

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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THANKSGIVING.—Yesterday last was the day set apart by the Governor of this Commonwealth, for general Thanksgiving.

THE NEW COUNTY OFFICERS.—Messrs. QUINCY, CHERRY, and EMMERT, our newly elected County officers, were sworn into office on Tuesday last.

MOSES BRICKER, Esq., the new County Treasurer does not take possession of his office until the first of January.

THE CURRENCY.—Col. BENTON'S LETTER.—We call attention to the letter from THOMAS H. BENTON on Banks and currency, addressed to the editors of the National Intelligencer.

POULTRY THEFTS.—There have lately been a great many depredations committed upon our farmers and others by certain lawless scoundrels who appear to have a hankering after fine fat poultry.

On Thursday night last, the poultry yard of our old friend, Major MICHAEL SANNO, at the Carlisle Barracks, was invaded by a number of thieves who discovered and identified before they could make off with their booty.

We have heard of many more of such petty thefts having been committed recently in this vicinity, but as we have not learned the full particulars we forbear to mention them.

Let his home in Hampden township, on the 22d of November last, EDWARD SEIBER, a boy about 15 years of age, and has not been heard of since.

DEPARTURE OF U. S. TROOPS.—On Monday last, a detachment of United States troops, numbering 215 men, left Carlisle Barracks, under the command of Lieut. LEE. They were a hardy, disciplined, and amiable body of men.

CONGRESS ASSEMBLES on Monday next. Hon. JOHN A. AHL, the member from this district, passed through Carlisle on Monday last, on his way to Washington.

RE-ELECTED U. S. SENATOR.—The two branches of the Legislature of Alabama met in Convention, on Saturday last, and on the first ballot elected, Hon. C. C. CLAY, Jr., to the United States Senate for six years, from the 4th of March, 1859, when his present term of office expires.

GOV. WALKER.—The Union authoritatively contradicts the report, that Gov. Walker has purchased lands in Kansas or elsewhere, and adds that no part of the reservation at Fort Leavenworth has been sold.

DR. VALL'S GALVANIC OIL will remove all pain from Burns and Scalds, in from 10 to 20 minutes, by making a free application to the parts affected.

THE MCKEESPORT MURDERERS.—The Supreme Court has affirmed the action of the Criminal Court in the case of Charlotte Jones, Henry Fife, and Monroe Stewart, who were sentenced to be hung for the murder of an old man and his sister, at McKeesport.

THE EASTON ARGUS mentions an incident of an old gentleman recently deceased in Lehigh county, who had been suspected of having considerable money in his house, although no one knew the amount.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA.—The Northern Light, from Aspinwall, arrived in New York yesterday morning. She brings upwards of \$2,000,000 in gold dust.

The Mormons were preparing for a contest with the United States troops. The news of the massacre of the Plains is fully confirmed.

According to scientific gentlemen we are likely to have a mild winter this time. The more unreasonable the weather is the more reasonable it will be for the poor.

THE POOR.

Let not ambition mock their useful toil, Their homely joys and destiny obscure; Nor grandeur here with a disdainful smile, Show short and simple annals of the poor.

When the chilly blasts of black November howl around our comfortable dwellings; when we are seated around our firesides enjoying the comforts of a happy home; when we feel that God in his beneficence has vouchsafed to us all the comforts that the heart can wish for, it is at such times, we should ask ourselves the question—is it thus with our neighbors? Our duty as Christians does not cease, with merely contributing a few pennies or a few dollars to this, or that committee, for the poor.

Bad Advice.—The newspapers of the principal eastern cities are urging upon the poor, and those out of employment, to leave the city for the country. It is not just, that our city friends should give this kind of advice.

Already are the poor houses of the different counties of Pennsylvania, on the route of Philadelphia to Pittsburg, filled to overflowing with the poor of the Eastern cities, and our publicans are nightly solicited for free quarters by destitute strangers.

The vanity of riches is seldom illustrated so strikingly as in the case of the great English millionaire, Morrison, who died worth \$20,000,000. It seems to be one of the conditions of the accumulation of enormous wealth in a single generation that the possessor shall first disqualify himself from enjoying it, and in some cases, even from appreciating the fact that he holds it.

MAKING AN ANTI-SLAVERY FEEL.—Some of the newspapers are making a great proffer over the Kansas constitution and the great wrong done to the inhabitants of that Territory, by submitting only the slavery clause to the vote of the people.

THE CAREER OF A FORTUNE.—A criminal trial of unusual interest has just terminated in Cleveland, Ohio; in which the defendant is one Edward T. Nichols, cousin of Pinckney T. Barnum, the distinguished showman.

AN ENTERTAINMENT complimentary to Chief Justice Lewis, of the Supreme Court of this State, by the members of the Pittsburg Bar, on his retiring from the Judiciary, came off recently at the Monongahela House.

GOVERNMENT PATRONAGE.—The State Department has recently published a list of our Consuls and Ministers abroad, their compensation, the States from which they were appointed, &c. This list affords some curious statistics of the rank held by the several members of the Union in the government patronage.

WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE.—We ask the attention of our readers to the following item: A New Movement.—A correspondent of the Providence Journal, writing from Dixon, Illinois, says: "A more has been made by the ladies of Dixon, Illinois. Some twenty here, have resolved that until every factory and calico establishment in that native State is again in successful operation, they will neither purchase nor consume any fabric, unless of American manufacture, and will give preference to labor of their native State."

Here is an example worthy of universal imitation. If American ladies possessed independence and patriotism not only to resolve but carry into effect a similar resolution everywhere, we should not export millions of specie every year for ridiculous gew-gaws.

Have you "blasted Hopes?" asked a lady of a green librarian, whose face was much swollen by the toothache, "No, ma'am; but I have a blasted toothache."

Gov. Packer's Cabinet.

The papers are amusing themselves with guessing who will compose Gov. Packer's Cabinet. For Secretary of the Commonwealth, Hon. John Cassin, of Bedford, Hon. Wm. M. Hester, of Berks, and Hon. John L. Dawson, of Fayette, are most prominently named.

Black-Republican Hypocrisy.—The Washington Union says with truth that the most arrant hypocrite to be found is the Black Republican, who pretends to be horrified because the whole of the Kansas constitution is not submitted to the people of the Territory for ratification or rejection.

On some roads, also, a practice has prevailed of rewarding engineers on freight trains, and other responsible employees of this class, for long continued good behavior.

Increase of the Army.—The St. Louis Republican advocates strenuously the immediate increase of our army, as a measure demanded by the hostilities in Utah and the Indian war in Texas, New Mexico, and other western regions.

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Economy on Railroads.

The recent financial crisis has led to marked retrenchments in the management of the principal railroads of the country. Salaries have been reduced, wages cut down, superintendents discharged, and all work not of pressing importance temporarily suspended.

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No one denies that there has been great wastefulness in railway management, or that a reform is indispensable; but the question is, what reform? It is assuredly not reform to drive away skilled, careful and generally capable workmen.

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 1857. DEAR BRATTON—The cry is still they come! strangers, and boarding houses are now doing a thriving business. The weather for the past week has been delightful and yesterday (Sunday) we enjoyed one of the brightest of Indian days.

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LETTER FROM THOMAS H. BENTON.

ON BANKS AND CURRENCY. WASHINGTON, C Street, Nov. 30, 1857. To the Editors of the National Intelligencer.

ESTABLISHED.—Many papers, desirous of the establishment of a National Bank, are quoting what Gen. Jackson said in favor of such an institution at the beginning of his Presidency. I have to remind all such papers that what was said was said before Gen. Jackson saw a prospect of restoring the currency of the Constitution; and that, after he saw that prospect, he believed for us.

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No stamp duty, no bankrupt act, and no requisition to keep any proportionate amount of hard money in circulation, and the perfect title to unbounded freedom, and the perfect title to periodical explosions, which belong to American banking.

This last requisition, that of keeping on hand an amount of hard money proportionate to their liabilities, seems to be an unworkable one in the United States; yet that requisite is a legal and fundamental condition of the Bank of England; and the proportion of one third in gold of the total amount of its liabilities in circulation and deposits is the rate enforced and below which the Bank of England does not permit itself to pass.

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