

Another Letter from Col. Benton.

A number of residents of Springfield, Mo., residence of Col. Phelps, of recent Anti-Benton notoriety, have addressed a letter to Col. Benton...

Our Judas is still among the missing, although we are expecting him daily. We are prepared with our friends to meet him at any time...

The following is the old heresy reply: Gentlemen: I thank you for your invitation to come among you and to speak to you...

My last visit to the western frontier was on a special occasion, to see a little pioneer party set off to verify the route of Fremont and Leroux to the Pacific Ocean...

The scene within the Church immediately after the shock is represented by an eye witness to have been a fearful one. The pastor, Mr. Gilman, whose position in the pulpit was such as to enable him to see at a glance the terrible effect of the lightning, fainted away...

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The course of the electricity in the house was very singular; it appears to have gone from object to object in an unusual manner, and some persons think it to have traveled in some parts, but this is all conjecture. Not a strike or a glaze was heard, save the almost inaudible ones made by some of the victims; no noise or confusion ensued, but dread consternation seemed to have taken possession of all for the moment.

The lightning seemed to have gone in and out of the building several times before reaching the ground, and it appears to have finally divided, one portion of it reaching the ground by the parlor and the other by passing from the gallery to the basement.

There has never been an occurrence in our midst which has seemed to spread such universal gloom and sadness. The lightning was seen to strike the Church by several persons outside, those near being stunned by its effects.

The death warrant of Reese Evans, the Wilkesbarre murderer, was read to him on the 24th. He was much agitated. His execution is to take place Sept. 9th.

Miss Maria Mahelan has been appointed Post Mistress at the Summit. The Eben-burg papers say that she has always steadfastly adhered to Democratic principles, and will make a popular office.

The large Tannery of Messrs. Evans, Han & James, at the west end of Ebeneburg, was destroyed by fire May 16th. Loss estimated at \$1,500; insured to the amount of \$800.

A man named Louis Fritz died at Turle Creek, Allegheny county, May 23d, while under the influence of chloroform, administered for the amputation of his leg.

The boatmen of the Delaware and Hudson and Pennsylvania Coal Company at Honesdale, have struck for advanced wages. The hands at Cooper's Furnace, near Phillipsburg, Northampton co., have also struck for higher wages.

A cow belonging to Henry Krain, of Saucun township, Northampton co., gave birth to a calf a few days ago, which weighed 97 lbs when one hour old.

Frighful Catastomy in a Church.

[From the Lockport (N.Y.) Courier, May 23d.] We are called upon to record an awful and solemn visitation of Providence; one that has thrown a gloom over the entire community.

The lightning struck the church steeple on the south west corner, passing down into the gallery occupied by the singers, which was directly under the people, and fell the persons effected by the shock, were members of the choir. They were about concluding the introductory hymn when the shock came, carrying death, sorrow and dismay into their midst.

The first moment after the shock was one of universal consternation and dismay. Every person in the gallery, numbering some twelve or fifteen, except one or two, were prostrated by the shock but those that escaped injury, aided by persons from below, immediately proceeded to the assistance of the unfortunate. Some of the injured persons had their faces and bodies burned, making them present a horrible picture.

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It is a settled fact, that this Road is commenced with a firm determination on the part of its projectors to push it, link by link, to the State Line. There can be no doubt, but such is the intention, and still it will become necessary for the people of Northern Pennsylvania to meet the efforts of the Company in a spirit of liberality and enterprise.

We are glad to see Philadelphia awakening to this matter. Too long she has been content to see the trade of Northern Pennsylvania carried off by New York. A trade which rightfully, from various considerations, belongs to her.

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Towanda, Saturday, June 4, 1853.

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Democratic State Nominations. CANAL COMMISSIONERS. THOMAS H. FORTSH, OF PHILA. CO. ADRIAN GENERAL. EPHRAIM BANKS, OF MIFFLIN, CO. FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL. J. PORTER BRAWLEY, OF CRAWFORD CO.

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At the State Line, converge numerous branches of rail road and canal, covering and commanding the entire surface of the State of New York, with a direct communication by this means, to Philadelphia, a new and hitherto unavailable market being opened.

With this Railroad completed, and in operation, who shall put an estimate upon the vast strides Bradford (in common with the whole North) will make in improvement and development? Already we have nearly completed the link of Canal necessary to mingle the waters of Lake Erie and the Hudson River with Chesapeake Bay.

These various expeditions are fully equipped and provided with men of science and artists, as well as the usual accompaniments of bushmen and out-liers, and are furnished with scientific instruments.

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The Pacific Railroad.

This great work, which will place a stamp upon the annals of the nineteenth century, may now be looked upon as fairly undertaken. Four expeditions of survey have already been organized, under an appropriation of \$150,000, in order to present the most practicable line for the track.

The second expedition, under Lieut. WHIFFLE, of the Topographical Corps, is under instructions to survey the route from Memphis to Vicksburg by way of Fort Smith, Arkansas and Albuquerque, New Mexico, thence to the frontier line of California.

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Handsome Dividend.

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