



ALTOONA, PA.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1858.

When parties are unknown to our office for advertising...

NOTICE.—The books of the firm of McCrum & Allison have been placed in the hands of Jacob M. Cherry, Esq., for collection.

ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.—The Blue Jacket arrived at St. Johns, July 11th, reports having seen three steamers in the 51° 32' N., and long. 32° W. on the 24th.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Early Saturday morning, the remains of a young man, named James Willett, were conveyed to the residence of his mother, on Third street, near Ferry, in Pittsburgh, he having been killed the previous night, near Conemaugh station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.—The State Convention of all opposed to the present National Administration, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Supreme Judge and Canal Commissioner, met yesterday at Harrisburg.

ACQUITTAL OF JAMES MCKEE.—In the Court of Oyer and Terminer, on Saturday morning, Judge McClure received the verdict of the jury in case of James McKee, tried for the murder of Prof. Louis Baehr, of Baltimore.

THE CONGRESSIONAL QUESTION.—The Register of last week contains a communication signed "Logan," referring to the Congressional question, in which the writer expresses the wish that a man "who is American enough for the Americans and Republican enough for the Republicans" may be selected by the opponents of the National Administration as their candidate in this district.

The Celebration. At an early hour on Monday morning, we were awakened from pleasant dreams by the sweet strains of melodious music, discoursed by the Altoona Brass Band, and conveyed to our chambers on the gentle breeze.

From the fact, we presume, that the procession was not to be marched through all the streets of the town, but little attention was paid to decorating them, although we observed a number of flags suspended across Virginia street at different points.

A number of the locomotives which arrived at and left this station during the day, were well covered with flags, wreaths and other emblems of nationality.

At 9 o'clock, A. M., the procession formed in front of the Masonic Temple, under the leadership of Thos. Burchinal, Esq., assisted by the Committee of Arrangements, and proceeded to the grove in the following order:

Altoona Brass Band, Thirty-two little girls representing the different States of the Union, Reader of the Declaration and Ordinance of the Day, Clergymen and invited guests, Officers of the Borough, Citizens.

The Band was full and discoursed most excellent music. There was also a full turnout of both military companies, making the martial display very creditable.

On arriving at the grove, and order being observed, Rev. A. B. Clark addressed the throne of grace, in a brief and appropriate prayer, after which the Declaration of Independence was read by Rev. D. Speck, in a distinct voice, followed by an oration by L. W. Hall, Esq., which, as will be seen by the following correspondence, was requested for publication, and we cheerfully give it a place in our columns:

L. W. HALL, Esq.—Dear Sir:—The Centennial of our National Independence, on the 4th inst., most respectfully solicits your attention to the following publication. Hoping you will comply with our request, and the wishes of our fellow citizens, I remain Very respectfully yours, C. J. HINZ, Sec'y of Committee of Arrangements.

England and the United States, so that our thoughts and theirs can be instantaneously carried across the great Atlantic. If so, all this will be due to Americans. Did time permit I might enumerate the many American geniuses, and which the Old World is now enjoying the use of.

How marvellous, my fellow citizens, has been the onward march of the United States, in population, wealth and in everything truly calculated to make a nation great and powerful since the era of our independence. It is to a hasty review of the past, present, and probable future of this mighty country that I shall desire your attention for a short time.

But you may say we know all this. We know that we are a great nation now, but tell us what our future will be? Do you ask me whether we are to continue growing in strength, population and character, in the same ratio as we were for the last eighty years, for as many years more? My answer is, what is to prevent it? Do you ask, will these thirty-two sovereign States continue for countless ages to be the same powerful country that they now are; and when, after this, thirty-two States, shall unite and form a new and more powerful one, shall constitute this American Union—separate and distinct in their State governments, and each having its own local laws, and yet all constituting one mighty free Republic? My reply would be: If we continue to live as we now do, the answer is, "Yes."

The history of the revolutionary war is too fresh in all of our minds to do anything more than allude to it. It was a war forced on us by injustice and cruelty. It was by the blood of very many of our noblest and bravest ancestors that we secured the rights of man.

"No matter what may be the birth place of such a man as Washington. No climate can be so genial as that which he has chosen for his country," by the mention of it. One of the most brilliant Irish orators now living has eloquently said:

"It was Washington's good fortune to unite in one personage the far distant and almost incompatible talents of statesman and soldier. Other men may be great in either, but he was great in both."

The termination of that war left us as I have before said, thirteen States with a population of about a million. The territory which we left us free. The people of the North American Confederacy were in union sovereign and independent. Pass from that time to this, and what do we find the United States of America. Stretching over an almost boundless area of territory, and containing a population of nearly thirty millions of people.

"Great God! we thank thee for this home— This bonny birthland of the free; Where wanderers from afar may come, And find a home as sweet as mine." This is the inheritance which by the blessing of God has descended unto us. We should revere our constitution—we should cherish and love our glorious Union.

We have no superiors in the mechanical arts or in the practical sciences. The inventions which American hands have produced are the greatest of the day. It was our own Morse that invented the electric telegraph, now in use almost all over the world, and it is an American who has of late so materially improved on the original invention. In a very short time it is hoped the telegraph will be in operation between

like number in the future will produce. But it would be but a guess. "I should be all eyes." "I should be all ears."

I trust that the prayer of the good, just, and generous Lafayette—that heroic spirit who left the splendor and comforts of his European home, and whose heart and power he has placed at our disposal, to come over the wide Atlantic to fight for our freedom, and give his money, his services, and his time to strangers of a different nation—may his prayer be fully consummated when he said, "I am a citizen of the world."

At the conclusion of Mr. Hall's address, Rev. S. A. Wilson and Thos. Burchinal, Esq., made a few remarks, after which the following toasts were read from the stand by Rev. H. Baker:

By Rev. H. Baker. The flag of our Union—May it ever wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

By Rev. H. Baker. The Declaration of Independence—May it ever be a source of inspiration and courage to the people of this country.

By Rev. H. Baker. The rights of man—May they ever be a source of inspiration and courage to the people of this country.

By Rev. H. Baker. The rights of woman—May they ever be a source of inspiration and courage to the people of this country.

By Rev. H. Baker. The rights of the colored people—May they ever be a source of inspiration and courage to the people of this country.

By Rev. H. Baker. The rights of the poor—May they ever be a source of inspiration and courage to the people of this country.

By Rev. H. Baker. The rights of the oppressed—May they ever be a source of inspiration and courage to the people of this country.

By Rev. H. Baker. The rights of the weak—May they ever be a source of inspiration and courage to the people of this country.

By Rev. H. Baker. The rights of the ignorant—May they ever be a source of inspiration and courage to the people of this country.

By Rev. H. Baker. The rights of the despised—May they ever be a source of inspiration and courage to the people of this country.

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At a social Convention of Winnebago Tribes, No. 35, I. O. R. M., held at the residence of Mr. J. H. Smith, on the 10th inst., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

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