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SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 13, 1843.

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☞ Single copies of the Miners' Journal, can be obtained of Mr. E. W. Carr, No. 85, Chesnut street, (National Forum office,) every Saturday evening, where subscriptions and advertisements also will be received.

Battalion Parade.

The military display on Wednesday last was quite a spirited and brilliant affair. Notwithstanding the unpleasant state of the weather and the cold rain which fell during the day, seven companies were present on parade and by their evolutions and drill well sustained the reputation of our military. After the line was formed in the morning, the Battalion was marched to the parade ground on Young's Hill, and was there drawn up in order to await the arrival of Brigadier General High for whom an escort had been sent. Upon the appearance of the General and staff the Artillery fired the required salute, and he was received by the whole line with arms presented and officers saluting. After the review the Batualion moved down into the Borough with the General and staff at its head, and in that manner proceeded through the principal streets until they arrived at his quarters, when they again passed in review, and, after forming into line beyond, dismissed.

We cannot let this notice pass without adverting to the appearance of Capt. Nagle's Company of Independent Blues who were on parade during the day with an addition to their uniform in the shape of a new and elegant cap. This company is improving rapidly in drill and movements, and deserves the encouragement and assistance of our citizens in their spirited undertaking. It is composed entirely of young mechanics, who, notwithstanding the difficulty and expense attending the effort, have succeeded in equipping themselves well and appropriately—our citizens would do well by aiding and encouraging them in their endeavour.

The other companies are so well known among us that anything we could say in their praise would be but a twice told tale, so we close this paragraph by saying that none of them ever appeared to greater advantage than they did on Wednesday.

Town Hall.—We called in, a few nights ago, upon Mr. Peter F. Mudey, who has taken this fine building and established in it a Temperance Refectory and Reading Room. We were highly pleased with all the arrangements and, from the patronage which is evidently extended to it, predict a complete success in the undertaking. The Reading Room is admirably fitted up and well lighted—a range of stands containing a number of good papers, daily and weekly, surround the room; and a large circular table in the centre, covered with periodicals, late publications, &c., all conspire to induce a visit to the establishment. The proprietor is obliging, attentive and intelligent; and deserves to succeed in this his new enterprise.

The Encampment.—A meeting of the military of Schuylkill county was held at the Infantry Armory on Wednesday after the parade, for the purpose of making arrangements relative to the proposed Encampment at this place. One or two addresses were delivered, and the proper spirit was manifested on the part of those present. A committee of officers was appointed for the purpose of fixing upon an appropriate site, and also a committee to ascertain the cost and procure the necessary funds. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesday next, then and there to hear the reports of the committees.

☞ Quite a difficulty occurred on Wednesday at the Philadelphia Court of Quarter Sessions between Judge Jones and the Grand Jury. His Honor administered to them what they considered an unwarrantable rebuke for the non performance of their duties, and intimated his intention to discharge them. Whereupon the Jury read a formal protest against the action of the Court which was read by both Jones and Parsons, when the former very uncerimoniously discharged them. The Jury refused to be discharged and retired to their room to consider further upon the business

☞ The weather which was rainy and disagreeable on Thursday morning, brightened up in the afternoon, and the sun shone out pleasantly and warmly, notwithstanding our paragraph upon "moonlight," which was already in type. We heard a number of our "boo ing dum dardies," (as Corporal Streeter calls them) complaining of their ill luck in having Wednesday for a parade, instead of Thursday.

☞ They have had a novel kind of Olympiad at the Mobile race course lately. The celebrated Otto Motty rode the two wildest horses in the city against anything that could be brought into competition with him, and distancing all. The description of the scene as given in the New Orleans Picayune is most exciting.

Roses.—We have received a few "*Isle de Bourbon*" Roses which are decidedly the most beautiful as well as the most popular of all the family of roses. They bloom from June to October; those of our citizens who are fond of such things would do well to call and view them.

☞ We tried hard yesterday morning to write an article upon a material question, and gave up in despair—cause why? a loquacious interloper was busy at work wagging his tongue in our sanctum!

Mr. Levi S. Hollingsworth, clerk of the Common Council of the city, died suddenly on Wednesday evening whilst bathing at R. Harmer's Bath House in 3d street near Arch. It was caused by apoplexy.

Dr. Collyer is still lecturing in Philadelphia upon mesmerism, magnetism and all the wonders, phenomenas, and inexplicables involved in the science of animal attraction.

Sacrilege.—The Presbytarian church at Norristown was entered on Thursday night last by some wicked scoundrel and robbed of a valuable *bible*.

☞ The friends of Mr. Botts have discovered a number of illegal votes which were polled against him at his election It is understood in Virginia that the seat will be contested.

☞ A subscription paper for the relief of Small's widow and Cromwell's mother, is circulating at New York.

☞ We have heard it complained that the passenger cars on the Rail Road are not kept quite as clean as they might be—how is it?

Yesterday was a glorious day—sorry we grumbled so about the weather on Wednesday; but we caught a cold, and couldn't help it.

☞ It is estimated that nearly two thousand persons were present at the militia parade in Schuylkill Haven on Tuesday last.

Republicanism.

A great philosopher once observed that the safety and prosperity of a Republic consisted in the virtue of the mass. Centuries have rolled past since its utterance and still the oracle remains unchanged and firmly established as ever. Resting our opinion upon that expression, we can safely assert that our noble fabric will endure coeval with time itself. Trust to the people—confide in the judgement of those who sustain, enjoy, and suffer, and we have a dependence that will never melt away. The mass may err for a time, but experience, bringing with it the consequences of that error, will correct the mistake and remedy the evil—Demagogues, with their cunning, finely woven schemes of ambition, may succeed in blinding the community for a period; but, like the tempest which glooms and mutters for a while, the awakening from the delusion will leave a serener sky and a purer atmosphere behind. Trust the people and all will be well—seek not to bully, flatter, or cajole! let all appeals to the popular sense be rested upon strong, calm and clear reason—address arguments to the sense and not to the feelings—truth needs but little comment, and when spread out clearly before the public eye will accomplish more with its silent force, than all the vapourings of high wrought eloquence, or the wheedling efforts of cunning sophistry. We hold a strong and abiding dependence on the good sense and honest, faithful intention of the mass—a dependence, which time and an age of contradictions could scarcely shake, and would be willing, no matter how vital or important the issue, to trust the final decision to their united judgment.

There has been, and there still exists a desire, on the part of some who seek to influence the public mind, to carry their point with impetuosity in the midst of excitement. There is manifested in this course a fear that the people may pause and reflect before they join in the halloo. They are beginning to understand this system and now always look for the wolf before they run at the cry for help. Empty words and noisy frothings are losing their effect rapidly; and the lesson of dear bought experience stands out in startling characters before the mental visions of those who have heretofore been the willing dupes of demagogueism. The warning voice of that unanswerable monitor is seldom disregarded, and thus, time, by developing, and laying bare a principle to the mass, proves its utility in an argument, compared to which precious speculation would be foolish and incomplete, because the moral sense of the community is always right. We close this article with the quotation which preceded it, and would have the memorable words engraven in the memory, as they are in the heart, of every American—

"The safety of a Republic consists in the virtue of the mass."

Smiles.—There is a powerful magic in the joyous gleam of a beautiful countenance—an inexpressible charm in the brightening glitter and sparkle of a fine face, which breaks upon one as a beam of glorious sunshine through a gorgeously tinted cloud. The heart and soul at such moments speak out through this beautiful interpreter, and all, acknowledging the attraction, feel happy 'neath its magnetic influence. Smiles are the successful champions of the lovely, and when brought into the lists to contest with other enemies to her sovereignty, attain a complete triumph, and with a sweep which no other quality can possess carry all opposition before them. Some sentimental, lackadaisical writers insist that tears are the most powerful weapons of the gentle sex—out on the slander! who would compare in point of impulsive influence a wry face, blotched eyes, and snivelling whine, with the joyous and bewitching outbreak of a fascinating sunny smile? One might just as well prefer darkness to noon-day—clouds and a hurricane to sunshine and zephyr. We will have no such musty assertion palmed upon us for truth, and we call those unmanly and weak, who would for a moment succumb to the sophistry.—Away with the dolorous, say we, and despite Millerism, Mormonism, and every other kind of *ism*, give us laughter, hey day, and sweet sunny smiles!

Attempt to Assasinate the Mayor of Philadelphia.—An Italian, calling himself Adolphus Ptolemia, attempted to kill Mayor Scott, on Monday last, by shooting at him with a pistol. It appears that the fellow wanted his Honor to assist him in establishing a school for the languages, and, becoming quite insolent in his importunities, the Mayor rose to leave the room, when he discharged the pistol at him. Fortunately no injury was inflicted, the ball only grazing the back in its passage. The man was immediately arrested, and committed to prison. He is supposed to be insane.

Shipman Arrested.—The papers state that this man has been arrested in Indiana, by some persons who followed him from Terre Haute.—Since his arrest he has written to his wife, in which he says that he is at large, and is waiting for a steamboat to convey him home. The money, which he had taken with him, was given up to his captor. The whole affair of his arrest and release wears a strange complexion; and the papers seem to be in doubt as to the facts.

The Cabinet.—It is now ascertained that Mr. Webster has resigned his place in the Cabinet. Hugh S. Legare, Attorney General of the United States, is appointed to be acting Secretary of State for the present.

Caleb Cushing of Massachusetts is appointed Minister and Commissioner to China in the place of Edward Everett who declines the appointment.

More Exterminators.—Mr. William W. Hubbell of Philadelphia has invented a new sort of explosive ball which he calls a thunderbolt; that explodes after being shot from a cannon any time within 7½ minutes. They were proven upon a target which was anchored in the Delaware below the Navy Yard, and were found to be in every way diabolical enough.

☞ The New York Aurora states upon good authority, that Richard P. Robinson, the murderer of Ellen Jewett, is now living in Texas, and is engaged in mercantile business, with the firm of Blake, Wallace & Co. It also states that his reputation there is as good as that of Texans generally are.

☞ The President and Cabinet have been invited to attend the celebration of the Bunker Hill Monument, on the 17th of June. It is supposed by some that "the Captain" will take that opportunity of making an electioneering tour through the East.

Ptolemai, the Italian who attempted to assassinate the Mayor of Philadelphia, endeavoured to commit suicide the same night. When discovered he was insensible and was recovered with great difficulty.

☞ One of the St. Louis papers state that the city of Cairo at the mouth of the Ohio, was completely submerged at the last dates. When the steamboat, bringing the news came by the spot nothing was seen of it.

☞ Gov. Thomas of Maryland has published a letter justifying his late scrimmage with his father-in-law, and promising further developements on that score.

☞ The steamboat Forest was run down by the steamboat Pulaski, in the Alleghany river, on Friday week, and a number of persons were scalded and otherwise severely injured.

Sheriff of Philadelphia.—The new Secretary of War, James Madison Porter, has made a long affidavit, in which he says that Wm. A. Porter, when admitted to the Easton bar, was not a resident there, but was admitted by special privilege. The Easton Argus quotes this portion of the affidavit, and after stamping the whole of it as falsehood, says:

"The sitting of our court commenced on Monday, the 18th day of April, 1842. William A. Porter came to Easton about the middle of the week, and on Friday, the 22d, examiners were appointed, and on Saturday, the 23d, he was admitted and sworn in, and on Sunday, 24th, or 25th, he again left for Philadelphia, as we believe. But mark the material statement. In his anxiety to exculpate him from the charge of smuggling his nephew in, contrary to the rules of court, the Secretary swears to this previous conversation with Judge Banks, and that the Judge assented to it, and in doing so, he has, to use a homely expression, got "out of the pan into the fire." Judge Banks utterly denies having had any such conversation with him, and will so testify whenever he is called upon, although he will not volunteer any newspaper statement upon the subject. And to settle the matter beyond all dispute, the records, the newspapers, the whole bar and witnesses by the dozen, will prove that *Judge Banks was not in Easton until* William A. Porter *was offered, examined, sworn in and admitted*. In consequence of the illness of his daughter, he did not come on to court during the first week, but arrived here for the first time on Sunday, the 24th, and instead of being in Easton previous to Mr. Porter's admission, to give his assent to it, was at his residence, in the borough of Reading, some 53 miles off."

How the Honorable Secretary will work himself out of this difficulty, is a puzzle to us. The above statement of the "Argus" bears the impress of truth, and doubtlessly can be proven beyond the shadow of cavil; whilst the affidavit of the Secretary is directly opposite, and cannot be misunderstood. It is a nice issue and must eventuate in placing the lie *somewhere*.

Santa Fe Traders.—Great excitement is existing on the Western Border, in consequence of the murder and robbery of one Charvis, a Mexican trader, whose approach to the settlements had been announced. The facts connected with the outrage were as follows:

Antonio Jose David Charvis, a citizen of New Mexico, started about four weeks ago, from Santa Fe for Missouri accompanied by 20 men. He had with him a large sum of money, and took two wagons with a number of mules. During his journey fifteen of his men deserted him, and returned to Santa Fe, owing to the severity of the weather. According to the confession of Mason, Charvis reached the little Arkansas, about 240 miles from Independence, having with him five servants. His party was there assailed and plundered, Charvis being shot by McDaniel and Mason to whom the task was assigned by lot. Mason says the servants were driven back to New Mexico, and that $32,000 were obtained in gold and silver. The accomplices whose names he gave up were, McDaniel of Clay county, two men named Searcy, and one called Harris, residence not known, and Dr. Prefontaine, of Westport, Mo. These men were part of a company of 15 or 20 which left Independence under the command of McDaniel about the 1st ult., for the Arkansas, to join Col. Warfield. Col. W. was, when Mason left, at the Little Arkansas with 45 men, waiting to intercept a company of traders who were expected to leave Santa Fe about the 1st instant.

More Phenomenons.—The Greenville (Tenn.) Miscellany of the 12th ult., says:—"On Sunday night last, about eight o'clock, there was seen in the south-western sky a luminous ball, in appearance, two feet in circumference, constantly emitting small meteors from one or the other side of it. It appeared in brightness to outrival the great luminary of day. On its first appearance it was stationary one or two minutes; then, as quick as thought it rose apparently thirty feet, and paused—then fell to the point from whence it started, and continued to perform this motion for about fifteen times. Then it moved horizontally about the same distance, and for nearly the same space of time. At length it assumed its first position; then rose again perpendicularly about twelve feet, and remained somewhat stationary, continuing to grow less for an hour and a quarter, when it entirely disappeared."

The movements of the wondrous body as described in the above paragraph, are exactly such as a kite with a lantern, or an illuminated balloon would make; and yet this affair is bruited about as another of the many wonderful signs of the times.

Moonlight, &c.—The papers abroad assure us that we are enjoying all the luxuries and beauties of moonlight nights—that we are revelling in the midst of that delightful period when balmy Spring zephers and the pale light of the "modest Queen" fill the heart with beautiful emotions, and warm the feelings of gals and boys into all sorts of love and nonsense. As far as we are concerned, we will acknowledge having seen the moon once or twice, and there we stop—as for the zephyrs they have visited us, along with Scotch mists, occasional heavy showers of cold chilling rain, and have been productive of more coughs than sighs, more wheezing colds than affectionate murmurings. Such weather is really intolerable, and it is most absurd to reproach a man with being malcontent at it. The idea of chattering with cold in the middle of May, and being forced to indite your growlings by the side of a blazing stove, is enough to make one turn Millerite.

The New Orleans Picayune gives the following under the caption of "a battle cry,"—"J. G. Battle, editor of the Caddo Gazette, lately came across a copy of the "Midnight Cry," upon which he was converted to Millerism, and commenced crying as follows:—

The Lord deliver us from wallops and trollops, four-footed beasts that crawl over the mountains, and long legged blue things that fly up and down the creek and holler *pyouk!*"

We overheard "Moses" tell "Simon" the other day whilst speaking of a late anonymous epistle, that it reminded him of the old fount of type in the office.

"Why so?" said Simon

"Because there's bad *letter* in the *case*," answered Moses.

☞ The Hon. Ellis Lewis narrowly escaped being drowned a short time since at Milton whilst crossing some deep water in a canoe. The boat upset and had not prompt aid been offered he would have perished.

☞ Corporal Streeter affirms that a clergyman "*down East*," is lecturing on Animal Magnetism, and explains the miracles of the scriptures by reason of the influence of animal mesmerism! villainous!!

"They have an "*Extra Tattler*" in New York.—*Rich. Star.*

And an *extra*-ordinary one in Richmond.

"Milk sold at Montevideo, February 21st, at $4 per quart.—*Ex. paper.*

To spill milk after paying such a price for it, would be a fair subject for grief.

☞ Another piratical vessel has been seen off the Bahama Banks—our Navy will soon have something to do.

☞ A lot of big bones have been found in Missouri. They have been bought up to stock some European Museum.

☞ Wonder whether the four young bachelors have accepted that "call" from our lovely correspondents yet?

All sorts of Items.

(Original and Selected.)

Fatal Accident.—Mr. Thomas Carter, aged 45 years, and one of the most respected citizens of Tamaqua, was instantaneously killed in the mines there on Thursday last, by the falling of a shute upon him. He has left a wife and 8 children to mourn his sudden loss.

☞ The Eastern folks are manufacturing flour from potatoes. It is said to be a superior and nutritious article.

Astonishing.—The editor of the New York Aurora had his pocket picked of *twenty-five dollars*, a short time ago.

Col. Johnson is to visit the New England states in the month of August next.

"The extraordinary man" in Philadelphia, was convicted as a receiver of stolen goods on Tuesday last.

☞ The leaves are beginning to creep out from the trees, as if they were no longer afraid. They're not so *green* as to keep within door during such weather.

Gov. Morton, of Massachusetts, is at the Astor House, New York.

The Hon. John Quincy Adams arrived at Boston, on Saturday last, from Washington.

The free masons of Tennessee, are erecting an asylum for orphans of those belonging to the order.

Much property has been destroyed by the recent freshets in Maine.

Moore, the poet, is writing a History of Ireland.

The Millerites have applied to have their Temple insured for seven years.

The North Branch Canal was expected to be navigable at the close of the week.

The brickmakers of Pittsburg have struck for higher wages.

A shock of an earthquake was felt at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on the 18th ult.

The Governor of Maryland has refused to give up Adam Horn, the murderer, to the Governor of Ohio. If not convicted in Maryland, he will be sent to Ohio.

Latimer, the runaway slave, has been giving lectures at Lowell.

A man named Johnson, supposed to be a watchmaker, and an Englishman, died suddenly in New York on Friday last.

A Miller Temple was dedicated in Boston on Friday. A large audience attended.

Six thousand dollars *in specie* arrived in New York on Saturday, from the Albany Banks.

The cabinet maker's shop of Mr. Alfred Cook, Delancy street, New York, was destroyed by fire on Saturday.

Good mercantile notes have been taken in the street at New York, at 4½ per cent. per annum.

General Gaines has been assigned to the command of the Third Military Department of the Army. His head-quarters will be at St. Louis, Missouri.

The following toast, given at a Firemen's Temperance Supper in Boston, is too good to be lost:

By Rev. Edwin Thompson of Dedham: *The Firemen*, when they do their duty, every one is well pleased; except the fire—that is *put out*.

The spacious building in Richmond, known as Terpsichore Hall, owned by Mr. Bossicu, was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning.

The Municipal election at Syracuse, N. Y., on Tuesday last, resulted in a complete triumph for the Whigs.

A spurious issue of $3 bills on the Canal Bank at Albany, has been detected in New York.

The Boston papers mention that it is again reported that Sir Charles Bagot is dead.

Among the recent deaths abroad, we notice the following:—At Genoa, Lady Fanny Erskine, daughter of the late General Cadwalader of Pennsylvania, and wife of Lord Erskine, British Minister at Munich, aged 59.

Three slight fires occurred in New York, during Sunday and Monday, and two on Tuesday.

Governor Cleveland, in his message to the Legislature of Connecticut, recommends the abolition of capital punishment.

The dog catchers are busy at their occupation in Philadelphia.

Miss Sedgwick, the authoress, has gone to Europe.

Attorney General Legare has returned to Washington from his visit to Charleston, S. C.

A steamboat from the Upper Lakes arrived at Detroit on the 1st instant, being the first arrival this season from that quater.

Several barges with Coal have arrived at Georgetown from Cumberland by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal,

A canal boat arrived at Cleaveland on the 1st instant from Pittsburg—the first arrival this season.

An iron canal boat, with Ericsson's propeller, is now in the course of construction at Richmond. It is intended to ply on the James River Canal, and will be ready by the middle of June.

The new loan of the State of New York of $300,000, has been taken by the Bank of New York, at a premium of a fraction over 6½ per cent; $150,000 being taken at 6.40 premium and $150,000 at 6.65.

At Wheeling, on Thursday, the Ohio River had 17 feet of water in the channel, and was falling.

At Pittsburg, on the same day, there were ten feet of water in the channel.

☞ The Concert at the Town Hall, on Saturday last, was rather a bunghing affair—a number of persons were disappointed with the result.

$17,366 in specie were received at New Orleans, from Vera Cruz, on the 1st instant.

A Court Martial, for the trial of Lieutenant Scott, of the U. S. Infantry, convenced at the Military Barracks, at New Orleans, on the 1st inst. The nature of the charges had not transpired.

The first steamboat arrivals of the season at Erie from Detroit, took place on the 30th ult.

Question for Debating Societies.—The Louisville Journal proposes the following question:

Ought not the wives of the Siamese twins to be indicted for marrying a quadruped?

A grand Regatta by women is to take place at Venice on the 25th of May.

Major General Lee was under trial by Court Martial at St. Louis on the 26th ult.

A clerk named Graham, is now under trial at Staunton, (Va.) charged with having purloined a package of notes from the mail.

A Hartford paper announces the present as the locust year.

St. Mary's church, Albany, was entered and robbed a night or two ago.

The Lancaster Intelligencer states that the hail storm of the 28th did much damage in that county.

A youngster, named Paucade, committed suicide a short time since in McDonough county, Illinois, because a young lady had rejected his addresses. One of the papers says the Coroner's Jury brought in a verdict of "death by *susanside*."

A Murderer Executed.—Benjamin D. White was executed at Batavia, New York, last week, for the murder of his father—rejoicing with fiendish satisfaction to the last in the dreadful particule. On trial, his counsel urged insanity in his defence; but he ridiculed this defence and wrote out explanations of all the circumstances on which the argument was based, with an apparently earnest and sincere desire to convince the Court and Jury that the pretence of insanity was merely a device on the part of the lawyers. He confessed the crime, and sought to justify it; and even during the last hour of his existence, he declared with perfect coolness, that if his father were living he would yet kill him if possible. While in prison he wrote out a sketch of his life and his dying speech, which he read on the scaffold with the utmost indifference. Throughout his life he was zealous in his profession of atheism, and up to the moment of his death declared his hatred to Christianity. During his confinement, previous to his execution, he consented that church service should be held in his cell, as he said he liked to hear the ladies sing; and at the request of a relative he permitted a clergyman to pray with him on the scaffold; but during the prayer he employed himself in examining the construction of the scaffold, the adjustment of the rope, &c. His conduct seems to us to have been, from first to last, perfectly inexplicable on any of the ordinary principles of human nature. If he was insane, it was a species of insanity too dangerous to be let loose upon society.

Late and Important from Rio Grande.—By the brig La Grange, Capt. Burr, we have had advices from Rio Grande to the 4th of March. We are much indebted to Mr. J. Can, 1st officer of the brig, for the news.

Rio Grande was in a great state of excitement, the Rebels were expected to attack the city every day, with a force of 50,000 men most all mounted on horses; they were within 20 miles of Rio Grande, and making all despatch to reach that place. The Imperialists, however, were well prepared to receive them; more than 60,000 troops had arrived on the 9th and 11th February, from different parts of Brazil, on the 12th, 8000 men arrived from Pernambuco, and their whole force amounts now to more than 80,000 men, who are posted about the town. The only advantage the Rebels have is their horses. There had been no engagements lately.

The officers of the Rebels were some of them in Rio Grande watching the motions of the enemy. On the 30th January, four of them were caught and tied to stakes in the river; their bodies were eaten by the birds.

On the 1st of March a slave murdered his master, M. Pinez, and two sons. The slave was only placed in irons a day or two, then permitted to escape, such things being of very common occurrence.

The brig Premium, Capt. Davis, of Boston, was sold to the Brazillians at Rio Grande. Business was dull in the foreign trade, but brisk in the domestic. There were no American vessels of war at Rio Grande.—*N. Y. Sun.*

A young man named Henry Johnson, was recently convicted in N. York of burglary, and sentenced to imprisonment for seven years; the Express says:

"At the time of his being sentenced, his only reply was, in a tone rather as of speaking to himself, "pretty well done—short and sweet, that is!" He was confined in one of the third story cells of the inner prison at the Tombs, preparatory to being sent to Sing Sing. Sunday night he succeeded in effecting his escape, removing the iron plate from the aperture in the wall of his cell, and forcing himself through a space of about seven inches; from which he let himself down to the yard by means of a rope made by cutting up his blankets and the sacking of his bunk; thence he climbed to the top of the watch-house cells (a height of 20 or 40 feet) fastened his rope to a projecting piece of iron, and descended, within ten feet of the watch-house door, to Franklin street, when he succeeded in getting off. The manner in which the whole business was effected shows peculiar strength as well as great aptness for the task in hand. Altogether, probably, it is one of the most daring and astonishing escapes from a strong prison on record."

Remarkable Facts.—The Hindoos have the art of personating death so as to deceive able surgeons.

An Elephant bred to war stands firm against a volley of musketry, and 30 bullets in the flesh will not kill him.

A Chesnut tree on Mt. Etna is 196 feet round close to the trunk.

Potatoes planted below three feet do not vegetate; at one foot they grow thickest, and at two, feet they are retarded two or three months.

The mahogony tree is full grown in 200 years. Cypress trees are known to be 500 or 000 years old.

The surface of the sea is estimated at 150,000,000 square miles; taking the whole surface of the globe at 197,000,000. Its greatest depth is supposed to be equal to the highest of the highest mountains, or for miles.

Dreadful Accident.—As the train of burthen cars were near Richmond Village, on Tuesday, about two miles from the city, on the Reading Rail Road, a man from West Chester, named Passmore Heild, was walking on the track with a pail in his hand, on his road to the river to get it filled with water. He was warned of his danger, but did not get away in time; one of the cars struck him and knocked him down, he fell on the rails and the train passed over him! His head was awfully crushed and cut, and one of his arms was cut off from his body—he instantly expired. The Coronr held an inquest on the body in the afternoon. Verdict, "accidental death."—Ev. Mer.

Accident on the Central Rail Road.—The Macon Telegraph, of the 2d inst. says, "Yesterday morning while the workmen were engaged in a deep cut on section 62 of the Central Rail Road, the bank caved in and entirely buried four negroes, two were killed, the others were taken out alive, but very seriously injured. The negroes were valuable, and belonged to Messrs.—Charles & Robert Collins.

On Making a Fortune.—John Jacob Astor says that it cost him more labor and genius to make his first thousand dollars, than all the millions that followed, and that now, were he a young man, he would rather undertake, at the hazard of losing his life, the task of making a hundred thousand on the foundation of one thousand dollars, than one thousand out of nothing.

It is affirmed by some of the Washington letter writers, that a system has been in operation for months, by which persons have obtained office for others, with an understanding that they were to receive for their services, a considerable sum of money, or a certain per centage on the salaries.—*Phil. Inquirer.*

Another very Modest Hint.—Chapman's Sentinel says: "Unless Armenius James calls and settles either with us or his late partner, we will tell about his stealing six yards of cloth which we left at his shop."—*N. O. Pic.*

Price of a Milkmaid.—A young gentleman of Kilkenny, meeting a handsome milkmaid near the parade said, "What will you take for yourself and your milk, my dear!" The girl instantly replied, "Yourself and a gold ring, sir."

Flour at Cincinnati on the 5th $4 06 a $3 10 at Canal. Wheat 50 cents

Washington's Invitation to Dinner.—The following playful and amusing letter written by the Father of his country, was read before the New York Historical Society, at their recent meeting in that city:—

West Point, Aug. 16, '79

Dear Doct.: I have asked Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Livingston to dine with me to-morrow; but ought I not to apprize them of their fate? As I hate deception, even when the imagination only is concerned—I will.

It is needless to premise that my table is large enough to hold the ladies—of this they had ocular proof yesterday. To say how it is usually covered is rather more essential, and this shall be the purport of my letter.

Since our arrival at this happy spot, we have had a ham (sometimes a shoulder) of bacon, to grace the head of the table—a piece of roast beef adorns the foot—and a small dish of greens or beans (almost imperceptibly) decorates the centre. When the cook has a mind to cut a figure (and this I promise he will attempt to do to-morrow) we have two beef steak pies, or dishes of crabs in addition, and on each side the centre dish dividing the space and reducing the distance between dish and dish about six feet, which without them would be near twelve apart. Of late he has had the surprising luck to discover that apples will make pies, and its a question if, amidst the violence of his efforts, we do not get one of apples, instead of having both of Beef.

If the ladies can put up with such entertainments, and will submit to partake of it on plates—once tin but now iron—(not become so by the labor of scowering,) I shall be happy to see them.

I am, dear Dr.

Your most obd't servant,

Geo. Washington.

The superscription is, "Dr. Cochran, New Windsor."

From China.—We are indebted to a friend for the Indian News, from which we copy the following:

"The only news from China, is the arrival of the Imperial Commissioner Elepoo at Canton, on the 10th of January. The negotiations on the terms of the treaty, were expected to commence at the end of the month. All is as yet quiet, but it would not seem that the peace is to be fully arranged without some difficulty.

The terms of the treaty, says a letter, are bitterly humiliating to Tartar pride. Mandarins of the Northern, Western and Midland provinces, are ignorant of the pressure under which they were acceded to, and are petitioning the Emperor against their execution. The whole population and authorities of Canton are of course averse to a measure which deprives them of the monopoly of the foreign trade. The Hong merchants and the English houses at Canton, are equally interested against the extension of the trade to the other ports.

In the meantime, says the Harkaru, the expeditionary force has returned to Madras and Calcutta. Transport after transport has entered the river, bringing back our troops to the Presidency; and Sir Hugh Gough, the gallant commander of the force, has come up to Calcutta in the Endymion. Thus has the China war been acted out—at all events this division of it, but whether we have done fighting in China, is som thing more than we can venture to determine."—*Boston Adv.*

A Strange Dish.—A gentleman not particularly well acquainted with the French language, and just in from the upper country, was dining at the St. Charles not long since, when a number of Max Bohrer's concert bills were promiscuously scattered over the table with the bill of fare. The stranger took up a bill of the concert, not knowing the difference, and was intently looking over the programme for some dish which he might fancy, when the waiter said to him. "What shall I help you to sir?" "Well, I don't know," answered the countryman, "you call your fixens by such queer names, a fellow can't understand them; but I believe I'll try some of this"—at the same time putting his finger upon *Souvenir de Bellini—Fantasia—Max Bohrer.* The waiter politely suppressed a smile, and taking the hint, gave the boarder a dish of *rognons sautes au madere*, between which and the *Souvenir de Bellini—Fantasia—Max Bohrer*, the Stranger found about as much difference as a Camanche Indian could.—*N. O. Picayune.*

Important—Abolition of Slavery in the French Colonies.—The New York Express of yesterday contains the following interesting and important piece of intelligence:

"The *Courrier des Etats Unis*, the French paper in this city, upon the authority of a letter from Paris, says that the Commissioners appointed to investigate the subject of slavery in the French Colonies, are going to propose its abolition. They have two plans in view. The first fixes the cessation of slavery in 1853; the indemnity to the Colonies is 150,000,000 francs. The second plan proposes freedom to children born since 1836, and complete abolition in 20 years. M. M. De Broglie, Passy, de Tracy, Tocqueville, and other philosophic Liberals are on this commission.

It is an important movement, and will arrest attention in this country."

Criminal Negligence.—The Boston Post states that the sad accident which occurred on Friday, on the Charlestown Branch Railroad, is another added to the long list of those which have been owing to negligence. This no one can doubt who will examine the condition of the rails on the bridge. As if to warn the corporation that life was endangered by this state of things, the train ran off the track, at nearly the same place where the accident occurred, on Thursday, and a flimsy attempt was made to tinker up some of the ricketty blocks! Yet no attention was paid to this warning. The train went on as usual. Two deaths, and we know not how many broken limbs, are the consequence. Such negligence calls for the severest rebuke.

We are indebted to Capt. Barnard, of the brig Treaty, 45 days from Montevideo, for the "Britannia and Reportes," dated up to Feb. 25. On the Sunday preceding that date, 130 British sailors and an equal number of French, disembarked from the ships of war and took up their quarters in the town. Oribe was advancing towards the city, every day there were skirmishes between the opposing armies, generally in favor of Oribe. Provisions had suddenly risen to four times their former value. The party in power in the city are greatly alarmed, but are resolved to stand on the defensive to the last. The U. S. Consul, Mr. Hamilton, and family, had gone on board the U. S. frigate Columbia for protection.—*Even. Mer.*

Great Freshet in New Brunswick.—The St. John River has risen to an unusual height, and in many places has overflown its banks and destroyed much property. The town of Sheffield, and several other settlements on the river, were completely submerged about the 28th ult. The houses were entirely isolated, and there were no means of communication from one to the other, unless by boats. The freshet is said to be the greatest for the last forty years.

They are exhibiting a painting at Utica, which is announced as an original picture by Benjamin West. It is ascertained to be a copy, the original having been sold to a British Institution, for 3000 guineas.

A letter from Washington says—Mr. Cushing has just drawn $9000 outfit as Minister to China.

The General Assembly of Rhode Island adjourned on Saturday.

Dow, Jr. and Millerism.—The sermonizer of the Mercury in a late discourse on the truths of Millerism, thus eloquently and ludicrously descants:—

"This terrestrial orb of ours; which as yet exhibits no symptoms of disease or decline, will continue to roll on its axis when we shall all be mouldering in our sepulchres, and the monuments erected to our memories shall have fallen and be buried in the dust of oblivion. Earth is constantly undergoing a miraculous change, but is subject to no decay. The rose that faded yesterday we can never behold again; and still the same family of flowers that now bloom around the graves of our kindred will blossom round the tombs of millions yet unborn. The feet of generations will tread upon the dust of our bodies, and the great grand children of our children's children will pluck posies from the very bosom of their ancesters.

Nature produces as fast as she destroys; and as long as this conservative principle is observed and well carried out, you need be under no apprehensions, my friends, of the world's making a burst of it. The scythe of Old Time is just as keen and no keener now than it was when he mowed down a cock sparrow in the Garden of Eden, by way of experiment; and the sands of his glass have never been clogged for a single moment—nor won't be till the earth grows hoary, the sun loses its lustre with age, and the bald pated moon furnishes itself with a wig.

When you see wonders in the heavens, that have never been witnessed before—when the bowels of the earth incessantly ramble, like an empty stomach before dinner—when you discover a single screw loose in the grand machinery of Nature—when thunder comes before lightening—when young ducks exhibit an instinctive antipathy to water—when young men cease to run after the girls, and the girls won't marry—and the Orange county butter can be made from the milk of the cocoa nut—then, and not till then, believe that the end of all things is at hand

Shocking Accident at a Raising.—A letter to the Boston Times, dated Strafford, N. H. May 3, 1843, gives the following:

While raising a meeting house at Strafford, (Bow Pond,) yesterday, 2d inst., the body of the house was raised, and while raising the first story of the Belfrey, the timber being piled up almost directly over one of the beams, the sill underneath gave way, which caused the beam to break, and precipitated about 20 men with the falling timbers a distance of about 25 feet, among the rocks and timbers beneath. Several of the persons were taken out, mangled and injured in the most shocking manner; two or three of whom were considered in a dangerous situation by the Physician then present. One of the number, Mr. Timothy G. Langley was entirely senseless for several hours. It is hoped now that all may recover.

Cannibalism.—Two natives of the Marquesas Islands have been carried to France—probably on speculation. One is a man six feet high and agile as a young deer; the other a woman, young, graceful, and possessed of the scantiest wardrobe. Both are tattooed all over their bodies in the highest style of the art. The story runs, that on the voyage one of their fellow passengers asked them which they liked best, the French or the English. "The English," answered the man, smacking his lips, "they are the fittest." "And a great deal more tender," chimed the woman with a grin that exhibited two rows of pointed teeth, as sharp as a crocodile's.

Among the many interesting incidents attending the proceedings upon vacating the Charter Government, was one which, even in the hurry of election week, we cannot omit to mention. The Old Chair of State—the identical chair in which Governor B. Arnold sat, one hundred and eighty years ago, and received and displayed the Charter of 1663, in presence of all the freemen of the Colony—was introduced into the Senate Chamber and well and appropriately filled by our late deserving Chief Magistrate, Gov. S. W. King.—*Newport Herald of the Times.*

Lightning.—The Louisville Penant of Monday week says:

"As the Joan of Arc was descending the river between this place and Cincinnati, during the storm of Saturday night, the Captain, who was just giving orders to land the boat, was struck senseless by a flash of lightning, and fell on to the lower guards. He remained insensible until yesterday morning, but finally recovered. No one else was hurt, and no damage done to the boat."

A man in Springfield, Ohio, thus announces himself as a candidate for Constable. He is certainly a candid man.

"Phillip E. Barnet, federlist—has a wife and 13 children—poor—afraid to steal—too lazy to work—and would like to be elected constable."

THE COAL TRADE.

We would again request the different rail road companies in the region, to please send in their reports as formerly, in time for publication. We have been unavoidably forced to leave the quantity blank opposite those who have neglected this request.

BY CANAL.

The following is the quantity of Coal shipped by Canal the present week, ending Thursday evening last:

Pottsville and Port Carbon,	7,728
Schuylkill Haven,	3,953
	11,681
Per last report	19,194
	30,875

BY RAIL ROAD.

From Pottsville for the week ending May 11th,	734	
Schuylkill Haven for same period,	0,000	
	724	
Per last report	33,471	