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The News.

By the arrival at this port of the steamer Ariel of Cape Race, we have four days later news from Europe. Intelligence had recently been received from China. Mr. Reed, the American Minister, had gone to Shanghae. The cholera was raging among the Chinese troops. No improvement has occurred in the prospects of the Atlantic telegraph.

Later advices from Mexico confirm the report of a battle between Vidaurri and Miramon. The former was defeated, and retreated to Monterey, where he is preparing to renew the contest.

Another battle has taken place between the United States troops and the Indians in New Mexico.

A large emigration to the Pike's Peak gold mines has commenced.

The second overland California mail arrived at St. Louis on Saturday night, and the third last night, after having been twenty-five days on the route.

We have little additional election news. The New York papers of last evening speak of having received news from Warren, Pennsylvania, which renders the election of Chapin Hall, Republican, and the consequent defeat of J. L. Gillis, Locomptonite, certain. This is the only district about which any doubt has been entertained. The majority for the People's State ticket will probably be from 30 000 to 40,000.

William A. Porter, the Democratic candidate for the Supreme Judgeship at the late elections, has resigned the appointment as Judge to now holds.

General Cass has been talking very plainly to Jerez, the Minister from Nicaragua, and he has written home for further instructions. It is rumored that the Administration intend asking for an appropriation for the purchase of Cuba.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *Tribune* says, that Hon. Robert J. Walker is writing a book on the Relations of Capital and Labor.

It is rumored that Mr. Buchanan has tendered the mission to Austria to Glancy Jones.

Buffalo is filled with shoulder-hitters and fancy men from all parts of the country, who are anxious to witness the prize fight between Morrisey and Heenan. A fight occurred yesterday, between Scotty and Barney Aaron, which was won by the former, on account of the latter giving a foul blow.

Professors Steiner and Godard started from Cincinnati, at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, on their great balloon race, with the intention of being up for three days.

An injunction has been granted against the assignees of the Ohio Life and Trust Company, by the United States Circuit Court, and the sheriff of Hamilton county has been appointed a receiver.

The New Orleans *Picayune* of the 12th says: There were 537 deaths in the city for the week ending Sunday morning at 6 o'clock, 390 of which were of yellow fever. This shows an increase of 10 in the deaths by yellow fever for the past week, and a decrease of 3 in the whole mortality. There were 191 Americans, 124 Irish, and 90 Germans. The total mortality by yellow fever since its appearance, in June, to October 9th, inclusive, is 8,875.

The fever at Vicksburg is on the increase. The *Whig* says that it is principally caused by the influx of unacclimated persons.

The members of the Philadelphia Hope Hose Company, eighty-five strong, attended Trinity Church on Sunday morning in a body, accompanied by their entertainers, Manhattan Engine Company, No. 8, of New York, numbering fifty men. The Philadelphians were in citizens' dress, wearing their silver badges. Shortly after the entrance of the reverend clergy, the companies marched up the centre aisle, and were shown to pews on each side, which had been reserved for them. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Ogilby, from the following text: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" and in the course of it reference was appropriately made to the name of the Company, "Hope."

An Extra-Judicial Opinion.

There is nothing more graceful than a graceful submission to defeat. The true philosopher is he who meets disaster with a smiling front, and goes into retirement without a sigh. This lesson seems to have been lost upon the highly distinguished gentleman who was a candidate for Supreme Judge, in this State, at the late election, and was badly beaten by Hon. John M. Read. We allude to the Hon. William A. Porter, whose letter to Governor Packer, resigning his position upon the Supreme Bench, to which he had been appointed by the Governor, we reprint in another column. We are free to say that, in point of style and temper, it does Judge Porter no credit. In the first place, it reflects upon Governor Packer. Would it not have been at least decorous for Judge Porter to have held over, under the commission conferred by the Governor in such manifest good faith, for the very brief period remaining before Mr. Read assumes the ermine? Why this hot haste to get rid of the judicial robes? Surely his clients would have waited a little while longer in order to let his term close as provided by law.

Judge Porter is not less unfortunate when he says that whenever a judge can be elected by reason of his sentiments on any question of politics, that moment the real power of the judicial office will disappear." Then, the Convention that nominated him did wrong in taking him up because he was a Democrat, and, in so far he rebukes *them*. But then Judge Porter *had* "sentiments" on a certain "question." He took care, in some places, to declare his anti-Lecomptonism, while in others he allowed himself to be quoted as of a reverse opinion, and was even content to stand on "any platform" in order to get votes. Now, more remarkable than all, he allows himself to say what is neither more nor less than a rebuke of those who, if they sinned at all, sinned only in standing where he professed himself to stand. What else does he mean when he speaks of those who "remain in the Democratic party to do the work of disorganization?" He may allude, indeed, to his uncle, James Madison Porter, who ran as a volunteer candidate for judge some years ago, in the Monroe judicial district, or to his own father, Ex-Governor Porter, who is known to oppose the regular nominations in the county where he resides, whenever they do not please him. He did not suppose that the taunt at the glorious Democracy, which refuses to endorse Lecompton, as so many disorganizers, would react upon those so near to him. That Democracy may now see how right they were in distrusting Judge Porter, and we only regret that he did not allow his real sentiments to appear *before* instead of *after* the election.

Had he done this, the majority against him would have been five times larger than it is. Judge Porter is one of the last men to use harsh language to any portion of the Democratic party. He is the last man to set himself up as a model Democrat. He has never rendered any service to that party; has in most cases refused to subscribe to its expenses; was more than indifferent to it in 1856; and even now, while declaring that he obtained the appointment of the Judgeship without *solicitation*, and that he expected to reach it by election, without doing anything to promote his success, he forgets that he was in consultation with some of the most reckless local partisans before he procured his nomination at Harrisburg, and that those partisans acted under his lead.

Judge Porter makes an allusion to his youth in his singular letter. It will take him many years to recover from the impression it will make on the public mind. He has had a full share of patronage, and he must not think that he has any claim, either of family, or of intellect, or of orthodoxy in matters of faith, to entitle him to the right of holding office, or of denouncing those who do not think him deserving of it. The days of the Bonapons of politics are over in this State; and we regret that so young a man as Judge Porter does not know it.

Actual of Prussian Politics.

When referring, in some remarks which we offered yesterday, to the condition and prospects of the leading European nations, we alluded very slightly to Prussia, and our attention has been drawn to what seemed to be an accidental omission. In fact, however, the necessarily rapid survey which we made did not allow us to venture on any particular reference to Prussia, which appears, at this moment, to be, if we may so apply the language of geology, in "a transition state."

The ruler of Prussia was simply Elector of Brandenburg, until, in the year 1701, the then ruling Elector assumed the royal crown, instead of the ducal coronet, and declared himself King of Prussia, by the title of Frederic the First. His son and successor, Frederic William I, had the advantage of receiving prestige, from his connection with England, being son-in-law to George I. To him succeeded that mixture of meanness and sagacity, of pedantry as a scholar and eminent merit as a soldier, that Frederic, commonly called "The Great," whose biography, written by Thomas Carlyle, in Germanized English, has just been published in London, and will immediately be reproduced by the Harpers, of New York. This man had a strong determination to increase his territory, and acted much upon the advice given by a knave to his first-born, "Get money—honestly if you can, but—get money." Where Frederic could not buy, he robbed. He added Silesia to his dominions by forcible "annexation," before he *had been two years on the throne*. The greater part of his reign was spent in war, and, with a sagacious forethought far in advance of his time, carefully cultivated all the arts of peace, amid this continued series of military campaign. In fact, he has a right to be called the real founder of the kingdom of Prussia, because he elevated it to power, influence, and wealth in Europe. He wound up by joining in the partition of Poland, which immensely augmented his territory, and died shortly before the French Revolution, *leaving Prussia the most* prosperous of all the European sovereignties.

Frederic William II, his son, was a man of inferior capacity, who probably escaped ruin, by keeping as much as possible out of other people's quarrels. He was drawn in, however, into the vortex of war caused by the suppression of monarchy in France, and died in 1797, when Napoleon's star was beginning to arise in the political horizon. *His* son and successor, Frederic William III, lived to see the dismemberment of his kingdom by Napoleon, and its restoration by the Congress of Vienna, in 1814, at which time he received considerable accessions of territory. He committed the fatal mistake of promising *constitutional liberty to Prussia, immediately* after Napoleon's downfall, and of evading the fulfilment of that promise for over quarter of a century. Prussia required, and was entitled to, a *limited* instead of an *absolute* monarchy, and it would have been prudent to have given her these liberal institutions—in order to establish Prussia as a balance, in Germany, for the restrictive absolutism of Austria.

When Frederic William IV ascended the throne, in 1840, at the mature age of forty-five, his earliest acts awakened a belief that he was disposed to reign as a moderate, justice-dispensing, liberal-minded, God-fearing monarch. He affected so much Pharisaical piety (which he has largely professed, all through his life, even while doing very irreligious things), that "my Lord Phylactery" would have taken him to his heart of heart. He restored the liberty of the press, encouraged men of letters, granted an amnesty to political offenders, and gave great satisfaction for a time. But he evaded granting the liberal Constitution which his father, from the throne, had promised in 1815. At last, when, for the first time in Prussian history, he convoked the States-General, the Constitution which he submitted to them was the laughing-stock of Europe, so weak, vague, and absurd was it. In 1848, he was compelled to grant an amended Constitution, which he repeatedly endeavored to get officially abrogated by the Parliament. It binds the Prussian sovereign, who, to secure additional power, has endeavored to crush the liberty of the Press, by censorship and prosecutions.

For the last ten years, habits of intemperance had so much grown upon the King of Prussia, that he was every where recognised by the name of "King Clicquot," from the name of the Champagne which formed what the Rev. Mr. Stiggins would have called his "particular vanity." By the early part of last year, he had drank his wits away. His brain was softening, his intellect departing, his incapacity palpable. The proper step would have been to confine him in a lunatic asylum, but that eternal "etiquette" which hangs round the neck of royalty like a millstone, intervened. The imbecile monarch was made to sign a document appointing his only brother, the Prince of Prussia, as deputy-King, for three months. This deputation has been periodically renewed—the poor King latterly quite unconscious of what his scrawled signature authorized—until now, after a year's vice-reign, the Prince of Prussia was only "Vicar of the Kingdom," with *less* power than he would have exercised as Regent. The year will end on next Sunday, by which time it must be decided whether a new Vicar shall be appointed, or whether the Prince of Prussia shall become *bona fide* Regent, with the powers exercised by the King when sane.

The Queen of Prussia resists the appointment of a Regent with full royal powers. By the constitution, the Prince would succeed to the Regency, *de jure*, on the incapacity of the King. But the Queen has managed to evade allowing the necessary legal and medical certificates of that incapacity to be prepared. Besides, she now receives the full and very large Civil List, or annual allowance by the State to the Sovereign, and dreads that, as Regent, her brother-in-law would claim part of it. Lastly, she is an Absolutist, and dreads the inauguration of a liberal system of government by the Prince of Prussia.

The Prussian Chambers consist of two parties, the Progressive and the Stand-still. The former side with the Prince of Prussia, who has hitherto restrained their action. No doubt they will now instal him as Regent.

In that capacity, with full powers of sovereignty, there is a strong chance that the Prince—yielding to expediency, as Peel did and Derby is doing in England—will reign as a liberal man, and assume a high position in Germany as a counterpoise to the absolutism, some would call it tyranny, of the Emperor of Austria. Thus Prussia may yet play a great game for political ascendancy, taking the cause of Right against Might.

☞ Mr. Joseph Curtis, the genial proprietor of the Orleans House, Chestnut street, which contains the best known and most highly-appreciated restaurant in the city, has lately invented a patent addition to the requisite furniture of the table, which remarkably combines elegance and utility. It bears the name of "Curtis's Sauce and Bitters Bottle," and consists of a metallic covering, mechanically spun around a solid mould, the exact shape of a glass bottle, which it holds tightly, so as to present, when electrotyped, the appearance of a silver case, bottle-shaped, either plain or with flowers, or an arabesque pattern raised upon the sides, in gold. This combination of burnished silver, with dead and burnished gold ornaments, is very beautiful.

To the upper part of the nozzle, which screws on, (like the covering of the mysterious travelling implement called "ye pocket pistol,") is attached a small tube, through which sauces or bitters contained in the bottle, runs out with sufficient freedom, but in so attenuated a stream that he who uses it on his food, even for the first time, finds it impossible to inundate the viands with the liquor. At the same time, the pipe through which the liquor descends is so small, that sufficient air to decompose the fluid, or make it "flat," cannot enter. The vessel can be made, omitting the glass bottle, for fluids which are not affected by continued contact with metal. They are a little cheaper, but liable to receive *dints* from harsh treatment, whereas the other vessels are so solid that they escape this chance.

Mr. Curtis's invention, which has yet scarcely been brought before the public, is adapted equally for public and private tables. We saw several specimens, from the first rough case, to the elegant completion in gold and silver, at Mr. Harry L. Harland's electrotype establishment, in South Fourth street, a few doors from Chestnut. A set of these bottles, in a neat plated stand, will probably soon be as much a matter of course as a stand of castors.

Pictorial Newspapers.—We omitted to acknowledge the receipt, from Callender & Co., South Third street, of the *Illustrated London News*, and the *Illustrated News of the World*, of October 2d, received by the Africa. The second-named of these journals has a fine portrait, with memoir, of Piccolomini, the Italian singer, who, at the early age of twenty-three, shares the honors of the lyrical drama with the renowned evergreen, Grisi.

BY MIDNIGHT MAIL.

Letter from "Occasional."

(Correspondence of The Press.)

Washington, Oct. 18, 1858.

Governor Brown, of Mississippi, was here a few days ago, (I think he is in Philadelphia now,) and publicly denounced the war on Douglas by the powers that are.

There is trouble about Nicaragua again. I hope to send you ample facts at an early day.

The President will not back down from his assaults upon the unterrified Democracy. He will take off heads whenever a chance occurs.

By the way, it is rendered nearly certain that James Gordon Bennett is desired as a member of the new House—and that the creature whose ears the President wanted in 1856, is preferred to the noble Horace F. Clark! Who would have supposed this? Mrs. Bennett, with her interesting family, just from Europe, would be the very queen of fashion here, in that event. At all hazards, she is coming; and Bennett is expected to play his part as usual.

It is difficult to depict the consternation and dismay caused in official circles here by the result of your election. The utter rout that has taken place was *totally* unexpected. The king who, when he opened his blackbird pie, found its five-and-twenty occupants singing melodiously, was not more taken aback than Mr. Buchanan when he discovered that of the five-and-twenty Congressmen of his native State, but *two* favorable to his Kansas policy had been elected. The President could have borne without a pang the loss of almost any other State, but to be thus rebuked and repudiated by the Commonwealth of which he was so long "the favorite son," is a terrible blow, and puts him in a very bad humor. The lamentations over the defeat of Glancy Jones are really distressing. It is currently reported that the President busily endeavored, when the earlier reports from Berks came in, to *figure* up a majority for his distinguished favorite, but all in vain; the figure of Schwartz would loom up. Judge Black is not in his usual talkative and amiable mood. His mind is too much occupied with *State* affairs.

As a salve for Glancy's defeat, it is rumored that he is to be appointed Minister to Austria. Will he accept? He took care to publish to the world a few years since that Mr. Buchanan had warmly *recommended him as his successor at the British* Court—which, by the way, was the revelation of a private letter, written by a person in a foreign country—and why should he not obtain the place, now that it is in Mr. Buchanan's gift? It is true, the withdrawal of Mr. Dallas from England would be generally regretted, but public sentiment is of no consequence to this Administration. I have no doubt the country will think the mission to Austria far enough beyond Jehu's deserts, yet it falls far below the President's professed estimate of them. But what will become of the nation if Glancy *should accept this mission* at once, and resign his position as chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means? Where could be found a man sufficiently inefficient and incompetent to be his successor? Surely, the President cannot be cruel enough, in the midst of the pecuniary difficulties of the country, to *suddenly* deprive it of the financial skill of the immortal John! And besides, if Glancy is to be thus provided for, what is to become of Landy, Owen Jones, Reilly, Dewart, Leidy, Ahl, and the other victims?

An old Democrat is anxious to know whether it *is* in accordance with the doctrines of the party for the Executive to reward with honors those whom the people reject. Is it not virtually outbidding the power of the people, and giving their own money as a premium to those who betray them?

Keitt has been delivering another speech in South Carolina. It breathes the warmest friendship for the Administration, which has succeeded in accomplishing what Old Hickory never could do—adopting a policy exactly suited to the tastes of the nullifiers of that State! This is one of the few things in which Buchanan has *surpassed* Jackson! Why do not his eulogists in Pennsylvania give him due credit for it? Occasional.

Lecture Season Opening.

In no way is the growing taste for literature of our citizens more signally manifested than in their *popular support of lecture-board entertainments*. So well established has this intellectual taste among our people become, that discriminating associations hazard nothing by their preparatory outlay in securing the services of men of undoubted ability, as by proper management the receipts *are scarcely ever less than the expenses incurred*, and in most cases a surplus has been realized. When exceptions to this rule occur, they are usually traceable to some defective arrangement; either the lecturer is not popularly known, or his past efforts do not entitle him to a front rank in *his profession as a lecturer*, or the announcement of his lecture has not had sufficient publicity given it through the newspapers, or the price charged for admission has been disproportioned to the cost involved, and hence at variance with the democratic notions of our lecture-going masses.

This point has also been practically demonstrated, that lectures given under the auspices of some respectable organization are much better sustained than those given on the responsibility of a single individual. The reasons for this are obvious. One remarkable phase of *this subject, and which well illustrates the liberal* spirit of inquiry that characterizes the American mind, is, that it matters not what may be the *subject* of a lecture, so that the lecturer is believed to possess sufficient ability properly to treat it. We have thus seen, in more than one *instance, a large hall filled to hear a lecture upon a* subject with which the bulk of the audience were not only unacquainted, but actually at a loss to know what was really meant by the terms of the announcement. The admirable courses of lectures with which Philadelphia has heretofore been favored *have measurably been the means of schooling* those who attended them into respectable criticising competency, and, in consequence of which, the day may be said to have gone by, in this community, for a rigmarole of glowing rhetoric in a lecture to take the place of well-condensed thought *or feeding facts.*

Of the several classes of literary lectures best sustained among us, it is difficult to say whether the palm has been awarded to the humorous—of which last season Park Benjamin and John G. Whittier gave us the best specimens; the moral and philosophical—*as represented by those twin Go*lahs, Beecher and Chapin; the descriptive—in which Ralph Waldo Emerson holds an enviable rank; or the purely literary—of which the lecture on "The Lost Arts," last winter, by Wendell Phillips, afforded the finest specimen of the season. *There are several types not included in* this category; of those enumerated, however, that represented by Beecher and Chapin was manifestly the most popular; though, in fact, it was the men, rather than their style of subject, that drew. In the line of Travels, the field last *winter was left almost undisputed* to Rev. Dr. Stevens, and his full course was at least twice endorsed by a popular attendance. Willitts, Cuyler, Stockton, and several others, whose several productions were duly noticed in this paper at the time, were also flatteringly received, and we *may hope will figure to some extent in the pro*gramme of the coming season. Mackay's efforts here were—as they deserved to be, for reasons already given—a dead failure. The Historic, as a branch, was last season, with a few trivial exceptions, entirely neglected. This was an over*sight which the coming season should not fail to* remedy, as of all philosophy, that which has the popular credit of teaching by experience, is, if properly presented, most substantially instructive to a popular audience.

The first gun of the season, as per announce*ment, will be fired this (Tuesday) evening, in Mu*sical Fund Hall, in a new and original lecture by Mr. Park Benjamin, on "Social Life in America." A course of lectures is also announced to be given, at the same Hall, under the auspices of the Literary Congress of Philadelphia, the first of which will be *delivered on the evening of the 27th inst.*, by the Rev. T. Starr King, of Boston. The lectures for the present week at the Wagner Free Institute of Science, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, published in *The Press* of yesterday, is also well worthy of attention.

*The arrangements of the People's Literary In*stitute for their usual winter course have been made with characteristic sagacity and liberality, and their programme, as submitted to the public, will doubtless constitute an important feature in that class of entertainments during the coming *winter.* -Graybeard.

Yellow Fever—Two Dead Bodies on board a Vessel.—The barque New World, Capt. Ross, arrived at the De Forest dock, Brooklyn, on Saturday, from Mariscaibo, with logwood. An officer went on board to inspect the vessel, and found the bodies of Captain Ross's wife and daughter encased in coffins, having died on the passage of yellow fever. It appears that no inspection of the vessel took place at Quarantine by the health officer, as the captain of the New World had possession of a pass to the city. It is probable that Captain Ross reported "all well," not mentioning anything of the dead bodies he had on board his vessel. Dr. Boyd, one of the health officers, was sent by the Mayor to investigate the case.

Fatal Shooting Accident.—Mr. Eastman, of Ellenville, N. Y., was accidentally shot on Friday. He, in company with a gentleman named Shultz, had gone some distance from home that morning to measure a quantity of bark, and while returning the horse became unmanageable, when Mr. Eastman was either thrown or jumped out. A double-barreled gun, which was in the wagon, was also thrown out, when, upon striking the ground, both barrels were discharged, the contents entering the side and thigh of Mr. Eastman, inflicting such a terrible wound that death ensued shortly afterward.

Real Estate, Stocks, Pews, &c.—Very large sale this evening; including elegant and plain residences, large and valuable vacant lots, superior farm, &c —altogether thirty-four properties, by order of trustees, executors, and others. See Thomas and Sons' pamphlet catalogue, 20 pages, and advertisements under auction head.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

THE ARIEL OFF CAPE RACE.

LATER FROM CHINA.

Cholera Raging Among the Chinese Troops.

MR. REED GONE TO SHANGHAE.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH—NO IMPROVEMENT.

COTTON LOWER—BREADSTUFFS DULL.

CONSOLS 98⅝@98¾.

St. Johns, Oct 18—The Vanderbilt steamer Ariel, Captain Ludlow, from Bremen and Havre, via Southampton Oct 6th, passed Cape Race on Sunday evening, 17th inst., at 5 o'clock P. M.

The Ariel has 250 passengers for New York.

There is no improvement in the working of the Atlant's cable at Valentia, and the state of affairs is very unsatisfactory.

The Submarine Telegraph Company have issued proposals for £160,000 additional capital, to lay two cables from Hull to Ribes, in Hanover, and Tonning, in Denmark.

A meeting is to be held at Paris, in November, to make arrangements for the construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Suez.

The specie in the Bank of Austria amount to £11,000,000 sterling, and the aggregate amounts held in the Banks of England, *France*, and *Austria*, is — *five* millions (word omitted.)

The Western Bank has made a call for one hundred additional shares for the first of November.

Later advices had been received from Canton. There were large quantities of tea at Canton waiting the reopening of trade for exportation. Trade had been resumed at Shanghae.

Lord Elgin was at Japan, and the United States Commissioner, the Hon Wm. B. Reed, was at Shanghae.

Affairs at Canton were in a most unsatisfactory state. Cholera had appeared among the Chinese army.

Rumors were afloat that there were two French ships-of-war at Lisbon, demanding the restitution of Charles George.

The King of Denmark was quite ill.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO SOUTHAMPTON.]

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.—Liverpool, Oct. 6.—The market for Cotton is quiet, but steadier at the rates reported per the Africa. The sales of the last three days foot up 21 000 bales, of which 1,400 were on speculation, and a similar amount for export.

Messrs. Richardson, Spence, & Co., however, say that the fair and lower qualities have been offered to the trade at a slight reduction from former prices.

LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.—Messrs. Richardson, Spence, & Co. report Flour as having a declining tendency, with prices a little easier, though nominally unchanged. The market closed with a tendency still downward. Wheat dull, and nominally unchanged; Western is quoted at 8s 3d@8s 6d for white, and 7s@7s 6d for Southern. Corn is dull, and quotations nominally 33s@34s. There are at present large quantities of Black Sea grain in the market, which are selling at a decline on all grades.

LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.—Beef is heavy. Pork steady, with dull and prices weak, with but little inquiry. Lard dull at 60s@61s. Tallow slow of sale but prices unaltered.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET.—Rosin is dull, and inferior description of common are selling at 2s 10d @4s. Spirits Turpentine steady at 38s 6d@39s. Sugar quiet. Coffee quiet. Rice steady. Ashes quiet at 31s 6d for Pots, and 32s 6d for Pearls. Cod Oil dull at £34. Linseed Oil dull at 33s 6d@34s. Philadelphia Bark 9s 6d@9s 9d; Baltimore do 6s 6d@7s

LONDON MARKETS.—Prime old Wheat is unchanged, white inferior is lower. Sugar is steady. Tea firm. Coffee unaltered. Tallow firm. American Flour steady. Cotton steady.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.—Consols closed on Thursday at 98⅝@98¾ for money and account.

STATE OF TRADE.—The Manchester market exhibited but little activity, but there was no change in rates.

From New Mexico and the Plains--Another Battle with the Indians---The Pike's Peak Gold Mines.

St. Louis, Oct. 18.—A despatch from Independence on the 17th says that the Santa Fe mail, with dates to the 27th ult., arrived there on Sunday night.

News had reached Santa Fe of another battle with the Indians. Six of the Indians were killed and two soldiers wounded. Six thousand head of sheep were recovered.

The mail conductor reports meeting with a large number of gold-hunters bound to Pike's Peak.

Later from Mexico.

New Orleans, Oct. 18.—The steamer General Rusk, from Brazos on the 13th inst., has arrived at this port, with later advices from Mexico.

The reported battle between Vidaurri and Miramon is confirmed.

The former was defeated. The battle lasted four days, and was fought near Chualusco.

Vidaurri retreated to Monterey, and was preparing to attack Miramon.

The Tehuantepec Mail Route--Arrival of the Steamer Quaker City at New Orleans.

New Orleans, October 18.—The mail steamship Quaker City, from New York, has arrived at this port. She is bound to the Isthmus, to commence the carriage of the mail over the Isthmus route.

Arrival of the Overland California Mails.

St. Louis, October 18.—The second Overland California Mail arrived here on Saturday night, bringing letters to the 20th ult., but no papers.

The third mail reached here to-night, having been twenty-five days on the route.

Nicaraguan Affairs---The Purchase of Cuba.

Washington, Oct. 18.—It is said that Gen. Jerez will immediately communicate with the Government of Nicaragua relative to the non-success of his mission, and ask for further instructions. He was emphatically informed by Gen. Cass that, whatever may be done by France, or any other foreign Power, our Government will protect the transit route to the fullest extent, and at all hazards.

Some friends of the Administration, occupying high political position, express themselves favorable to a direct application to Congress for an appropriation to conduct the negotiation for the purchase of Cuba.

The receipts of the Post Office Department, for the quarter ending the 30th of June, were $1,600,000.

The Atlantic Telegraph.

Trinity Bay, Oct. 18.—To Peter Cooper, Esq., for the Directors of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, New York: I regret to say that the preconcerted signal arranged by Mr. Thompson have failed to elicit any improvement in the reception of signals here. I do not know if any improvement has taken place at Valentia. I commence repeating the same system on Wednesday next. C. V. DE SAUTY.

The Great Prize Fight.

Buffalo, Oct. 18.—The coming fight between Heenan and Morrissey causes the greatest excitement among the "fancy." The city was fuller than ever before of bruisers. Delegations continue to arrive by every train. Notorious sporting characters are here from Havana, New Orleans, California, and all the large Northern cities Both Morrissey and Heenan are reported to be in excellent condition and eager for the fray The fight takes place near Long Point, Canada. Heenan's seconds are Aaron Jones and Johnny Mackay. Morrissey's seconds are Dublin Tricks and Australian Kelly. The betting is now even.

A fight came off to-day at Point Abino between Scotty and Barney Aaron, resulting in a victory for Scotty, Barney giving him a foul blow. They fought ten rounds in fifteen minutes.

The Great Balloon Race—Ascension of Three Balloons.

Cincinnati, October 18.—Professors Steiner and Godard started at 4 o'clock this afternoon on their great balloon race, with the intention of remaining up three days. Mr. Bellman, of the *Gazette*, preceded them in a small balloon.

The Ohio Life and Trust Company—Injunction Granted.

Cincinnati, Oct. 18.—In the United States Circuit Court, Judge McLean presiding, on an application filed by Henry Stanbery, attornies Bell and Grant, of London, and Thompson, Smith, for other creditors of the Ohio Life and Trust Company, representing claims to the amount of $700.000, an injunction was granted against the assignees of said company, restraining them from disposing of the property of the company under their control.

An application for the appointment of a receiver, before the Supreme Court, has been granted, and the sheriff of Hamilton county has been appointed receiver.

Battle between the U. S. Troops and the Camanche Indians.

Memphis, October 18 —The *overland mail from Fort* Smith, on the 8th, confirms the reported battle between the United States troops and Camanche Indians.

The Piccolomini Furore at New York.

New York, Oct. 18.—The ticket offices at the Academy were besieged at an early hour this morning, indicating that the Piccolomini excitement had reached fever heat. Every seat in the house was disposed of during the first hour.

Explosion of a Steam Tug.

Oswego, Oct. 18 —The steam tug T. H Bloore exploded her boiler, outside of the harbor, this morning. Four persons were badly hurt, and the engineer is missing.

Supposed Loss of a Schooner.

Oswego, Oct. 18 —The schooner Albion, owned and bound here, is supposed to have been lost off Erie, Pa., in the gale of the 7th inst., with all hands.

New York Bank Statement.

New York, October 18.—The bank statement for the past week foots up as follows:

Increase in loans	$617,000
Increase in deposits	936,000
Decrease in specie	664,000
Decrease in circulation	90,000

The Yellow Fever at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Oct. 18 —The number of deaths from fever on Saturday were 30. Total for the week 310.

Markets by Telegraph.

Baltimore, Oct. 18.—Flour is dull; Ohio, $5 25; Howard street, $5 37½. Wheat—There is a brisk demand for prime, but the common qualities are dull. $1.15@1 28; white, $1.10@1 15 for common, and $1 20@1.40 for fair to prime. Corn—Yellow, 85@88c. Whiskey firm. Provisions steady.

Chicago, Oct. 18 —Flour is quiet. Wheat ditto, at an advance of 1c; sales at 63c. Corn firm, and 1c better. Oats steady. Shipments to Buffalo—No Flour, 29,000 bus of Wheat, and 15,000 bus of Corn. To Oswego—No Flour. 15,000 bus Wheat. Receipts—4,000 bbls Flour, 15,000 bus Wheat, and 10,000 bus Corn.

New Orleans, Oct. 18.—Cotton is firm and active; sales of 14,000 bales. Lard is ¼c higher. Molasses is quoted at 34c.

Cincinnati, Oct. 18.—Flour is unchanged; the demand is confined to the home trade; sales at $4.50@4.60 for superfine, and $4.75@5 for extra. Whiskey is quoted at 17½c. Provisions unchanged. Mess Pork is quoted at $15. Wheat is scarce; prime is in better demand.

A Mr. Kelley, of Ogdensburg, was standing near a cross-cut saw which oscillated, when his shawl was caught in the saw, and the saw entered the right shoulder and passed downward till its motion was entirely stopped by his shawl. The wound reached about fourteen inches across the back, and was ten inches deep from the shoulder downward. The bone of the right arm was cut off within two inches of the shoulder socket, and the piece was removed when the wound was dressed. The shoulder blade was also cut off, the saw closely grazing the spinal column.

Improvement in Business in Trenton.—The Trenton (N. J.) *True American* states that the foundry of Messrs. Bolton & Tiffany, of that city, is now executing heavy orders for iron work, among which are iron fronts for a mammoth store in New Orleans, with richly-ornamented cornices; *a massive flight of spiral steps, sixty feet high*, for the custom house at Mobile, and several orders from Philadelphia. The foundry is fuller of work and more actively engaged at present than for any period in the last eighteen months.

The weekly statement of the average condition of the banks of this city, for the week ending yesterday, sets down their loans and discounts at $25,425,147; specie, $7,261,211; circulation, $2,748,492.

THE CITY.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

Academy of Music.—The Ravels.

Wheatley & Clarke's Arch-street Theatre.—"Poor Gentleman."—"Widow's Husband."

Mrs. D. P. Bowers' Walnut-street Theatre.—"Court and City"—"Asmodeus."

Concert Hall.—Sanderson's Panorama of the Russian War.

National Hall.—Williams' Panorama of the Bible.

Assembly Buildings.—*Signor Blitz.*

Parade of the National Guards.—The National Guards, under the command of Captain Peter Lyle, paraded yesterday for target practice, and had out about one hundred men. They were accompanied by the Philadelphia Brass Band, and made, as usual, a most creditable appearance. They proceeded to the Bull's Head Hotel, where, after target practice, they had a "high old time" generally. The following were the best shots:

First prize, California gold medal, Private William Rush. Second prize, Private Barnes. Third prize, Sergeant Durang. Fourth prize, Private George D. Glenn. Fifth prize, Private William McFerran. Sixth prize, Private Gilliger. Seventh prize, Private H. Creed. Eighth prize, Corporal Farrel. Ninth prize, Private Ring. Tenth prize, Sergeant Gay. Eleventh prize, Private Stokes. Twelfth prize, leather medal, Private Davis The following were the judges of the firing: Col. Lewis, Col Wilhelm, and Orpt. S. A. Hegner. The prizes were distributed last evening, at their armory, by Col. Lewis.

Attempt to Commit a Murder.—Yesterday afternoon, a shoemaker named William Wallace, residing in Camden street, near Twentieth, attempted, while laboring under *delirium tremens*, to murder his wife by stabbing her with a knife. The unfortunate woman fought desperately, and in her attempts to escape from her infuriate husband received numerous stabs on the back of her head, neck and body The screams of the poor woman brought to the house a number of the neighbors just in time to save her life. She was conveyed to the residence of Dr. Gardner in that vicinity, where her wounds were properly dressed The wounds are not of a very serious character, and she will in all probability recover. The husband in his attempt to escape from the officers, jumped from a second story window, but was finally captured and placed in the station-house to await the result of the woman's injuries.

Thieves Caught.—The residents along the North Pennsylvania Railroad, on Fisher's Lane, and near Germantown, have recently suffered from a gang of burglars from this city, who nightly visited them and carried off whatever they could conveniently secure. On Saturday night, Officer Russell, of the Detective force, arrested Francis Fetter, John Shall, and Kate Brooks, on the charge of being the thieves, and recovered from them a large amount of stolen goods, a portion of which has been identified and claimed by the owners. The thieves had also in their possession three horses, one of which it is supposed was stolen from Montgomery county. The accused will have a hearing at 10 o'clock this morning, at the Mayor's office, where the goods can be seen.

Another Shooting Case.—Acting upon information made before him, Lieut. Hampton, of the Second police district, arrested Edward Donohue aged 17 years, on the charge of having, on the night of election, shot a child named Matilda Dobbin, between 10 and 11 o'clock on the night of the 13th inst. It seems that Matilda was among the lookers on at a bon-fire at Broad and Rose streets, when Donohue fired the pistol. The wounded child told her parents that she had fallen and hurt herself in that way. There was a large hole in the wound had become so serious that it is feared she will not recover. The slug has not yet been extracted. Donohue belongs to a gang of outlaws known as the "Dunkard Boys," and shot the child accidentally. The accused has been committed to answer.

Laying of a Corner-stone.—The corner-stone of the Bethany Mission Chapel was laid yesterday afternoon in South street, west of Twenty-first street, with the ceremonies incident upon such occasion The building is to be 50 by 75 feet, and its estimated cost is $2,500. This amount has been raised through the efforts of the Rev. John Chambers's congregation. Address were made by the Rev. J. Chambers, Rev. Dr. Brainerd, Rev R. A. Carden, Rev. Mr. McCloud, and others. After the placing of the usual articles in the corner-stone, and the benediction by the Rev Dr. Beatle, the company separated.

Probable Fatal Affair at Woodbury.—On Sunday afternoon last an altercation occurred in Woodbury, N. J., between a white man, named Dilks, a resident of that place, and a colored man, named Charles Thomas, who was in state of intoxication. A fight ensued, during which Thomas stabbed Dilks upon the right side of the neck, inflicting a shocking wound several inches in length. The injured man was picked up and conveyed to a house in the vicinity, where his wounds were dressed, but the attending physicians have no hopes of his recovery. The assailant was at once arrested and placed in the jail at that place.

Brutal Assault.—Jacob Meunce, hailing from Bridesport, N. J., was before Alderman Plankinton, yesterday morning, on the charge of committing an assault and battery on a small boy, with an intent to kill. It appears that while passing Eleventh and Green streets, on Saturday afternoon, a party of boys threw pebbles at him, when he became exasperated, and seizing a large stone, hurled it at one of the little fellows, striking him on the head, and inflicting a dangerous wound. The accused was committed to answer.

Cadets of Temperance.—The Grand Section of Pennsylvania, at its eleventh annual session, elected the following officers: G. P., Wm. Davis; G. V. P.,