

The steamer "Empire City" brings California papers to August 23, from which we extract the most important and interesting of California news: The steamer California left San Francisco on the evening of the 23d of August, and arrived at Panama on the 23d of the same month.

The California, on her passage, had nine passengers, mostly cabin, by fever, among them was Mr. Ira Payne, late of Brooklyn, Miller and a Mr. Johnson, brother of Lieut. Dimmons of the Warren.

The Oregon to sail from Panama on the 28th August, was somewhat crowded with passengers, and the Pacific City's passengers must wait for the California, which steamer would sail about 20th September.

At San Francisco prices of every article of produce and manufactures had fallen off, although from the retail trade profits were still realized.

China goods were extremely abundant and selling very low. The Rome had arrived from Canton with a full cargo, which was not to be sold, and it was probably that she could bring to the States.

A movement has taken place in the Gold Region—the forcible expulsion of certain foreigners and unprivileged citizens from the Placers of the Middle Fork by a group of men calling themselves "Americans."

Another mystery—NINE IN ONE FAMILY POISONED.—We learned last evening that the family of Mr. Ward, furniture dealer at the corner of Western Georgia street, were poisoned.

How the poison came is a matter of speculation, and it is not known whether it was intentionally or accidentally administered. At first the water was suspected, but upon an analysis, nothing was found.

At the time of the occurrence, there was no word abroad or abroad above without one warning the poor man was hurried into eternity, unconscious even of the cause of his sudden death.

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From the New York Dispatch. Some fourteen years ago a poor ignorant girl, named Maria Monk, escaped from the Black Nunnery at Montreal.

She came to Boston and told a number of extravagant stories of her infamous treatment at the Catholic Priests in that institution. Some fanatic of the Protestant faith believed her story, and converted poor Maria from a humble servant girl into a lion of the day.

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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, JOHN A. GAMBLE,

OF LYONS COUNTY.

FOR SENATOR, MURRAY WHALLON, of Erie.

FOR ASSEMBLY, DAVID OLIN, of Girard.

WM. GRIFFITH, of North East.

SHERRIFF, E. W. GERRISH, of Edenboro.

COMMISSIONER, TRUMAN STEWART, of Amity.

ADJUTOR, HENRY TELLER, of Girard.

DIRECTOR OF THE POOL, HENRY GINGRICH, of Millersburg.

WANTED.—Those indebted for the Observer for a year or more are informed that our creditors are becoming anxious that we should pay up.

TEMPERANCE.—Mr. Hawkins, one of the original Washingtonians, has arrived, and lectured last evening. He will also, lecture this and tomorrow evenings.

AMERICAN HOTEL, MEADVILLE.—We see that our old friend and favorite of the public, Jesse Rupp, has become proprietor of the American Hotel, in Meadville.

OUR COUNTY TICKET.—Our county ticket, and the proceedings of our county convention, will be found in today's paper.

GOOD NEWS FROM NEW YORK.—The Democracy of New York have at last united, and the days of Taylor whigery, Seward whigery, Fillmore whigery, and all kinds of whigery, under whatever leader or guise, are numbered.

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According to whig fustion, an article which the newspapers of that party are now filled with the exclusion of Noah's flood as now. This country is suffering to an unparalleled extent—the people are fairly bankrupt, and labor is everywhere crying for bread.

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No arrival from the Pacific Territories has created so sound a feeling in regard to California, as the intelligence brought by the steamer Empire City. Apart from the numerous evidences confirming the most exaggerated accounts of the gold region, we now perceive, from numerous indications, that California is emerging from a state of lawless chaos into a condition of order and government.

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