

Political and General News.

CAPTAIN ERICSON.—The following letter from Captain Ericson to the editors of the 'Appleton's Mechanical Magazine'...

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Eric Weekly Observer.

ERIE, PA. SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 23, 1853.

Death of Vice President King.

It is with deep regret that we are called upon to announce the death of Vice President, Wm. R. King...

OUR CITY.—There is every prospect of a good season's business for all our citizens during the coming summer...

Commercial business seems also to bid fair to be greatly increased over any former year, and while probably but two or three lines of steam vessels will call regularly at our port...

FOUNDRY, MACHINE SHOPS AND MANUFACTURERS generally are daily increasing among us, and notwithstanding railroad matters have all gone wrong with us, we can see nothing for this season but business and prosperity.

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An Explanation.

We publish below the preamble and resolutions which were passed by our city council for the purpose of erecting an improvement that seems to have been urged...

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ITEMS FROM ALL SECTIONS.

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The stamped envelopes constructed by Mr. Nesbit will be ready for delivery on the 1st of June.

How, J. J. Crittenden has declined the honor of a public dinner tendered him by the citizens of Meigs.

INABILITY AMONG FORTISSA.—In the Boston Lunatic Hospital there are 251 patients, four-fifths of whom are foreign paupers.

Public men of high reputation are like lions in a menagerie, continually stirred up, that the crowd may see their size and hear their roar.

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Proposals for grading French Street. A GREAT NUMBER OF PROPOSALS were submitted to the Commissioners of Public Works for the grading and paving of French Street, from the intersection of the street with the river to the intersection with the street leading to the city hall. The proposals were opened on the 21st inst. and the following are the names of the proposers: J. B. SMITH, J. D. GREEN, D. G. LANDRU, &c. The proposals were opened on the 21st inst. and the following are the names of the proposers: J. B. SMITH, J. D. GREEN, D. G. LANDRU, &c.