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Foreign News.

The Steamer City of Washington, from Liverpool, with advices to the 25th ult., arrived at St. John's, N. S., on the 4th inst. She brings important intelligence, and answers in the affirmative the all important question "any battle yet?"

A revolutionary movement is reported in Lombardy. The King of Naples is dead and Francis the second has assumed the reins of government.

Additional news by the City of Washington states that the London Times disparages the battle of Montebello, calling it a tenth-rate victory, and accuses Napoleon with having sold himself to the demon of military conquest.

Kossuth, in a speech in favor of the neutrality of England, intimated that he would probably soon be in Hungary. He is reported to be President of the Hungarian committee at Genoa to encourage deserters from the Austrian Army.

The accounts from Hungary are seriously alarming. There must sooner or later be disturbance, if concessions are not made. The country is full of Russian agents who act almost openly.

A FLOURISHING CITY.—Denver City, Kansas, is a log city, containing about 100 log cabins. Corner lots range in price from \$50 to \$500. The inhabitants are Indians, Mexicans and white people—about equally divided—all hard cases, drinking and fighting all the while—some one killed every week—now and then one hung. So says a Pike's Peaker, and his description is like that of "John Phoenix's," speaking of San Diego, California: "All night long, in the sweet little village may be heard the soft note of the pistol, the pleasant shriek of the victim," &c.

GOOD FOR THE METHODISTS.—The Rev. Wm. Butt, who preached freedom in Kansas through all the troubles, and was persecuted by the Border Ruffians for his Free State sentiments, has been transferred to the Arkansas Conference, and appointed Presiding Elder of the Texas district. Notwithstanding their persecution at the hands of Pro-Slavery Ruffians in Texas, there appears to be no back down on the part of the Methodists. We admire their spirit in a righteous cause.

FAST TIME.—A great trial of speed between Ethan Allen and Flora Temple, the two fastest nags in this country, took place on the Fashion Course, Long Island, a few days since, for a purse of \$2,000. Mile heats, best three in five, to wagons. It was won by Flora in three straight heats. Time 2:25, 2:27, 2:27. The first heat is the best trotting, to wagons, on record.

The returns of the Election in Virginia are still incomplete. Mr. Letcher's friends claim that his majority will exceed 6,000, while his opponents say it will not reach 5,000. So far 74 Democrats and 48 opposition members have been elected to the House of Delegates.

MOLAN AND JOHNSTON.—A correspondent of the Pittsburgh Journal is out in an article commending the nomination of Judge McLean, of Ohio, for the Presidency, and Hon. W. F. Johnston of this State for Vice President.

Sons of Temperance.

The National Division of the Sons of Temperance met in Philadelphia last week. The city papers say that it was the most numerous ever yet held, over one hundred members being in attendance. Twenty-six Grand Divisions of States and Provinces are represented, among them Canada West, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. A Grand Division has also been organized at a late date in Washington territory. The Most Worthy Patriarch, B. D. Townsend, Esq., of South Carolina, read a very able and eloquent report, in which he reviewed the present and future elements of the Order, in connection with a brief but comprehensive history of the past. One thousand copies were ordered to be printed. The Most Worthy Scribe and Most Worthy Treasurer read full and satisfactory reports. The report of the Most Worthy Scribe shows a gain of ten thousand members during 1858, and that the state of the Order is in the most healthful and cheering condition. He further suggested plans of effort for the still greater increase and usefulness of the Order.

The Pennsylvania State Temperance Society gave the members of the National Division a public reception at the Academy of Music, Thursday evening last. The affair is said to be the finest of the kind ever seen in the city. Speeches were made by the M. W. P. of the National Division, Gen. Carey of Ohio, and others.

THE FROST.—From all parts of the country we receive intelligence of the disastrous consequences of the frost on Saturday night last. Telegraphic reports from New York, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois state that much injury has been done to the fruit crop if it is not entirely killed. The grain crop it is feared is also badly injured. We hope, however, that the latter may not prove to be well founded.

Exciting Race.—Stakes \$275,000.

The Cleveland Leader tells a story of an exciting race, in which the steeds were iron horses and the stakes greater than have ever been known on any track. One day last week, as the Eastern bound Express train reached Leport, Indiana, a passenger stepped off while the engine was being replenished with wood and water, and walked back and forth on the platform, and continued to walk until after the whistle sounded and the train had left. Being shortly after addressed by a station man he avowed himself what was in reality a walking sleep, ascertained he had been left, and declaring it a question of life and death, called for an extra engine. Fortunately one was at hand—the bargain was soon settled—a draft given on New York for \$250, and in ten minutes the engine was started with an engine to overtake the dying express. After rushing on for thirty or forty miles, some connection gave way about the engine. The engine was stopped—the engineer found the difficulty, as in a few minutes had a wooden pin whittled out and fitted to supply the difficulty. With this, on they flew. The train had of many miles the start of them, and despite the wooden pin the engineer crowded on steam and tore through the country at a fearful rate. Thirty miles of distance passed was run in twenty-seven minutes, but the engagement was that they should overtake the train, and do it they must, and do it they did, but not until more than one hundred miles had been run and they were approaching Toledo. Having at length overtaken and stopped the train and hurried on board, the traveler went eagerly to a berth in the sleeping car, and took therefrom a carpet bag containing \$275,000. His treasure was safe—none had molested it, and dismissing his faithful courier, he went on his way rejoicing at the success of his perilous and exciting adventure.

We copy the following melancholy item from the last number of the Huntingdon American, and deeply sympathize with the parents and relations of the bright little boy, so suddenly snatched from their embrace. He was the only son of the parents, and the idol of his grandparents, with whom he resided a greater portion of the time:—

DROWNED.—On Sunday afternoon last, John McCollum, son of Rev. E. McCollum, aged about three years, was drowned in the canal, in this borough. The child, it seems, was on the bank of the canal, immediately in the rear of the residence of Mr. John Hildebrand, and by some means slipped into the water. He was seen on the bank about half-past three o'clock, by some person passing, and it is presumed he must have got in soon after, as he was not seen, and search was immediately made. He was taken from the water about five o'clock, several hundred yards below the place he was last seen. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but to no avail, the vital spark had fled. We sympathize deeply with the bereaved parents and relatives, in their sudden loss of a dear child. It is a sad present when the corpse was taken home, and we hope that we may never again be compelled to witness such anguish as we beheld on this occasion.

A STRONG MAN OVERCOME.—Dr. George B. Winship, of Boston, supposed to be the strongest man in the world, attempted to deliver a lecture on physical education, illustrated by feats of strength on Monday night, but on account of excitement swooned thrice, and was obliged to desist.

Dr. Winship has for several years given much attention to the subject of physical education. He is 25 years of age, five feet seven inches in height, and weighs 145 pounds. He graduated at Cambridge, five years ago. He can raise a barrel of flour from the floor on his shoulder, can raise himself with either little finger, till his chin is a half a foot above it; can raise 200 pounds with either little finger; can put up a dumb bell of 141 pounds; exercises daily with two dumb bells weighing 100 pounds each, which he can raise alternately above his head, can lift with the hands 926 pounds dead weight, without the aid of straps or belts of any kind. Topham, the strongest man in England, could only raise 500 pounds in the same way, and the celebrated Belgian giant could lift only 500. Dr. Winship was prepared to exhibit all these feats, but the unexpected turn which events took prevented it. The strong man proved to be an infant.

We learn from New Orleans that the yellow fever has made its appearance there. The first cases were developed two weeks ago, and now there are about four or five cases per day.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

Scarce—Horn coats on Saturday last. Plenty—chattering jaws on the same day. Defeated—several aspirants for military honors on Monday last. Friendly salutation—have you any "Central Bank" money? The question—are you going to the Plover at Spruce Creek, on Wednesday next? The universal answer—"well ho!" I am, and, "nothin' shorter."

Profitable source of items—the drunk, crazy and fighting darkeys of Huntington. Its a great pleasure to be alone, especially when you have your sweetheart with you. W. M. Hall, Esq., has resumed the practice of law in Bedford.

Sinking Valley is infested with cellar and spring house thieves. Progressing finely—the work of macadamizing Virginia street.

Bonner, the newspaper Barnum, has engaged Morphy to edit the chess column of the N. Y. Ledger.

A negro, on being examined, was asked if his master was a Christian, "No, sir, he's a Member of Congress," was the reply.

Hon. Nathaniel B. Browne has been appointed Post Master at Philadelphia, in place of Mr. Westcott, removed.

Excellent—the free concert given before sunrise every morning in the grove immediately back of West Ward School rooms.

Cool generosity.—"Can you return my love, most adorable Julia?" "Certainly, sir. I don't want, I'm sure." (Exit softly.)

Good—the turn out of the standing Committee at the Methodist and Presbyterian church doors on Sunday evening week.

W. M'Curry, a brakeman on the Penna. R. R., was knocked off the cars at the canal bridge, near Rockville and seriously injured.

A german naturalist has discovered six hundred species of flies in a circumference of ten miles.

The country is running full of mad dogs. Have we no dog law in Altoona? Better see to its enforcement in time.

Hard on the feet—walking home over the gravel, on waking from a somnambulist's sleep. See local items for further particulars.

An individual at Cornwall, England, has made himself a complete suit from 670 rat skins—using tails in the neck tie.

The Penna. R. R. Co. has purchased the Lane property, in the city of Lancaster, and intend erecting a new depot thereon without delay.

The complimentary ball given to Lord Napier, in Washington, just previous to his departure, cost \$12,845. The receipts were only 11,323.

It is thought to be quite creditable to the disciples of Faust that there is not a printer in the New Jersey Penitentiary, and only one in the Legislature.

The very last curiosity spoken of in the papers, is a wheel off a dog's tail when it was a waggler. The man who sent it in has retired from public life, to live on what he owes.

The friends of temperance, in Johnstown, will present a remonstrance to the Court, now in session at Ebensburg, against the grog-shops nuisance. Right.

Must print a number of Extra copies—the Bellefonte Watchman. We always get two, and sometimes three copies a week. One's enough, friends.

He who minds his own business well, will let the business of others alone. True of all classes of people but printers. It is their business to mind the business of others.

The Lockhaven Watchman has been dressed up in a suit of new type. Hope the proprietor may be suitably rewarded for his outlay.

A lady named Carzang, has recovered a verdict of \$100,000, in a suit for breach of promise, at St. Louis, from a millionaire named Shaw.

It is rumored that Mr. Kanaga has disposed of his interest in the United States Hotel, Harrisburg, to Benjamin Hartshorn, Esq., and his son-in-law, of Clearfield.

The religion of the Bible does not require great power of mind to reach it but deep humility of spirit to come down to its simplicity.

John Miller, residing near Bainbridge, in Lancaster county, was struck dead by lightning while in the act of fastening in the garret window of his house during a thunder storm on Friday week.

The Doylestown Democrat says that the Hessian Fly is making sad havoc with the wheat in some sections of Montgomery county. We learn that the same enemy of the farmer is at work in other parts of the State.

Information is wanted of Patrick Coyle, son of Ann Coyle, (formerly Ann Summers), Address "J. B. D." Argus Office, Philadelphia. Cambria, Westmoreland, Somerset and Blair county papers please copy.

It is marvellously strange how a woman can think herself contaminated by the slightest intercourse with the victim of a seducer, but covers her face all eyes with smiles to receive the seducer himself.

The Huntingdon American, of last week, says that a gentleman of that place caught a trout, at the Dam above that place, which measured 2 feet 6 inches in length, and weighed 8 pounds 4 oz.

Down on Lager.—The Pittsburgh Synod of the Lutheran church, the session of which closed last week, passed resolutions by a decisive vote denouncing the use of lager beer and fermented cider.

Mrs. Partridge says that, just before the last war with England, "circumstances were seen around the moon nightly, shooting stars, perambulating the earth, the disk of the sun was covered with dark spots of ink, and comments

were made upon their optic tails. Everybody said it portended war, and sure enough it did come. Its ostentatious was felt throughout the land, but the bravery of General Jackson expiated the American citizens, and foreign despots soon became a byword."

They have tough frames in Boston, Maine. One of them, who was run over with his favorite machine, experienced no injury, and was anxious to know if it hurt the engine any!

A sovereign remedy for dyspepsia.—Close all the outer doors of a four story house, open the inner doors, then take a swish and chase the cat up and down stairs till she sweats. One dose it is said will effect a permanent cure.

Our young artist, J. W. Clabaugh, is doing a good business at his gallery, on Annie street. Pictures taken in from three to five seconds. Who can spare that much time to secure his shadow ere the substance fades?

A Child of Mr. Peter Seiger, residing in Allegheny county, was bitten by a rat, on the 2d inst., while lying in its cradle, and died from the effects the same day. The child was seven weeks old. It was bitten in two places.

Case of Conscience.—Recently Hon. John Covode received a letter mailed at St. Louis, enclosing a draft of \$65, with the following brief explanatory note accompanying it: "John Covode, Dear Sir: The amount enclosed belongs to your firm. Conscience."

Col. Fuller, of New York, learned, while on a visit to the Bank of England, that "not a single piece of American paper which laid over during the late panic, now remains unpaid." This, says Mr. Elsey, the Governor, cannot be said of any other nation on the earth."

The cost of the Utah army up to the end of the second quarter was over \$5,000,000, and add to that the estimate of the fiscal year ending June 1, and the expense of that army for one year will range between seven and nine millions.

Mrs. Swisshelm, in her letters to young ladies, says that "every country girl knows how to color red with madder." This we believe to be an ethnological fact, as we have always noticed that with all girls the madder they get the redder they are.

Hoop, Hoop, Hurrah!—A still later invention is the non-panno-expansive-last-forever-let-in-or-out-six-foot-in-diameter-never-bend-or-break-and-sit-down-as-much-as-you-please-without-injuring-a-spring-hoop-skirt.—Those ladies who have worn them so positively that they are perfect darlings.

"That motion is out of order," remarked the chairman of a political meeting to a rowdy who was raising his arm to throw a rotten egg at him. We presume it was "not debatable" either if the rowdy had any serious notions of "adding amendments" of the same character.

Fanny Fern says she once had a narrow escape from being a ministers wife, and tells how she would have acted in such a case. An exchange in commenting on the matter says, that if she had made a narrower escape than the minister, it was fearful to contemplate indeed!

SHOCKING INFANTICIDE.—Johnstown has been the scene of another infanticide. A few days ago the body of a child was found in the canal basin at that place. It was cut up in pieces and stowed away in a crock. There can be no doubt that the child was murdered, but by whom is a mystery.

A Correspondent, in describing the Artesian well near Louisville, Ky., says it is two hundred feet deep, and throws up a jet of one hundred feet in height. From the taste and smell of the water, I should judge that in boring they had tapped the main sewer of his Sultanic majesty's dominions.

An old lady on being witnessed before a magistrate as to her place of legal settlement, was asked what reason she had for supposing that her husband had a legal settlement in that town. The old lady said: "He was born and married, and they buried him here, and if that ain't settling him here, I don't know what is."

How Pigeons are Caught. It is estimated that \$20,000 worth of wild pigeons are caught in Essex county, Mass., every season. As they sell for about \$1, a dozen, this makes the number caught about a quarter of a million. The pigeons are attracted to particular parts of the woods by the strutting of grain in open spaces cleared of the brushwood for the purpose. In this way they are not only lured to the spot where traps are to be set, and familiarized with the ground, but are well fattened before being taken. They are fed for some time previous to spreading the nets. When a sufficient number have congregated to make it worth while to entrap them, the grain is saturated with whiskey, which steals away their silly brains, as it does silly men's brains, and they become willing, stupefied victims of the trappers. The net is set in such a way that, by the use of young saplings for drawing springs, it is made to jump over the dense forest of fuddled pigeons gathered in front of it; and when they attempt to rise they are entangled in the meshes. The pigeons, we are told, when enticed by the grain and whiskey, will huddle together in a compact mass as if for the special convenience and gratification of the trapper. When once caught in the net they are thrust through the meshes, and the trapper by a certain pressure upon the neck kills them one after another with great rapidity and with more dexterity of touch than tenderness of feeling."

THE CHAMPAGNE BET.—Gen. Scott.—An item has been "going the rounds" that Gen. Scott had offered to bet 500 bottles of champagne that Napoleon would never return to Paris. Heran von Weldekeind explodes himself and the story in a letter to the New York Express, which runs as follows: "In regard to the bet said to have been made by Gen. Scott, an explanation will be necessary. I made the assertion that I would bet that Gen. S. would be willing to wager, &c. I am now willing to bet, on my own responsibility, any sum from 2500 francs to 20,000 francs that Louis Bonaparte will never return to Paris. I am a Baron of the Kingdom of Prussia, and Knight of the Iron Cross, &c. &c. In consequence of having too freely expressed my opinions, an exiled. My estates are confiscated both in Prussia and in France. If Louis Napoleon was killed to-morrow I should be worth 1,000,000 francs."

NOTICE.—WHEREAS, Letters Testatory to the Estate of JOHN GROVE, dec'd, late of the Borough of Altoona, Blair county, has been granted to the subscriber, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, those having claims or demands against the estate will make known the same without delay. JACOB GOOD, May 12, 1859-41

to stop radical ministers who went about the country breaking up parishes. A clergyman from the rural districts replied, that he hoped from the official knife was sharpened against heresy, it would be applied with equal force against stupidity, as he thought stupid preachers were breaking down as many societies as heretics were breaking up.

ALEXANDER the Great seeing Diogenes looking attentively at a large collection of human bones piled one upon another, asked the philosopher what he was looking for. "I am searching," said Diogenes, "for the bones of your father, but I cannot distinguish them from those of his slaves." Reader, can you find the point in this reply.

One of the most telling descriptions of "for-lority" we have heard, was that of a boy who asked a Boston police officer for shelter in the Station House: "See, Cap'n, first my father died, and my mother married again, and then my mother died and my father married again, and somehow or other I don't seem to have no parents at all, nor no home, nor no nothing."

The Austrian government has had under discussion an edict that no Christian should be allowed to remain in the service of a Jew. Whereupon the Jews resolved that if this edict passed no Jew should discount Austrian paper. This was more than Austria expected. She therefore discarded the exclusive idea on her part, to enjoy the coveted privilege of still borrowing money from the Jews. Mammon forever!

Philadelphia is importing its entire summer supply of ice from Boston. The past winter was so mild that a bare thousand tons were all that dealers were able to secure, and this has long since been used up. Dealers have now entered into a compact league to put up the price to a uniform notch of some twenty per cent, above last year's prices. Wholesale consumers are now charged half a dollar a bushel, being an advance of seventy per cent. over the previous year.

A Mixed Petition.—A correspondent of the Knickerbocker, has been describing to the editor of that Journal, a "hundred-fifty nightmare" which haunts him in the shape of Rail Road posters. Wherever he goes he sees nothing but Illinois Central Railroad, Michigan Central, Chicago and Alton, New York and Erie, Pennsylvania Central, &c., &c., staring in large capitals, until they have become mixed in with his common thoughts;—and the other evening, as he went to sleep he muttered, in a half somniferous jumble: "Now lay me down the 'Broad Gauge, to sleep, I pray 'Great Western Route' to keep, If the 'Central' busts before I wake, I pray the 'Air Line' my trunk to take!"

Morphy Trapped.—Almost. The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Mercury, in a notice of Morphy, the great chess-player, says:—A queer incident occurred to him soon after his arrival in New York. A carriage drove to the St. Nicholas, in which was seated a handsomely-dressed lady. She sent up a card, and requested an interview with the chess champion. The interview was granted when the fair visitor demanded the privilege of playing a game with Mr. Morphy. Mr. M. looked at the magnificent eyes of the stranger, and said, "Yes, certainly." The chess-table was brought to the window, and Mr. Morphy placed the man. The lady, of course, was permitted to play the first move. Half a dozen moves were made on either side, and Morphy found himself interested—the visitor promised to prove the most formidable antagonist he had had for a long time. Being absorbed in the game, Morphy directed the servant to admit no one else until it was completed. The game lasted two hours, and was drawn. 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