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We are somewhat hurried by the present number of our paper, owing to spending several days at fishing. The matter is thrown together rather carelessly in order to get out in time for the mails—our readers will therefore overlook any blunders which may appear in the columns.

The rains of last week raised the waters of the West Branch and its tributaries to a height sufficient for running rafts. There was a large amount of lumber in the streams, the owners of which were anxiously awaiting an opportunity to convey it to market, not of whom immediately, on the rise of the water, set about making preparations to sail. Those who were best prepared and ready to start on the top of the flood, would perhaps succeed in reaching market; while those as high up as this place, who were unable to start until Tuesday, heavy crafts in particular, would be compelled to tie up this side of Lock Haven, or meet with a worse fate. We turned out to try our hand at the oar. On Monday we took a tramp up Clearfield Creek, and rode down on a raft, and came through safe; but there were a number who staved and racked considerably on the creek, notwithstanding there were no saw logs in the stream. Still the staving is charged, and we believe justly too, to the saw logs. It is alleged that many of the rafts were prepared for running in the Spring, and being newly raved, would then, if properly managed, have come through safe; but the log men monopolized the business, the rafts were compelled to lay back until the bows and pins and grobs of the board rafts became rotten and were insufficient to stand the rack of which they had to undergo.

On Tuesday we started down the Susquehanna, and sailed very nicely until we came to Mr. Ellis Irwin's dam, some five or six miles below this place, and we also slipped over the dam pretty nicely, too—but we thought that the craft which was but a few rods from the dam, was dangled and twisted by the water at the termination of the chute, a little harder than was really necessary—we passed, however, without sustaining any serious injury. There were several rafts below the dam which were badly raked, whether the fault of the rafts, dam or pilots, we do not pretend to say. We passed on to Bigler & Co.'s dam, and those having charge of the craft, which was a rather heavy one, came to the conclusion that there was not water sufficient to carry it to market, so we took the rapids and tied up. While there, several rafts passed over the dam, and appeared to go very safely, without sustaining any damage whatever. On our way home we discovered a great many rafts sticking in different places, not any of which are in the proper channel.

The weather since the flood has been favorable, and a large quantity of the lumber which was in the stream, will no doubt find its way to market, which will greatly benefit those engaged in the business.

The War Question.

The dates from the suit of war in Turkey are not so late as the 25th ult., the day fixed by the Sultan for the commencement of active hostilities, but, nevertheless, appears to be sufficiently decisive as to the important fact that a collision between the Russians and Turks has actually taken place on the Danube; and, although the latest reports speak of a strong desire on the part of Count Nesselrode, to still further negotiate upon the subject in dispute, yet all the indications are decidedly in favor of war.

The New York Election.—The election in this State is over, and has resulted as was anticipated, favorably to the Whigs.

The Whig State ticket is elected, and a majority of the Members elected to both branches of the Legislature are Whigs.—The result, however, cannot be considered as a Whig triumph over the united Democracy of the State, as the Democratic party is just now very much split up and divided, and numerous candidates for the different offices were in the field. It is to be hoped that before the next Presidential or Governatorial election comes off, that a reconciliation in the Democratic party will be effected, and the Democracy of the Empire State will again triumph.

BANK FAILURES.—We noticed last week that it was reported that the Bank of Oswego, New York, and the Bank of Massillon, Ohio, had failed. Late advice confirm the report and state that a Bank in Connecticut, and the "Patchin Bank," of Buffalo, have also failed.

A California emigrant, writing back to a friend in Western Missouri, makes a suggestion and states a fact or two.

I would advise all who have feather beds to lay on, and are afflicted with the asthma, to try a trip across the Plains, and if the first trip does not make a permanent cure, try the second, but be sure you leave the bed behind. Hay is worth as much in the Sierra Nevada mountains as feathers sell for in the States; and you can get nearly as much per pound for snow in Sacramento as you can for feathers, and save hauling two hundred miles.

Wylie Kearney, of Caldwell county, Ky., was recently murdered by two of his negroes.

A Temperance society among the clerks at Washington, has been started.

Another Letter from Col. Benton—The Central Route to the Pacific.

GENTLEMEN: I just received a letter from Fort Massachusetts, in the valley of San Luis, head of the Rio Grande del Norte, which came to me as unexpectedly as if it had fallen from the clouds, and could not have been more acceptable if it had been from any other spot on the Globe. It is written by a Virginia emigrant to California—one who had been there before, and now one of a party of emigrants all removing, and taking with them large herds of sheep and some cattle for the California market. They travelled upon the line which Beale and Heap described, and confirm all they said, by the actual fact of the easy travelling of their wagons, and the condition of their sheep and cattle, "about as fat as any in the Philadelphia or Baltimore markets" and that after travelling upwards of one thousand miles from Illinois, and seven hundred of it from the Missouri frontier. The country is rich and beautiful, and the valley of San Luis and the mountain grass all that Leroux and Fremont described it to be. Only think of that grass—thick as a meadow to the top of the mountains, and many acres good for four mowed tons, and plenty for all the winter to sustain stock without food or shelter. The letter is exactly such a one as I would wish to get—a plain statement of what was actually seen by an emigrating company, moving in a body, with out system or theory to establish, and looking for the best way to get to California.

The pass which they mention, through which Captain Gunnison went, is one of five in the Sierra Blanca leading from the Arkansas plains into the valley of San Luis, three of which are excellent, and one of them higher up, and from seventy to eighty miles nearer than the other two, by being more in a straight line to the Cochochota in the Rocky mountains, or Camero which is near it, and nearly as good. Instead of no passes in these mountains there are a multiplicity of them—so many and so good that the traveller has choice in the variety, and is only puzzled to decide which is best.

Fort Massachusetts, where this letter is dated, is just at the spot where Fremont was turned out of the valley by his guides, in the winter of 1843 and 1849, and when he found the pass almost without snow through which the Ulahs passed from the Del Norte to the Arkansas, and which was so level that he could only by careful observation detect the point of the dividing waters.

In brief, Messrs. Editors, I now feel emboldened to repeat what Fremont has often said to me—that in the central part of the Rocky Mountains, (covering the Three Parks, the headwaters of the South Platte, the Arkansas and the Del Norte, and the headwaters of the East Fork of the Great Colorado of the West) exactly in the line from St. Louis to San Francisco, and about half way between them, there is good country enough to make a mountain State double the size of all the Swiss cantons put together, and presenting everything grand and beautiful to be found in Switzerland, without the drawback of glaciers and avalanches, and consequently without its cold. He has gone to verify his winter theories in that region.

Respectfully, gentlemen, your obliged fellow-citizen,

THOMAS H. BENTON.

The Camanches of Western Texas are so reduced by hunger that they are willing to settle and cultivate the soil, if government will assist them. A meeting of all the bands will take place at Fort Chidborne in November, when a treaty will probably be made.—*Prov. Post.*

Agentlemen, who greatly disliked the custom of giving fees to servants, provided himself with some farthings, and on leaving the next party he attended, presented one to the footman, as he stood at the door. "I beg your pardon, sir," "Oh, no," said the gentleman, "I never give less."

"John, did you find any eggs in the old hen's nest, this morning?" "No, m'm, if the old hen laid any, she has mislaid them."

The magnetic telegraph line, put up between San Jose and San Francisco, had commenced operations.

Carroll Rence, Minister to Constantinople, sails in about three weeks from Norfolk in the Sarac.

There were 84 deaths in Baltimore during last week.

Horace Mann has been inaugurated President of Antioch College, in Ohio.

The revenue duty on Sugar for the last five years has amounted to \$36,000,000.

The United States Army numbers about 10,000 men. Last year they cost the country \$800 per annum.

An acre in Iowa yielded 290 bushels potatoes Pinkeye and Meshanock variety.

An esteemed religious acquaintance on being asked what part of the bible interested him most, replied, "The profits."

Nothing is more useless than the head of a fool, and the soap to black the skin of a negro.

In San Francisco, there are fifteen news-papers, seven of which are published daily.

The health of Hon. Rufus Choate is such, that his physicians have positively forbidden him to speak in public.

The Cunard Steamship is near doo, with three days later advices from Europe.

Dr. Waller R. Puckett, an old physician of Warrenton, Miss., died of yellow fever on the 13th.

Port is arriving at Cincinnati freely, and packing will commence in a few days.

James River, Va., has risen five feet since Saturday.

PUBLIC VENDUE.

THE subscriber will offer at PUBLIC SALE, at his residence in the town of Clearfield, on

Wednesday the 16th instant. THE HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE, in good condition, consisting of Bedsteads, Bureaus, Tables, Stands, Chairs, Parlor and Cooking Stoves, Carpets, &c.

Together with a number of articles too numerous to mention, and a quantity of household and kitchen goods, and a credit of SIX MONTHS will be given to those who purchase on terms. D. W. MOORE, Auctioneer. Clearfield, Nov. 10, 1853.

Bounty Land and Pension Agency. CHARLES TUCKER, WASHINGTON, D. C. ATTORNEY for claimants, and agent for obtaining BOUNTY LAND, PENSION, &c. extra pay, for Military and Naval services.

Notary Public for the widows and heirs of Volunteers of the Texas Revolution of 1836, and extra pay on claims for those who served in 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 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