

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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On Monday last, Mr. SAMUEL MEGAW, recently elected County Commissioner, took the oath of office, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

CASUAL DEATH.—A man named Geo. HOEPLER, from the vicinity of Mount Rock, this county, came to his death on Tuesday night of last week, by being thrown from his wagon, while returning home from Centerville.

A SHALLOW "DODGE."—The Carlisle Herald makes a sorry attempt to sustain its former assertion, viz.—that "the evils of the banking system are chargeable to the Democratic party."

DEATH OF JOHN IRWIN, Esq.—With sorrow and regret, we announce the death of our respected townsman and friend, JOHN IRWIN, Esq.

Remains of Mr. Irwin were brought to Carlisle on Friday, and consigned to the tomb on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FALL IN BEEF.—Yesterday, the cattle market in Philadelphia fell one dollar on the hundred weight below the price of last week.

A FORTUNATE STATE.—The Little Rock (Arkansas) Democrat says that the Treasury of Arkansas is overflowing with gold and silver.

THE NEW RIFLE MUSKET.—The Ordnance Department has reported a sufficient number of the new model rifle musket (calibre five-eighths of an inch) now on hand to arm five regiments, and that the armories will manufacture enough for at least one regiment per month.

AN HONEST CONVICT.—Several years ago, a German was convicted in the Louisville, Kentucky, Criminal Court, of horse stealing, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for four years.

LYNCHING IN TEXAS.—At Waxahatchie, on the 28th ult., Rev. Thomas Donegan was sentenced, by a mob court and jury, to receive 500 lashes, and they were inflicted in the public square.

CHEAP LIVING.—In Paris a man may dine for twopenny. In the neighborhood of the Marche des Innocents there is a certain enterprising Madame Robert, who daily feeds some six thousand workmen, in the open air, yet sheltered from the weather.

GOLD AND SILVER.—A young man from Lexington, on Wednesday last, presented \$860 of the notes of the Farmers' Bank, at the branch at Georgetown, Ky., for redemption.

THE TREATY WITH PERU.—The President has proclaimed the binding force of the treaty between the United States and Peru, concluded on the basis that "Free ships make free goods, and the property of neutrals on board enemy's vessels is not subject to detention or confiscation, unless the same be contraband of war."

"LOCO-FOCO FRAUDS."

The Harrisburg Telegraph of last week contained an editorial under the above caption, which, for down-right impudence, exceeds anything we have read for some time.

"It is really extraordinary to see the outrageous frauds which are resorted to by the Locofoco party to carry elections. Look at Kansas—look at Minnesota—look at Ohio—look at Pennsylvania—look everywhere where the country, and what do you see but one glaring fraud after another, perpetrated by the Locofoco party, absolutely rendering the elective franchise a perfect farce."

It is positively refreshing to hear American Republican editors denounce election frauds. These men appear to consider every Democratic victory a "fraud."

The Democratic party is now and always was favorable to the sanctity of the ballot box, and no matter who attempts fraudulent voting, they will receive no countenance from intelligent Democrats.

We conclude this hasty article, therefore, by advising the Harrisburg Telegraph to look at the doings of its own party if it wishes to condemn rovdism and villainy at the polls.

Since 1840 we have exported specie and bullion to the amount of \$313,708,929, and imported to the amount of \$47,076,213, making a difference against us of \$276,632,716 in gold.

There is philosophy for you—Black as a Republican can make it. We have been printing rigs by the ton weight, and because specie will no more stay there worthless strips of brown paper are used as a currency than light can exist in darkness.

QUICK WORK.—At a late fire in Cincinnati, Ohio, an individual who happened to be at the door of the steam fire engine house, thus describes the effect: "The firemen, who were sitting near the stove, sprang instantly to their different posts."

CANAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Board of Canal Commissioners will hold a session on the 17th inst., for the purpose of making appointments in the public works.

GOV. WALKER NOT TO BE REMOVED.—The Albany Argus of the 3d inst., publishes the following dispatch from the President to the Hon. Daniel E. Sickles. It is a flat and official contradiction to the story of Walker's removal.

Mr. Banks, says the Boston Transcript, "is the twenty-first person elected as Governor of this Commonwealth, and the second that has in early life worked at a trade."

A HARD CURRENCY.

Nicholas Biddle was generally considered a good Bank man, and his opinions upon subjects connected with banking and the currency, should be of those of any one—considered orthodox by the warmest friends of the existing banking system.

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The Kansas correspondent of Cincinnati Times, in a recent letter, makes the following remarks respecting the real political sentiments of the citizens of that territory. They are, he corroborates what was said some months ago by a distinguished Southerner, who traveled through the Territory, and who in a letter to the Charleston Mercury, said that land speculation would make Kansas a free State.

There has recently been an understanding had among the principal Railroad Companies of the United States, the result of which is, that the rates of fare and of freight transportation are to be increased, and the wages of employees and running speed reduced.

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THE WASHINGTON AND THE "PLUG UGLIES."—The Washington correspondent of the Richmond "South," speaking of President Buchanan, says: "A delegation was some time ago introduced to the President, and proceeding in the usual style of complimentary impudence to greet the honor of his presence at an agricultural fair in the neighboring good city of Baltimore, one of the delegation insisted that the President avoid a visit to Baltimore, where he might see some of the solid men of the country."

EMIGRANTS SOUTHWARD.—A paragraph in the Charleston (S. C.) Evening News of the 24th ult., mentions the arrival at that port of one hundred and nine steerage passengers from New York, in the steamship Columbia.

THE BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The President and Directors of the Philadelphia Bank is, perhaps, the advance guard of the thousands that have been thrown out of business at the North, and who will be driven South in search of employment.

LYNCH LAW IN ENGLAND.—A fine, buxom-looking girl of 26, was married at St. George's Church, Manchester, England, recently, to a cripple, aged 28, who propels himself along the pavement with his hands, his legs and body being carried by a stage on four wheels.

TO BE DISBANDED.—It seems to be almost universally conceded that the Republican party is to be disbanded. So wise, so just, so impartial is the administration of Buchanan, that people generally concede that there ought to be no opposition to it.

The Mormons.

The Philadelphia Bulletin of Wednesday last, in speaking of the Mormons, says it is hardly fair to trust to the vague reports brought by casual strollers or stragglers from Mormondom, and too many of our most recent sources of information from that quarter have been of that character.

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IMPORTANT DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT.—In the case of the Commonwealth vs. McAllister and Hess, recently carried to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, a writ of error to the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster county, it was decided that "When an administrator or trustee deposits trust funds in his own name in a Bank or Savings Institution which fails, the loss shall fall upon him, and not upon the cestui que trust."

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The Grain Crops of California.

No item contained in the last batch of news from the Pacific, is more remarkable than that which announces that the grain crops of the present year in California, will largely exceed the demand of that State for consumption.

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Brutities.

A Sebastopol correspondent of the Boston Courier says that the former inhabitants of that ruined city are constantly returning in transports and steamers, and that already the place has a population of upwards of twelve thousand. Before the siege the population was 60,000.

"Times are improving, and men are getting on their legs again," said a New York gentleman to his friend. "How so?" "Why, those who used to ride down in their carriages now walk."

Mrs. Anne Benderhaefel was burned to death by a campfire lamp in Chicago, on Sunday.

John Riley was killed in an affray with Amos Smith, in Charleston, S. C., on Saturday.

There was ice on ponds in the vicinity of Athens, Ga., on the 21st ult.

Hon. G. A. Simmons, ex-member of Congress, died on Wednesday last, at Kennesaw, N. Y.

Hon. J. E. Farnsworth, member of Congress, died in Chicago, on Saturday, and no hope is now entertained of his recovery.

Several distinguished American officers are now at Washington, it is said, endeavoring to get into the British service in India.

Mr. E. R. Merry, a well known citizen of Fairfax county, Virginia, was among the lost passengers of the steamer Central America.

The amount of specie in the United States is estimated at about \$300,000,000 equal to \$12 in coin for every man, woman and child in the country.

Among the Mormons, boys of ten and twelve years of age, are enrolled in military bands, called the "Hope of Israel."

The mercy of man is to be just; the justice of woman to be merciful.

A Kansas paper asserts that a Free State will soon be formed out of Northern Texas.

The St. Louis Herald says: "The streets are full of idle men, mechanics, clerks, and laborers, who have been thrown out of employment in consequence of the recent troubles in the money market."

Thirty-one Irishmen left Hartford, Connecticut, one day last week, on their return to Ireland to live, thinking their chances better in the old country.

There were fifty-five fires in Philadelphia during the months of July, August and September. Loss \$71,715. Insurance \$89,425.

The estate of the late Esq. Sprague, of Rhode Island, amounted to over six millions of dollars.

As the storm which bruises the flower nourishes the tree, so absence, which starves a weak affection, strengthens a strong one.

There are 30,000 operatives and workmen, of various kinds, without employment, in the city and vicinity of Philadelphia.

Since the financial pressure commenced the notes of no less than 93 banks in the United States have been discontinued.

The Iowa City Republican states that farmers are offering wheat in that city for fifty cents a bushel, and cannot find purchasers.

The contractors on the Lock Haven and Tyrone Railroad have suspended operations for the present, and discharged their workmen.

Some of the Western papers have placed their money columns in mourning, by inverting the column "rules," and putting an obituary head at the top.

Married, in Litchfield, Ky., on the 12th ult., by Judge Val. Yates, John Robert Wells to Miss Emeline James, of Grayson. The bride is 23 years old, 36 inches high, and weighs 36 pounds. The bridegroom is 6 feet high, weighs 160 pounds, and is 35 years of age. The parents of the bride are wealthy.

A Newsboy who took a 10 dollar piece from a man, by mistake, for a cent, and persisted in keeping it, was turned out of the Newsboys' Lodging House, on Saturday night, in New York, after being compelled to give up the money.

Ladies, prepare for an extreme change in your habits, for a Paris correspondent of the N. Y. Courier says the ladies are coming out without hoops, bustle, wadding, or anything else.

We have heard a woman of the world say: "The state of widowhood is inconvenient for one must assume all the modesty of a young girl, without being able to feign her ignorance."

Official Despatches from Utah.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The War Department has just received despatches confirmatory of the previous reports that the Indians are making resistance to the United States troops.

The Administration has received no particularly important despatches relative to the events in Central America, and the Costa Rican movements. No matter what other Governments may do with regard to these affairs, the United States will pursue an independent American policy, without any entangling alliances.

The Value of Indian Corn.

For the following interesting information in regard to this little understood kind of food, we are indebted to Hunt's Merchants' Magazine:

"By those who do not know, or who are too scientific to profit by the experience of nations of men and herds of fat cattle, Indian corn, rice, buckwheat, &c., are very considered good food."

"From four Indian corn contains more than four times as much oleaginous matter as wheat flour; more starch, and consequently capable of producing more sugar, and though less glutinous, in other important compounds it contains as much nitrogenous material. The combination of alimentary principles which constitute the basis of organic life, that exists in no other vegetable production. In ultimate composition, in nutritious properties, in digestibility, and in its adaptation to the varied necessities of animal life in different climates of the earth, corn meal is capable of supplying more of the absolute wants of the adult human system than any other single substance in nature."

LATE NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA.—The Quaker City, from Havana on the 29th, arrived at New York on Monday night, with \$175,000 in specie. She also brought Senator Broderick and Col. Fremont, who had reached Havana by the Star of the West, from Ashland, which was to leave for N. Y. on Friday last.

The Star of the West arrived at N. Y. on Wednesday, and brought \$1,000,000 in gold for N. Y. and \$500,000 for England. The news of the panic in the Eastern and Middle States had not caused much surprise in California.

The general news from California does not possess much interest. Governor Wells had a Democratic majority of at least 15,000 over the other candidates. The Legislature was highly Democratic also, the Senate consisting of twenty-five Democrats and five Republicans, the Assembly of fifty-four Democrats and sixteen Republicans. The vote on the State debt showed a majority of 30,000 in favor of its payment.

There had been several encounters with the Indians. The Mormons in Carson Valley were, under Brigham Young's orders, to leave on the 25th of October, and return to Utah. He is said to have directed them to form a military organization. The impression at California was, that when driven to extremity, the Mormons would quit Utah, and locate themselves in the Russian-American Territory.

DISTINCTION OF OCCUPATIONS.—There is a most radical error prevailing society at the present in regard to plain, honest, hardy industry. A greater or more foolish mistake never associated itself with the popular prejudices, than it is the nature of his avocation that gives character and dignity to a man. For our part we should be sadly puzzled to discover the distinction between any two of the occupations which employ the industry of man, that would raise the operative in the one case above the other. One occupation is precisely as creditable in itself, and as commendable to its industrious pursuer, as another; provided it be honorable, and in perfect harmony with the laws of God and man. It is the man that enables the occupation, not the occupation that enables the man. It is well that we are not all fitted by habit, education and taste, for the same avocation. However, these natural divisions are by no means distinctions. It is the diversity of us, together with good laws, regulations, and regulations, that harmonize this vast workshop of the world. Without this diversity, all would be riot and confusion, and physical power alone would reap the benefit of labor. As it is, the weak and strong have each their several and appropriate allotments.

FINANCIAL MATTERS AT WASHINGTON.—The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, under date of October 28, writes: "The Collector of New York, and others, capable of giving reliable information, state that it is their opinion the receipts at New York from customs will be about three or four cents hence to the rate of \$100,000 a day, and the receipts at other ports will increase in proportion. In this event, there will exist no necessity for the Government to negotiate a loan, or to issue treasury notes; the revenue—any amount will be ample for the economical administration of the government. Nor will there exist any ground for refusing to carry on works for which appropriations have been already made, if any such design was ever contemplated by the Administration."

HONORS OF WAR.—A British clergyman, in a recent discourse, mentioned, as illustrations of the extent of the bereavements caused by the Indian mutiny, that a gentleman of his acquaintance had lost twenty-two relatives in India within six weeks; and that, out of thirteen of a family party, which met last year at St. Andrew's, only one is now living—twelve having gone out to India and fallen victims to the mutiny.

EXPECTED FAILURE.—The Albany Argus says: "The traffic in frow negroes, as a political commodity—must soon cease. We expect to announce among the bankrupts of the following year, Greely & Co., dealers in human wool—suspended, owing to the hard frosts; and the fact that the clip now on hand has no sale."

THE NEGRO VOTE IN OHIO.—The Cleveland Plaindealer states the negro vote, cast in the recent election in Ohio, to be estimated from 1200 to 1500. That the negro vote is also just about Chase's majority, so that he may be said to be elected by negroes.

THE CRY OF CHINA MUST BE AN IMPORTANT one in planning India this year, as the price per quart, at a very low figure, in many of our exchanges.

There are one hundred and seventeen Sheriffs' Sales advertised in the last Luzerne County Advertiser.

The Pittsburg Post strongly recommends Alfred B. McCalmont, Esq., as a suitable person to occupy the position of Attorney General in Governor Packer's cabinet.

DEATH OF CHATFIELD, THE SCOTCHMAN.—The English papers received by the last Liverpool steamer announce the not unexpected death of Mr. Crawford, the celebrated American sculptor, who died, after a protracted and excruciatingly painful illness, in London, on the 10th instant, in the 41th year of his age.