

Meeting the officer entrusted with these despatches... the Commodore, soon after he had taken them into his cabin...



POPPSVILLE. Saturday Morning, May 16.

The President called, and I thought no more of the affair, until some weeks after, taking up a newspaper, I therein saw it stated that he had taken the British Government schooner Highflyer by stratagem.

Soon after the peace, dining with Commodore Rodgers at his house in Washington, he related to me the following circumstances, which I give nearly in his own words.

"I acknowledge the receipt of your letter," he observed, "and was determined to have the signals made on board, and to try the experiment, none of my officers understanding for what purpose they were intended."

"This order was obeyed, and I despatched a lieutenant to bring her signal-book, enjoining on him and the crew the strictest secrecy respecting our character. He was politely received by the captain, whose schooner proved to be the 'Highflyer.'"

"The lieutenant informed him that he was requested to bring his signal-book on board the 'Sea-Horse,' in order to have some alterations made, as there was a rumor that the Yankees had possession of something like the signals, and it was therefore necessary to change the numbers."

"On reaching our vessel, he seemed surprised at the size of the deck, praised her cleanliness, and the order in which every thing appeared; admired the new red coats of the marines, and on being invited into the cabin, handed me a bundle of despatches for Admiral Warren, who, he observed, must be within forty miles of the sea-board."

"I asked him what object Admiral Warren had in cruising in that neighborhood? He said, to intercept the American privateers and merchantmen, but particularly to catch Commodore Rodgers, who he understood had commanded one of the largest and fastest sailing frigates in the American navy."

"The dying dolphin never assumed a greater variety of colors, than did this poor fellow's face," he said, "I am assured to be humorous, and must be joking."

"At the same moment the hand struck up 'Yankee Doodle,' on our quarter-deck, and reaching which, he saw the American ensign flying, the red coats of the marines turned blue, and the crown-and-anchor disappeared into the air."

"This affair," observed the Commodore, "was of immense importance to our country. We obtained in full the British signals; the operations of Admiral Warren, by the non-receipt of his despatches, were destroyed for the season; and it probably saved the frigates, for the enemy was running, at the time of my falling in with the Highflyer, would have brought us into the midst of his fleet during the night."

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REMITTANCES BY MAIL.—A postmaster may enclose money in a letter to the publisher of a newspaper, to pay the subscription of a third person, and frank the letter, if written by himself.

THE COAL TRADE.—The Coal Trade still continues dull, and there is no demand but for immediate use, which is very limited.

Temperance Badge.—We were much gratified during the past week, at the long array of members who have taken the Temperance Pledge, and were distinguished at the funeral of one of their members.

St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven.—The Rev. Samuel Buel will preach in this place of worship tomorrow morning. We are pleased to learn that he is likely to become the pastor of the new congregation, and trust that his usefulness may find an extensive sphere of action.

The Burning Mountain, at the head of the West Branch Rail Road, which attracted so much attention last year, is still raging, even more furiously than ever.

Pinegrove Coal.—The Advocate, published at Havre de Grace, says, "a boat load of coal from the Pinegrove Region, arrived at the Basin of the Tide Water Canal, on Friday last. The coal is of excellent quality, and we doubt not will meet with ready sale at profitable prices."

A Schuylkill County Reporter.—Capt. H. well known on the line of the Schuylkill Canal, was last week at New York, and with hundreds of others went on board the Arabian vessel, lately arrived at that port from Muscat.

The Bedford Victory.—The losses are again at the 'unlooked for and terrible defeat in this county, and attribute it to every other cause but the right one, which is a change of public opinion.

The Common School System, has been rejected by a town vote, in the Borough of West Chester. "Say, why is this? wherefore? what should we do?"

Mr. John C. Martin has been elected Superintendent of the Merchant's Exchange, Philadelphia, in the place of Mr. Coffee, resigned.

James City County, in Virginia, which by a somewhat remarkable coincidence, is the birth-place of both the Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates of the People and Reform, gave at the late state election an unanimous vote for the Harrison Ticket.

Connecticut.—The state of parties in the legislature is as follows: Senate, 18 Whigs, 3 Locos; House 140 Whigs, 66 Locos. In 1849 the Senate was composed of 13 Whigs and 8 Locos; and the House of 113 Whigs, 4 Conservatives, and 90 Locos.

Coal Companies.—Our previous remarks on the subject of coal companies, obtained for mining purposes, as well as those which we may deem necessary hereafter to publish, are acquired simply by a desire of doing public justice, and placing the community on their guard against a system of hoarding extravagance and ruinous speculation, which must involve the most serious consequences.

What effect this most delightful exhibition of female patriotism had on the younger delegates, we dare not venture to say, but it made every married man feel prouder of his wife, and more devoted to his fair countrywomen.

Anthracite for Steam Boats.—A correspondent of the New York American, states that the Steam Boat North America, plying between Albany and New York, uses anthracite coal, exclusive for her fuel.

Coal mining under an incorporation, has ever proved, and must from the nature of the business, continue an unprofitable exertion. What has prevented the completion of the Pottsville & Danville Rail Road? There has been enough money appropriated to complete it, where is it? We answer, in the Coal Mining business!

The facility attending corporations for coal mining is universal. We set it around us in this country, and if we examine the prices of English stocks, we will find its influence there also.

Let us for a moment examine the financial state of the Lehigh Company. We should like to see a statement emanating from them, informing the loan and stock holders, of the actual cost of their improvements and amount of loans. They then might be enlightened by an approximation to the amount of money lost in the coal business.

Another Gross Outrage.—A bill was recently introduced by Mr. Calhoun, of Massachusetts, to limit the compensation of U. S. Marshals and Attorneys. In some of our large cities, fees, &c. amount to from 15 to \$20,000, and this bill provided that all over \$8500 should be returned into the Treasury of the country.

The Levee National Convention, at Baltimore, nominated Van Buren for the Presidency, and decided that each state should run a Vice President on its own hook. By this means they hope to throw the election of that officer into the Senate, but it will not answer: a large majority in the Electoral College will vote for Tyler, and prevent any such result.

Mr. Colhen has extracted a number of corns from the feet of President Van Buren without causing pain, so says a certificate under the hand of the "Pink of Democracy."

Montgomery County, Pa. was represented by fifteen Delegates at the Baltimore Whig Convention; they were overlooked in the account first published, and have a banner to designate their residence.

Mystification.—Philadelphia will soon acquire to herself a cognomen, which must be "Mystification City," for verily her citizens are over and over fond of making marvels of any and every thing.

At this juncture Mr. McLaughlin, who was on foot, and acting as Marshall for one of the wards, interfered with a view of inducing them to retire. He took the effigy from the bearer, and the garments were immediately torn to shreds by the outraged delegates.

The present nine days wonder is the disappearance of Mr. Benjamin Smith, a book keeper of the Bank of Pennsylvania, who went to the Baltimore Convention and has not since been heard from.

An Incident of the Baltimore Convention.—During the departure of the cars for Philadelphia, which were loaded with delegates on their return home, a large number of ladies—lovely and beautiful as the fair of Baltimore proverbially are—surrounded them, loaded with bouquets, which they bestowed on their departing friends.

Re-assembling of the Legislature.—On Tuesday last, the august dignitaries, who for the present concern the destinies of our State, re-convened at the Capitol. What they will do there, is a serious enquiry, and one which the most foresighted cannot answer.

They did accidentally stumble on one or two acts which had the effect, partially, to restore public confidence, and this will doubtless strike the radicals as something too heinous to be let alone.

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The Ball Rolling.—The splendid symbol of the exalting power of the people, rising in their might to overthrow Van Burenism, which was drawn by the young men of Allegheny county, Maryland, at the Baltimore Whig Convention, was rolled through the streets of Philadelphia, on Thursday, of last week.

As it left the warehouse in Dock street, where it had been deposited, an incident occurred, which in ancient times would have inspired the doubling with new hopes, and even now must add new impulse to the certainty of success which is crowning the cause of Harrison and Tyler.

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Bedford County Redeemed! Returns from the special election in Bedford County, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the expulsion of McElwee, have been received, and Mr. Washburn, the Whig Candidate has been elected by 628 majority.

The Ball Rolls Onward! WHIG VICTORY IN THE CAPITAL OF THE EMPIRE STATE! The Harrison banner floats triumphant in every Ward!

The Whigs of Albany have gone triumphantly through their Charter Election.—The Capital of the Empire State stands proudly grand. There is a Whig majority for Aldermen in every ward in the City! Every ward in the city has increased its whig majority since the last Charter Election. We have carried the city by over one hundred more majority than we had in the spring of 1839.

It is now ascertained that the absence of Mr. Paul Geddes, was voluntary.

The agent of the Great Western was compelled to refuse about 100 applications for passage. The packet-ships are all filled.

Logical.—The Baltimore Sun contends that if money—that is specie—be the "root of all evil," ship-plasters must be the leaves; and thence draws the inference that Baltimore and Philadelphia must be "in full leaf."

WEARING DADDY'S CLOTHES. Our readers may have somewhere seen a cut, or pictorial representation of a "remarkable youth" of some ten years old, rigged out in his "daddy's clothes," hat, coat, vest, pantaloons, boots and all.

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