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AMERICAN PARTY.

As we long since predicted an effort to make a new party in Pennsylvania, with the hope of consolidating all the discordant materials...

THE SOLE AFFAIR.

The steamer Asia, which arrived at New York on the 26th inst., brought the very welcome information that Louis Napoleon had recalled his order forbidding Mr. Soule the privilege of passing through his dominions.

P. S.—Since the above was written, the steamer Canada has arrived at New York, with news fully confirming the above, so that there is therefore no danger of any trouble with France—at present at least.

HARD TIMES!

We scarcely open an exchange now, which does not inform us of the closing of some mercantile institution or of the failure of some merchant who has stood high in the confidence of the business community...

"Sebastopol still holds out," is the significant news from the seat of war in Europe, as brought by the Canada. This news is down to the 27th of October, when even according to the British and French reports no decided advantage had been obtained over the Russians.

We see it announced that Col. A. G. CURTIS, of Centre county, has been appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth under Gov. Pollock. We are right glad of this, and hope there is no hoax about it.

THANKSGIVING.

Thursday last, the day set apart by the Executive as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, was one of the most lovely days we ever experienced. It reminded us of one of those spring days which are enjoyed by all nations, and which cause the heart of man to expand with gratitude to the Giver of all good.

"Then let the tribute of our praise Be endless as His love."

The P. O. Department and its Management. "N." the well known and very reliable and impartial Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, in his letter of the 17th inst., uses the following language in speaking of the management of the Post Office Department...

"I have already stated that in spite of the increased expenses of the increased usefulness of the Post Office Department, such is the rigid economy with which it is being managed, that with the increased revenue from postage, it is expected that in about four years from now, provided the same economical management of the Department be continued, the revenue will cover the expenditure."

Graham's Magazine for December, has been received and is truly a beautiful and interesting publication. The new volume of this magazine commences on the first of January next. Now is the time for those wishing to procure a copy of this publication, to send on their orders and money.

NEXT CONGRESS.—The Whigs and Unionists combined, will have a majority in the next House of Representatives. But it is doubtful whether they will ever be able to number a majority upon any distinct question.

The imports of foreign merchandise during the year ending 30th of June last is ascertained to amount to a fraction over \$300,000,000, and the exports, exclusive of the products of the California mines, \$280,000,000.

POST OFFICE ROBBERY.—A man named Martin, who has been for many years a Clerk in the Baltimore Post Office, was committed to prison in that city, by the U. S. Marshal last week, on the charge of purloining money letters from the Post Office.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE PRESS.

The following article which we extract from Rickells Reporter, will apply as correctly to a certain class known by us, and perhaps many of our readers, as to those the author had in view when he penned the article.

"Some persons have strange notions of what they call the independence of the press. We know a class of individuals who suppose independence to consist of abuse of every object that is not perfection, of violent and declamatory comments upon men and measures, and of bitter and malignant assaults upon contemporaries with whom they may happen to differ in opinion."

THE BEALE CASE.—Judge Thompson delivered the opinion of the Court on a motion for a new trial in this case on Friday last refusing a new trial. In his opinion he says "of the misconduct of the jurors in the jury room, there is not a shadow of evidence, and the casual expression which was heard by an occupant of adjoining premises is not shown to have proceeded from one of the jury."

He who having received his county paper regularly for the term of five years or more, and then stubbornly, and without any just cause refuses to pay for the same, has been pronounced by some newspaper publishers the meanest of the mean; and he who would knock his grandmother's last tooth down her throat—steal the hay from a blind sheep, or the last acorn from a lame hog, certainly occupies an unenviable position in the opinion of all right thinking men.

TICKETED THROUGH.—At present human ingenuity seems to be taxed to the utmost to suggest means by which the lives of passengers may be saved, even if a vessel goes down at sea. The last, and perhaps the best, we find in the Boston Transcript, is the suggestion of an old sea captain, and contemplates a sufficient number of life boats to accommodate the passengers and crew; each boat to be provided with a compass, water and food, and to be numbered and placed under command of an officer of the vessel.

The hard times causes a great falling off in building operations in Philadelphia. The Journal of Commerce says there is almost an entire cessation of building in the upper avenues, where they were so active a year or two ago.

The second session of the 33d Congress will assemble on next Tuesday.—The President's Message is looked for with much anxiety, as important revelations regarding our foreign relations are anticipated.

An additional Sheriff sale is inserted this week together with several other new advertisements. Read them.

ARRIVAL OF THE CANADIAN.

Three Days Later From Europe. Progress of the Siege of Sebastopol.—A Russian Sortie Repulsed.—1000 Russians Killed.—Lord Dinkellin's Capture Confirmed.—The Bombardment going on.—The City on Fire in several places.—Runned Full of Sebastopol. PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—The screw steamship Canadian has arrived, with Liverpool dates to the 7th inst., three days later than received by the Asia. She left Liverpool at one o'clock in the afternoon, with 44 cabin and 105 steerage passengers, and reached this port at twelve o'clock last night.

PROGRESS OF THE SIEGE OF SEBASTOPOL.—Intelligence of the progress of the siege from various sources had been received up to the 25th ult., but the official despatches of Lord Dundas, General Canrobert and Admiral Goussin, detailing the operations of the Allies, only extend to the 17th, the first day of the bombardment. These despatches were published on the 26th instant.

Admiral Hamelin in his despatch, says that if the Russians had not closed the entrance to the harbor by sinking eight of their ships, the allied squadrons, after their first fire, could have successfully run in and placed forced without, perhaps, greater loss than they have already met with.

On the evening of the 26th, the Russians, 8,000 strong, made a sortie from Sebastopol, and also from the direction of Balaklava, but were repulsed, 1000 men being left dead upon the field.

According to the latest telegraphic advices, the attack from the sea had not been renewed, but the bombardment from the heights were vigorously continued and the fort at the quarantine, and fort Constantine, had been razed and the southern tower and other works demolished.

The town, it is stated, was on fire in three different places, and it was evident that Sebastopol could not hold out much longer.

According to one account the assault was to be made on the 2d and 3d of November. A telegraphic despatch has been published by a Greek house, to the effect that the place had been positively captured, which, although believed by many, yet requires confirmation.

Telegraphic despatches published in London on the evening of the 7th inst., state that the town of Sebastopol was a mass of ruins, that the French classes by the precision of their fire, kill all the artillery men who show themselves at the embrasures; that the whole night a shower of balls is poured into the forts leaving the enemy no possibility of repairing disasters.

The Russian fleet has sought shelter under the buildings alongside of the quays, but the allies was about to fire upon them from new batteries with red hot balls.

An extraordinary London Gazette, published on the morning of the 7th inst., with further despatches from Raglan, stating that Lord Dinkellin was taken prisoner by the Russians during the recent engagement.

The Russians have all withdrawn from the forts in the vicinity of Balaklava. Lord Raglan states that Menchikoff was not in Sebastopol, but with the main body of the army on the heights, north of Back-sight.

It is stated that the French lost 200 by the explosion, while the English loss is under 100 in killed and wounded. As the British and French forces have been much cut up by disease and other losses reinforcements are urgently called for.

The demand for reinforcements has been suspended by both England and France. During the past two weeks 4000 men have been sent to the Crimea from England. These reinforcements include detachments of the regiments recently arrived from Canada. These sent make the number of British infantry in the Crimea 30,000. The French reinforcements are on a still larger scale.

Thirteen out of the twenty-four iron cylinders ordered at Woolwich for conveyance to Sebastopol, to blow up the enemy's ships at the mouth of the harbor, have been completed and shipped for their destination. Each cylinder contains 1000 pounds of powder, which will be ignited by a battery.

One hundred and twenty gun boats, with two heavy guns in each, have been ordered by the war office, together with forty floating batteries. These batteries are to have 70 guns each, and will all be ready by spring, to take part in the attack upon Cronstadt.

A camp of 10,000 men is to be formed at Aldershot, for the spring campaign in the Baltic. Russia has now 200,000 men facing the Austrian frontier while Austria has embarked along her frontier from Cracow to the Danube the same number, besides 25,000 in the principalities.

Both sides show great activity. The latest news in regard to Prussia, is that on the 27th ultimo the Czar refused an audience to the Prussian Ambassador at St. Petersburg.

WOULD RATHER BE IN SLAVERY.—In the Police Court, yesterday, a colored man named John Stewart was arraigned on a charge of stealing a quantity of clothing from an elderly colored woman. Stewart pleaded guilty, and offered in mitigation that he was out of funds and food, and had taken this course to provide himself with the necessaries of life. He stated to the Court that a short time since he was a slave in Raleigh, North Carolina, and upon being informed of the kind treatment he would receive from the abolitionists in the North if he could be seen as a free man, he concluded to purchase himself, and did so at a cost of \$500. He left his master and came to Ohio. "Since I came here," continued Stewart, "I have been kicked about and abused by all classes of white men. Can't get work from no one, and to borrow money to get bread with, that is out of the question. I wish I were a slave again. I did a great deal better there than I ever did here." Here the defendant took his seat to await the sentence of the Court, which was that he be sent to the chain gang at hard labor for one month, and pay the costs of prosecution. Stewart said he did not mind the hard labor, and was thankful for the prospect of getting something to eat in jail. He declared that as soon as he got out he would go South and become a slave again. Cincinnati Gazette, Nov. 14.

ILLINOIS BANKS.—Mr. P. Maxwell, Bank Commissioner of Illinois, publishes a card stating that every bank of that State under the general banking law, have deposited with the Auditor, in the hands of the Treasurer, good interest-paying bonds of the several States, to the full amount of every dollar of their own bills; and all registered money is equally secured, one bank with another. Those that have closed their doors have in no way depreciated the security for their bills;—they are of their full value now;—but cannot command specie until the Auditor disposes of their bonds or securities according to law which is required to be done immediately, at which time due notice will be given and the bills redeemed in specie. No sacrifice should be made on Illinois Bank bills whatsoever—not even suspended banks.

There will be three brothers, Washburn, in the next Congress.—Israel Washburn, Jr., from the Fifth District of Maine; Eliza B. Washburn, from the First District of Illinois; and Cadwallader C. Washburn, from the Second District of Wisconsin. The only previous occurrence of such an incident was in the Congress of 1840-47. The brothers then were William and John Findly, Senator and Representative from Pennsylvania, and James Findly, Representative from Ohio.

ANTIDOTE FOR STRYCHNINE.—Camphor has been discovered to be an antidote for that terrible poison, strychnine. A man who had been thrown into convulsions by two doses of the poison—one-sixth of a grain each administered for the rheumatism—was relieved by twenty grains of camphor taken in six grams of alcohol mixture. Dr. Suddendock, in a letter to the London Lancet, claims to have made the discovery.

If you want folks to look upon you as a man of talent, learn to find fault.—Praise a man and nobody is pleased but himself and wife. Abuse him, and you secure the admiration, not only of "his friends" but the rest of mankind. There is nothing more popular with the masses than censure of individuals.

A Millerite lady, speaking to an old aunt who was rather deaf, told her the end was coming, and she herself should "go up." The other just caught at the last words, and replied: "Well, you will come down again at Thanksgiving, won't you?"

It is the advice of a "culled gentleman," that if you have any money about you, the less you show it around the better. "Cause why? niggers will steal while white folks ain't no better, sometimes, than niggers." The advice will bear dwelling on.

HARD TIMES.—A shawl sold at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, for \$1,025. In the next street, women make shirts for six cents each, and probably for the very person who bought that shawl. Queer world this.

Since wheeling matches have been so effectually "run into the ground," during the past week; the members of the Bachelor Club have intimated their intention of having a grand pig chase soon. Almost all the chances are taken, spectacles is looked for first chance.

The Salmon fisheries of California will be on an extensive scale during next season. Companies are formed on the Sacramento and other rivers to catch and put them up for export.

Charles Lewis hit the hydrophobists when he said: "Water was as old as the deluge, only that the first great application happened to kill more than it cured."

A destructive fire occurred at Montrose, Pa., which destroyed 28 buildings, generally stores and shops. The loss is estimated at between 65 and \$100,000.

Why is a cell getting broke, like a young lady getting married? Because he is going through the "bridal" ceremony.

Thos. F. Cope, one of the oldest and more respected merchants of Philadelphia, died in that city, on the 23d inst., aged 57 years.

There are some things you can learn from fools. Among the number, is the value of holding your tongue.

If a pound of tallow costs eight cents what is the par value of the Kingdom of Greece? Answers by return mail.

The citizens of Washington contemplate memorializing Congress for a repeal of the usury laws.

Clark, the Whig candidate has been elected Gov. of N. Y. by a small majority.