

Extracts from a Letter of Willis.

The most refreshing and newest wonder of London, just now, is the ice "from Lake Wenham," an innocent Massachusetts lake that, a year or two ago, had very little idea of becoming a London lion.



THE AMERICAN. Saturday, August 16, 1845. V. B. PALLHEU, Esq., at his Real Estate and Coal Office, corner of 3d and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, is authorized to act as Agent, and receipt for all monies due this office, for subscription or advertisements.

The election for delegates will be held at the house of George Conrad, in Augusta, not at the usual places, as published in the notice of the Standing Committee.

Pennsylvania Reporter and Home Journal. This is the title of a new paper published at Harrisburg, by Isaac R. Diller.

UNION COUNTY.—The Whigs have nominated Dr. Jacob Wagonseller, of Union, for the Senate, for the district composed of Union, Mifflin and Juniata.

DAUPHIN COUNTY CONVENTION.—The Democratic County Convention met at Harrisburg on the 11th inst., for the purpose of nominating candidates.

ANOTHER ASCENT OF THE NATURAL BRIDGE.—Col. James Piper, of Virginia, immortalized his name by the very perilous adventure of ascending the Natural Bridge, in that State, and inscribing his name upon the rocks.

PERILOUS ADVENTURE.—After going precipitately about thirty feet, he came to a clump of bushes, where he rested a little, and proceeded on to another ledge protruding a little from the main body of the rock.

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ANTI-TARIFFISM.—ANTI-CAMERONISM.—The Lancaster Intelligencer, one of the peculiar democratic organs, that holds to the doctrine that the opinions of the people should be disregarded when they come into conflict with the interested views of political leaders, asks why we don't publish the letter of Gen. Cameron to a committee of the last legislature, asking his views on the tariff and the distribution act, and adds:—

"Come, Mr. Spirit of the Times, and Sunbury American, why don't you publish the letter. Are you afraid to let your readers (especially democrats) see the truth, and thus expose the treason of Cameron to the democracy, and how he has transferred himself to the whigs? Come, if you are honest, publish the letter. Are his friends, 'his holy guard,' afraid to publish Simon's own letter?"

We regret that we must deprive the Intelligencer of this last crumb of comfort, in its anguish because the people have taken certain things into their own hands.

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THE NEW POST-OFFICE LAW.—The following statement exhibits the number of letters carried by the United States Express mail from New York to Boston, one way only, for twelve trips preceding, and since the 1st of July, when the new postage law went into operation.

New law, July, 1845, at 5 cents each, \$83 75
Old law, June, 1844, at 18 1/2 cents, 37 37 1/2

Increase, 1481
This gives an increase of 1481 letters amounting to \$47 37 1/2 in favor of the new law over the old for the same time and same number of trips.

The Ledger says, the result shown above proves the effect of the new Post-office law in checking private express or letter carriers, and throwing into the mail letters formerly conveyed, as they were in great numbers between New York and Boston, out of it, and is alone attributable to the cheapened prices of postage.

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Two anecdotes have been told us, which show the wretched condition of the Mexican treasury, and the extreme poverty of the officers of the army.

The New Orleans Bulletin of the 1st contains the following information respecting the two candidates for the Presidency:—

The result of the Presidential election, which is held in Mexico to-day, will be awaited with considerable interest.

A WOLF NEGRO CAPTURED.—Mr. J. M. Pierce, of Caddo, La., with several friends, recently pursued a wild negro, known to infest that parish, and after a long chase, compelled him to take refuge in the hollow of a tree, where he was secured after a severe fight.

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Late Foreign News. AMERICAN SECURITIES ARE LOOKING UP.—The steamship Great Britain arrived at New York yesterday, with news down to the 20th ult., the day of sailing.

THE DEATH OF EARL GREY IS AMONGST THE EVENTS OF THE DAY. The father of the Reform Act, and four years Prime Minister of England, the deceased nobleman filled a large space in the country's eye, during one of the most eventful periods of its history.

MR. O'CONNELL IS ABOUT TO RETIRE TO DERRYNANE, where he proposes to occupy himself during the recess with details of various measures for carrying out his views.

AMERICAN ICE, Mr. Willis says, is sold in the streets of London, and Hunt's Merchants' Magazine says, Mr. Taylor of Boston, who first engaged in the trade, has accumulated a vast fortune by it.

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