

Valley of the Amazon

A new enterprise is suggested, and one of a truly magnificent character. It is to open to commerce and civilization, the rich country bordering on the Amazon, and extending with its tributary rivers, to many thousands of miles.

The semi-continent of South America is very narrow in shape that of a right-angled triangle. Its hypotenuse runs from the Cape Horn to Cape St. Roque.

The great rivers of that country, the mighty Amazon and the majestic La Plata, are resultants of this configuration. In consequence of having the sea-front, which rests upon so long a base, the southern hemisphere to look southward, the northern and the southeast trade winds, as they come across the Atlantic, filled with moisture, go full charged into the interior, dropping it in showers as they go.

The northeast trade-winds commence to blow about the tropic of Cancer, and coming from the quarter they do, they blow obliquely across the Atlantic. They evaporate from the sea as they go, and impinging at right angles upon the South American shore line that extends from Cape St. Roque to Cabo La Vela, they carry into the interior the vapor that forms the clouds that give the rain which supplies with water the Magdalena, the Orinoco, and the northern tributaries of the Amazon.

Now, there is no tropical country in the world which has to windward, and so exactly to windward of it, such an extent of ocean in the trade-wind region; consequently, there is no interior-tropical country in the world that is so finely watered as in this great Amazon country of South America.

The Crescent City Monthly—Letter from the President

Washington, Nov. 27th. The Intelligence of this morning contains a letter from President Fillmore, to Hugh Maxwell, Collector of the Port of New York, in answer to a letter from Mr. Maxwell inquiring whether Mr. George Law, the agent of the Havana, had been permitted to land in the harbor of New York, to take the mail to the City of Havana.

It is not admitted that Mr. Law, or any other citizen, is to be taken on his own account for the purpose of seeking redress for real or imaginary injuries, and then to call upon the Government whether it approves or disapproves of such conduct, and assumes its approbation, unless the act is forbidden.

The Constitution of the U. S. vested in Congress alone the power of declaring war, and no executive branch of the Government nor Mr. Law can usurp the power by commencing war without its authority; and if he attempts it, it will be my duty, as it is my determination, to exert all the power conferred on the executive Government by the Constitution and laws to prevent it.

Mr. Law has an undoubted right to engage in his lawful business; but when the question is raised between this Government and a foreign power, as to whether the business he pursues is lawful or pursued in a lawful manner, the decision of that question belongs to the two Governments, and not to him.

It is a question not to be settled by him and Cuba. It is a question not to be settled by him and Spain, but between the United States and Spain, which alone is responsible for the conduct of the Government of Cuba.

Mr. Townsend, the inventor of the celebrated "Townsend's Sarsaparilla," is about erecting in New York one of the most beautiful and costly residences in America. It is to be located on the corner of Thirty-Fourth street and Fifth Avenue—the two of the finest thoroughfares in the city of New York.

A noble example.—The other day, having need of help from a drayman, we called an Irishman to our assistance. He performed his duty with great promptness, and his language and demeanor generally were such as to command our admiration.

New Speculation.—We learn that some of our Hallowell neighbors are forwarding apples to California. They are packed in a manner entirely different from the usual mode of sending apples, and one which we think might prove successful in preserving them from rot in transit.

Eric Weekly Observer

ERIE, PA. SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 4, 1852

The "Ariston Union of Cincinnati" appeal to the public for patronage. It is a paper of the most beautiful and we think commends itself to all lovers of the beautiful, and we wish it to be kept in mind.

Visit of the Philadelphia City Council. Mr. Fallon, President of the Sanbury and Erie road, accompanied by a committee from the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, reached here on Thursday, via Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

The Buffalo Commercial, we understand, is one of its issues this week, contains a two-column libel upon Erie, her inhabitants, and her prospects. This is a matter of course—a wounded bird always flutters.

The building will be surrounded on all sides by picture galleries and show-rooms, and a large amount of receiving some two thousand dollars just for the design.

The building, when finished, will be not only a monument of Dr. Townsend's liberality, but of the advantages of advertising. Twelve years ago Dr. Townsend was not worth one hundred dollars.

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Hints to Rail Road Stockholders

Mr. E. B. ... wish to suggest a plan or two to those Directors of the Erie and North East Rail Road, who are anxious to dispose of their stock.

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FACTS AND FANCIES

Wash is all-powerful—omnipotent; yet its action is no evidence of virtue, or guarantee of respectability.

The "wide gauge" and "narrow gauge" are the motto of every true friend of Erie.

There has been some excellent sleight of foot; but here, gracious goodness, such a stack of money there has been in the streets, every where!

There is a law in California which enables women to carry on business in their own name, or independent of their husbands or their husbands' creditors.

When a daughter remarks, "Mother, I can see you in the kitchen—I would not hire," as it often will make a good wife.

There is a printer in Cincinnati who has had an eventful life. He has, within the past ten years, been a soldier, a sailor, a school teacher, a bar-keeper, an editor, a manager, a negro dancer, a confederate, and an editor, but never in the penitentiary!

It is told of a millionaire in New York that being frequent occasions to ride in omnibuses, he carried papers in his pocket, so as to pay six of them for each ride, thus saving the greater of a cent, and clearing four cents on every dollar.

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