested immediately, and had not been hurried off to Carthage, the citizens would have hanged the fellow on the spot, without Judge or Jury. The Circuit Court was in session at Carthage, the grand jury found a true bill against the German for murder in the first degree, and the culprit was removed to jail, which will be guarded by a strong posse.

ONE OF THE SLEEPERS.—A gentleman at Harrisburg, who beats his seven sleepers, is about to have a justification on his birth night. In the afternoon he concluded to take a snooze, to be more invigorated for his birthday evening. Evening came, and with it the invited friends, but the sought for host was not yet arisen, and the good things were not forthcoming. Disappointed, and rather grum the guests took their departure, and not until next morning did they learn the cause of this rather shabby treatment:—Our friend became so securely locked in the arms of Morpheus, that he did not wake until the "worn am's" hour of approaching morning—having taken a "forteen hours' snooze, and missed all the anticipated fun."

A WHISKY INSURRECTION IN OHIO.—Last Saturday, a large number of women who had previously armed themselves with axes, hatchets and hammers, made an attack upon the taverns and saloons of Arion, Ohio, breaking and looting bottles and emptying casks of sorts of liquor, ale, &c. Every establishment in the place was thus despoiled