

INSURANCE. Our recent disaster is a forcible argument in favor of insurance. It is one which all can see and feel, hence we cannot better than to refer all who have no insurance to a first rate Agent in the person of E. W. Grass...

From Harrisburg. Our news from Harrisburg is up to the evening of the 10th. Walker's bill from the Senate, which prohibited the Franklin Canal Company's road from uniting with the Ohio road, has been amended in the House so as to prohibit both roads. If this bill passes, and we have no doubt it will, we may as well make up our minds to bid good-bye to all hopes of either an Eastern or a Western railroad connection for years to come.

The Boston Olive Branch. One of the very best literary papers in the country, comes to us this week in an entire new dress. Aside from its literary character, the Olive Branch, is an out-spoken, fearless independent journal, that leaves an impression upon the minds of its readers. Rev. Thomas F. Norris, Editor—\$2 per year, or two copies for \$3.

Major Brown has rented the United States Hotel, corner of French and Second streets, and is now putting it in "apple pie order" for the reception of visitors. He will have it open in a few days, when his old customers will be welcome with the best market affords.

The First Effects of Walker's Course. The following paragraph from the Buffalo Courier, of the 9th inst. explains itself. It is ominous of our fate; a result produced solely, we are persuaded, by the suicidal course of John H. Walker in our Legislature. Verily, will not this man have a fearful account to settle with his constituents. When he left his home last winter, every thing indicated that Erie would be the terminus of the Boston and the New York roads—he would have two roads to the East, and one to the West—but now, the following shows how these expectations as the East have been nipped in the bud. We are to have but one road: As to the West, that is still in the web of fate; it will be struck down if he can accomplish it. As to our Plank roads, they have fare'd no better. One has been unnecessarily delayed, and another, although partially finished, stabled itself to gratify private grudge. But enough—the following, as we have remarked before, explains itself; and will perhaps open the eyes of some who have heretofore been afflicted with blindness.

Railroads.—The Commercial understands that the outlines of AN ARRANGEMENT HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE BUFFALO AND STATE LINE RAILROAD COMPANIES TO CONSOLIDATE THE TWO COMPANIES, WITH A VIEW OF HAVING BUT ONE ROAD BETWEEN BUFFALO AND ERIE. A new route is to be immediately surveyed, to Dunkirk, and also to Fredonia, including both places, if found for the best interests of the new Company.

Doctrine Easier Preached than Practiced. Economy is easier preached than practiced, especially by an Editor; nevertheless we agree with an exchange that with proper economy, few men are so unfortunate as they might be in the course of years husband a very comfortable and agreeable fortune.

Trees and Shrubbery. We commend the following remarks upon the above subject to the serious attention of our home readers. To them the considerations involved address themselves with greater force, inasmuch as we boast of one of the most beautiful natural locations in the country, and most susceptible of being greatly beautified by the means suggested, most of which, we are happy to say, was provided for heretofore, especially last year. Remember that a house can be completed in a few weeks—the same cannot be said of the grounds surrounding it. And again, a dwelling begins to decay from the day of its completion, while trees and shrubbery improve yearly.

Higher Law' Spite. The Boston Commonwealth received a report of Walker's Harrisburg speech, by telegraph, but declined publishing it, adding: "If the lightning declines to blast the utterer of such expostulations, we don't want its services. We can wait until the speech in all its conformity comes to us by mail."

The Pennsylvania and the Evening Bulletin. Philadelphia, are just now enjoying one of the most "delightful wars of words" that it has seen our province to witness. These Editors call one another almost every thing but gentlemen; and as to crime, each one, according to the testimony of the other, has been guilty of enough to send him to the House of Correction. Now this would be all "right and proper"—a matter-of-course—between a couple of country gentlemen of the quill; but to see a pair of city chaps three off their seats and dignity, and pitch into one another in this way, is certainly rather demoralizing. We really hope they will feel better when they get through.

Mr. Webster and the Presidency. Washington, Thursday, April 12. It is currently reported that the President is dissatisfied with Mr. Webster's conduct as Secretary of State, and is considering the expediency of removing him from office.

George Thompson in Canada on Slavery. Toronto, April 11. Last night George Thompson lectured on Slavery and was enthusiastically received by a large audience. He described the press of the United States that support slavery as the most degraded press in the world, and said he could not understand the religion of America, where the Bible is withheld from three millions of slaves, and where thirty thousand ministers assent to the laws of the United States above the laws of God.

Marrying a Man who advertised for a Wife. The Watchman of the 25th March, published an advertisement for a wife in the newspapers: "An affable, somewhat novel and exciting, took place in the village of Canby, a few days ago. It appears that Joseph Baker, of that place, and son of Greenport, went to New York a few weeks ago, for the purpose of obtaining a wife. His first motive was to publish a notice in the New York Sun, stating that a young widower, about 25 years of age, having one child and a farm at a short distance in the country, wished to enter a second time into the matrimonial state, with some respectable lady, of about his own age."

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Gen. Sam Houston in Ohio. The belief is gaining ground every day that the "Hero of San Jacinto" will be the "first" candidate of the Democracy in 1852. As it is pretty evident that the whigs are determined to stick to a military hero, such a nomination is a hard more than once remarked, would be "fit to be made," and secure certain success. Upon this point the Cleveland Plaindealer, the leading democratic paper in Northern Ohio, remarks: "Since the whigs have been talking of Gen. Scott for the next President, and it seems the necessity of that party to run a non-descript military chieftain; (they have already run two "into the ground," the attention of the democracy, north and south, has been, as if by instinct, attracted to old Sam Houston, as a military competitor worthy that high office. It has come to this, that not those whose profession is human carnage, can be elected to the Presidency, not a civilian, however eminent as a nation, can officiate as the Chief Magistrate of this nation, not a man who has been a man of blood, can be elected to the Presidency. History fully bears us out in this assertion."

Smoked Out. The Senator from Erie is out in the last Gazette with a defense of his course. And a lame affair it is—bearing evident marks of its paternity, but not so plainly, however, we understand, as one previously written to that paper, but which the managers of the concern have suppressed. It is said by those who know that the suppressed document is rich in Walkerism, and brim full of "wrath and cabbage" of those who have dared to question his course. We, in common with many of the admirers of the Senator from Erie, would very much like to see the "handicapped." Will somebody stir it up with a long pole?

All Hail Rhode Island—Democracy Triumphant. The triumph of the Democracy in Rhode Island, has been complete and overwhelming. Scarcely a vestige of whiggery has been left in that hitherto strong-hold of Federalism. We have secured a Democratic Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Treasurer. We have also one member of Congress, and a majority of both branches of the Legislature. The following is the result: Philip Allen, (Dem.) is elected Governor by about 600 majority over John Chapin, (Whig). The present Governor, Henry Anthony, is a whig.

Immense amount of Emigration may be expected from Europe this summer. The New York Express states that among the 120,000 preparing to embark, in April and May for New York, are 800,000 men, chiefly Scotchmen, and a large number of carpenters. The cause of their departure is the great difficulty in finding employment. A number of Watch-misers—who had intended to go to California—have changed their destination, and expect to get employed in the Pennsylvania coal districts.

As an exchange paper gives the following advice to the fair sex, which will doubtless be treasured up for future reference: "If ladies would eat but once a day, pickle once a week, and sweeten at once a year—if they would take a walk every night and a steam bath every five miles a day, they would have no need of medicine. But living as they do, with sluggish blood..."

The Editor of the Buffalo Journal of Commerce, who is now writing letters to his paper from the Eastern cities, gives it in his opinion that "all attempts to make Gen. Scott President of the United States will be so much time and breath wasted." There are more whigs than the Editor of the Journal of the same opinion.

That "Good Time Coming." Situated as we are, so near New York, we cannot, if we would, look with indifference upon the questions which, from time to time, agitate her political circles. Thus when the Democracy were a "divided household," we looked on with little interest; and now, when Fillmore and Seward, Weed and Foote, are holding that "sweet communion" with one another, so appropriately represented by the fight of the Kilkenny cats, we must needs sometimes look across the borders and take a peep at the progress of the battle. From what we can gather we should say, that "good time coming" is yet a great way off from the whigs of the Empire State. The "yellow grays" appear to have the most polished armor, and the most soldierly bearing; but the "wooly heads" are strongest in numbers, and wield their "six shooters" with the most deadly effect. Here are a few shots, from this side of the house, from some of their best marksmen. The Oneida Herald, a reliable Seward paper, is furious against the President for removing Mr. Kellogg from the office of Marshal. It says: "Side by side, on the page of history, shall be placed the names of John Tyler and Millard Fillmore; and of the same dark list shall appear the kindred names of James I. Scammon and Benedict Arnold. Clothed with a little more reality, Millard Fillmore has cut himself loose from the whig party, and betaken himself—so we suppose to the formation of a new organization. We propose as a title for his corporate guard the Junus Cretans."

Situation of New Mexico.—A gentleman now in this city has furnished us with the substance of a letter recently received from his correspondent in Santa Fe. It contains the following particulars: "The state of affairs in that Territory. The Indians, it is said, are completely overrunning the country. I cannot get the aggregate of all the stock taken from the Territory since the United States took possession, but I can give you the amount from two Counties, Bernillo and Santa Ana; viz: Sheep 146,714, horses 873, mules 773, cattle 1,301. Valuing Sheep at \$1.25, the horses at \$30, mules at \$40, and cattle at \$15 per head, the loss in these two Counties amounts to \$981,157.50. Since the above estimate was made, the Navajoes have taken from Dr. Gilman's corral, the Indians about ten days since, cattle and mules. Dr. Connelly has lost 28,000 head of sheep all and has but 3,000 left. Don Jose Chevis has lost 40,000 in all, leaving about 5,000; and good many others have lost from 5,000 to 15,000. I have a list of all the sufferers, and the amount of animals lost in that district. 52,000 head have been run off in the last year. At the time of the late war, the Navajoes went to military posts, and informed the commanding officers of their small party, under the command of a sergeant, was sent in pursuit. The pastors went as guides, but it having snowed after the sheep were run off, he was unable to find the trail, and the sergeant gave him a severe whipping, sent him off, returned to his post." It is added, that the people are afraid to trust the officers of these Perpetrations. This may be so, but we are inclined to doubt it. There is nothing in the character of an American officer to justify any such presumption. They are generally as prompt to protect American property and American citizens, as they would be to revenge a personal insult, and we believe they have shown themselves to be so every occasion.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE RAILROAD.—Yesterday morning about 4 o'clock, when the mail train from Albany was on the road between Alden and the town line, and about two miles west of Alden, it came in contact with a large tree which had blown down and lay across the track. Being quite dark, the engineer did not see the obstruction until within a few yards of it. He immediately shot off the steam and reversed the engine, but not in time to prevent a serious collision. The three forward cars, including the tender were thrown off the track down an embankment ten to fifteen feet, the engine falling on its side. The engineer, Mr. Wilbur, was thrown off the engine and killed instantly. His skull was fractured, both legs were broken, and his chest lacerated. The firemen who hung on to the tender escaped with slight injuries. There were but few passengers and none of the worse hurt. The train was detained in consequence of the accident until nearly twelve o'clock, reaching this city about one. Mr. Wilbur leaves a wife to mourn his sad end. She resides in this city. No blame whatever attaches to the engineer driver, who was on the look out at his post; the darkness of the morning alone preventing his discerning the obstruction in time to prevent the accident. The engine and the three forward cars attached to the engine at the time of the collision, Mr. Wilbur's remains were taken to the residence of his father-in-law, who resides only a mile or two from the scene of the accident.—Buff. Rep.

TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK.—An occurrence of a tragical nature took place on Thursday morning about 8 o'clock, in Lexington Avenue, near 23d street, New York. The facts of the case are as follows:—It appears that a man named Hugh Fletcher, has been living for the last three months with a woman named Elizabeth Clarke; and that he has in his endeavor to get rid of her, threatened to shoot her with a pistol. She left information at the police office of his threats against her life, but no cognizance was taken of it. Yesterday, however, she resolved to take the law into her own hands, and for that purpose provided herself with a pistol which she loaded to the muzzle with slugs. Soon after she met Fletcher in Lexington Avenue, and when a few words had passed between them, she drew the pistol and fired at him, the lead taking effect in the back part of his neck. She was immediately after arrested. Fletcher is not expected to recover.

DAVID MADBY THE "RAPERS."—We learn from the New York Medical Gazette that a case of insanity has occurred within a few days, by reason of the revelation made by mysterious raps, that the steamship Atlantic had been wrecked with the loss of all on board; although this melancholy catastrophe, the passengers, whose "rapings" were declared to have made the rapping, have arrived at home—one of whom to find his wife a maniac, from a belief in these ghostly knockings. Another female has just been sent to the Asylum, by reason of Mesmeric operations upon her nervous system, avowedly for the purpose of rendering her clairvoyant, but with the effect of inducing her to lunacy. It is stated that these instances are not uncommon, and that several of the asylums the victims of these kindred impostures are hopelessly insane.

A SINGULAR CASE.—A lady in Cambridge Mass., died on Wednesday last—so the physicians said—and we slaid out for burial in her winding sheets, but from the fact that the body still retained an appearance of life, although she had been pronounced dead, that the physician who attended her, was called in to examine her, and he found that she was not dead, but in a state of suspended animation, and she was revived. On Sunday the lady opened her eyes and called on her husband, "Albert, give me some water."

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN NEW YORK.—The late Prince of Wales, who was in New York on his recent visit to the United States, has just returned to England. He was accompanied by his wife, the Princess Alexandra, and their children. The Prince was highly pleased with his visit to the United States, and he expressed his admiration for the progress of the country. He was particularly struck by the intelligence and energy of the American people, and he expressed his confidence in the future of the nation. The Princess was also highly pleased with her visit, and she expressed her admiration for the beauty and scenery of the United States. The Prince and Princess were accompanied by their children, and they all enjoyed their visit to the United States very much. They were particularly struck by the intelligence and energy of the American people, and they expressed their confidence in the future of the nation.

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