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The Adams Express Company. Pittsburgh, Rochester and New Brighton Express. FOR the especial accommodation of the large population along the line of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, between Pittsburgh and New Brighton, whose intimate business and social relations require such Agency, The Adams Express Company have made such arrangement with the Railroad as to enable them to put a trusty Messenger on the Accommodation Train, who will take charge of all property and packages entrusted to him, and return by the Evening Train. The Messenger will have an Iron Safe in the Baggage Car, for the deposit and the security of Money, Jewelry and other valuables. He will leave New Brighton by the Morning Train, remain in Pittsburgh and Allegheny City during the day to attend to such errands as may be entrusted to him, and return by the Evening Train, with his Goods and Commissions executed. It will be his duty to receive on his up trip all parcels, packages, money, &c., which will be delivered to the proper party soon after the arrival of the train at the Allegheny City Depot. He will also receive written or verbal messages to be delivered in the city—communicate intelligence—obtain information, and return replies—order goods, and return them—make purchases, large or small, from a paper of pins to a steam engine. All goods, &c., will be delivered or called for in the two cities, within reasonable distance, without extra charge, but to insure such delivery, the direction on packages, especially for private houses, should be explicit. At Way Stations, all matter will be left with the Station Agent of the Railroad Company, when the proper party is not at the Station on the arrival of the Train, to receive his goods. The charges for carrying packages, &c. and for services rendered by the Messenger, are intended to be within reasonable limits. When the nature of the business is such as to admit of it special agreements will be made. As the Messenger is required to settle his bills and business daily with the Company, and to pay in full, the patrons of the line will please not ask him to wait till next trip for his pay, as he has no discretion in the matter. HENRY K. IRWIN has been appointed Messenger, and will commence his duties on Monday, Dec. 24, 1855. OFFICES AND AGENTS. Pittsburgh—84 Fourth Street. Allegheny City—Telegraph Office. Haysville—Capt. Hay. Sewickley Station—Mr. McLaughlin. Rochester—Mr. White. Economy—Dr. Chandler. New Brighton—Mr. Hoops. Office Adams Express Co. Pittsburgh, Dec. 20, 1855. de25-dtf

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Co-Partnership. I HAVE this day associated with me, as equal partners in the Painting, Graining and Glazing business, Robt. Thompson and Robt. C. Miller. The business will be continued at the old stand, 128 Third st., under the name and style of JOHN THOMPSON & CO. I would take this opportunity of returning my sincere thanks to my old customers for the very liberal support I have heretofore received from them, and would respectfully solicit a continuance of their patronage. After carrying on the business in Pittsburgh for eighteen years, I need not say that any work given us will be done in the very best manner, as I flatter myself that my work and ability is pretty generally known and highly appreciated by the inhabitants of Pittsburgh and vicinity. March 7th, 1856—mh8:3md JOHN THOMPSON

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1856.

Advance Payments.—Hereafter no subscription will be taken for the Daily or Weekly Gazette, unless payment is made in advance. Whenever the time is up to which the subscription is paid, the paper will be invariably stopped, unless the subscription is renewed by advance payment. All transient advertising, of every description, will be required to be paid in advance. The only exceptions will be where special monthly or yearly contracts are made. sepl:d&w

Pittsburgh Weekly Gazette.—The extensive circulation of our Weekly Gazette offers to our business men a most desirable medium of making their business known. Our circulation is between four and five thousand, reaching almost every merchant, manufacturer and shop keeper in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

THE SONG OF THE CAMP.

A CRIMEAN INCIDENT.

"Give us a Song!" the soldiers cried,
The outer trenches guarding,
When the heated guns of the camps allied
Grew weary of bombarding.

The dark Redan, in silent scoff,
Lay, grim and threatening, under;
And the tawny mound of the Malakoff
No longer belched its thunder.

There was a pause. The guardsman said:
"We storm the forts to-morrow;
Sing while we may, another day
Will bring enough of sorrow."

They lay along the battery's side,
Below the smoking cannon—
Brave hearts, from Severn and from Clyde,
And from the banks of Shannon.

They sang of love, and not of fame;
Forgot was Britain's glory;
Each heart recalled a different name,
But all sang "Annie Laurie."

Voice after voice caught up the song,
Until its tender passion
Rose like an anthem, rich and strong—
Their battle-eve confession.

Dear girl, her name he dared not speak,
Yet, as the song grew louder,
Something upon the soldier's cheek
Washed off the stains of powder.

Beyond the darkening ocean burned
The bloody sunset's embers,
While the Crimean vallies learned
How English love remembers.

And once again a fire of hell
Rained on the Russian quarters,
With scream of shot, and burst of shell,
And bellowing of the mortars.

And Irish Nora's eyes are dim
For a singer, dumb and gory;
And English Mary mourns for him
Who sang of "Annie Laurie."

Ah, soldiers! to your honored rest
Your truth and valor bearing,
The bravest are the tenderest—
The loving are the daring.

In order that the full force of the poem may be appreciated by American readers, it may be necessary to state that the song of "ANNIE LAURIE" is *the* song of the British camp,—that, wherever there is a British regiment, this song bears off the gallant burden of the loving soldier's heart, whether he freezes in Canada, or wipes his brow beneath the sun of India. As few, comparatively, are familiar with it, we copy it, also:

Maxwelton's banks are bonny,
Where early falls the dew;
And 'twas there that Annie Laurie
Gave me her promise true,—
Gave me her promise true,
And ne'er forget will I;
But for bonny Annie Laurie
I'd lay me down and die.

Her brow is like the snow-drift,
Her throat is like the swan,
Her face is as the fairest
That e'er the sun shone on,—
That e'er the sun shone on,
And dark blue is her e'e,
And for bonny Annie Laurie,
I'd lay me down and die.

Like the dew on the gowan lying
Is the fa' o' her fairy feet,
And like winds in summer sighing
Her voice is low and sweet,—
Her voice is low and sweet,
And she's a' the world to me,
And for bonny Annie Laurie
I'd lay me down and die.

DEATH OF PERCIVAL THE POET.—The Telegraph brings us intelligence of the death of JAMES G. PERCIVAL, the poet: he died at Hazelgreen, in the State of Illinois, on Friday last. Mr. PERCIVAL was born in Berlin, Connecticut, in the year 1795, and graduated at Yale College in 1815. He wrote verses at a very early age, but his first appearance as an author was in 1821, when he published his *Prometheus* and other poems. He published another volume of poems the following year, and at that period he was the most popular of American poets; the tenderness and melancholy sweetness of his verses being in accord with the prevalent taste of the day. In 1824 he was appointed an assistant surgeon in the U. S. Army, and stationed at West Point to lecture on chemistry; but he resigned his commission after holding it a few months. He published a third volume of poems in 1827, and in 1843, appeared his *Dream of a Day*. Dr. PERCIVAL was a man of purely scholarly tastes and eccentric habits, and he united a remarkable love for scientific pursuits with his taste for poetry. He possessed great linguistic acquirements, and assisted NOAH WEBSTER in the compilation of his great Dictionary. He had made a geological survey of the State of Connecticut, and, at the time of his death, he held the office of State Geologist of Illinois. He was never married.—*N. Y. Times.*

FALL OF THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER THE MONTMORENCI FALLS.—Yesterday morning the sad intelligence reached town that the Suspension Bridge over the Montmorenci had given way, and that several lives had been lost. Little credence was at first given to the rumor.—There had been statements made before to the effect that the bridge was not to be trusted.—People crossed it with terror, it was so shadowy, so light and so high. Like a mere cobweb, it hung across the chasm over the very brink of the Falls. The superintending engineer had asserted that the structure was safe, and the Road Trust had taken possession of it. Nevertheless, on the northern bank of the Montmorenci, five of the seven strands of one of the wire cables had previously given way, and the cable had been repaired. There was something wrong.—Yesterday morning, while a man and a woman were crossing in a cart, about 8 or 8½ in the morning, and a lad 16 years of age, was crossing on foot, the chain plates attached to the anchors on the south side of the Montmorenci snapped asunder, the bridge dropped down, throwing all upon it over and down the Falls into the pool, 300 feet below, and which is 36 feet deep, swung itself round over the cataract, and there it hangs now like a ribbon from the towers on the south side. The roar, when the bridge gave way, was terrific. The clanking of the iron reverberated like thunder. A Mr. Giroux, who lives a mile off, distinctly heard the noise. —*Quebec Gaz., May 1.*

PRESIDENTIAL.—The Washington Sentinel contains the following paragraph:

"Ever since that time [the Ostend Conference] to the present, Franklin Pierce has instigated and invented the most insidious and disreputable attacks upon Mr. Buchanan, not only through his own mouth-piece, but even in his own conversations. We make this charge: that Gen. Pierce has told delegates to the National Convention, that if he did not get the nomination himself, no Northern man should have it—clearly pointing to Mr. Buchanan, who, except Judge Douglas, is the only 'Northern man' spoken of, and if report be true, the relations of the latter are greatly changed towards the Administration."

It has been clear for a long time that the relations of the Administration to Mr. Buchanan were anything but friendly, and our advices from Washington indicate that the war upon him has been successful. The President and Judge Douglas have united their forces against him as a common enemy. The attempt will first be made to renominate Gen. Pierce: if that fails, Douglas will be tried: and if neither succeed, then a Southern candidate, probably Hunter, will be brought forward. The Democracy feel so sure of success in any event, that they discard availability as an essential qualification in a candidate.—*N. Y. Times.*

THE CONNELLSVILLE RAILROAD.—On last Friday Messrs. Oliver W. Barnes, Joseph Pennock, J. H. Sewell and A. L. Russell, on behalf of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad, and the Board of Cumberland City Council, met in conference on the subject of the city loan. Nothing definite, however, was done, though we learn that a proposition was submitted to the final action of the board, which meets to-day, to this effect: That the city of Cumberland either take stock or issue bonds in favor of the Connellsville railroad to the amount of $200,000, for a period of thirty years, the company paying the interest incurred on the $200,000 as it falls due, and as security for the payment of this interest the railroad company give to the city a mortgage on so much of their road, depots, machine shops, &c., as lie in the State of Maryland, and that the company must obtain ten acres of land within the city limits as a site for their depots and machine shops; and that the company must commence actual operations before July next.—A committee, comprising the above named gentlemen, are now in Baltimore, effecting a final negotiation for the $1,000,000 subscribed to the road by that city.—*Cumberland (Md.) Civilian.*

DOUGLAS IN INDIANA.—At the last State Convention of the Black Democracy of Indiana, the delegates chosen to represent that party in the National Convention at Cincinnati, were instructed to support Senator Bright of that State, for the nomination of President. A few days ago, Mr. Bright was induced to withdraw his name as a candidate, leaving delegates of his State free to support any other man. It is understood that this was a move to help Douglas to secure the nomination.

AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS.—The high prices that have prevailed for produce for more than two years, have been generally attributed to the European war; the latter having so disturbed the leading foreign powers as to seriously interfere with agricultural pursuits, and an increased demand was consequently made upon this country for cereals. When we look at the figures exhibiting the foreign exports, however, it becomes apparent that the European demand has operated in only a slight degree towards enhancing and sustaining the value of breadstuffs.—The exports of Flour, Wheat and Cotton, from the United States from Sept. 1st to May 1st, reduced to bushels, compare as follows:

	1854–5.	1855–6.
Wheat bush.	898,080	12,948,748
Corn bush.	4,939,051	5,010,181

The exports of Wheat and Flour, though much larger this year than last, show a decrease as compared with 1853–4.

The following were the aggregates for four seasons.

	Flour brls.	Wheat bush.	Corn bush.
1855–6	1,390,049	7,889,962	5,010,180
1854–5	138,427	206,646	4,939,051
1853–4	2,457,880	7,127,486	4,558,269
1852–3	1,088,887	3,502,150	931,054

It appears from the foregoing figures that the total exports of Wheat and Flour from September 1st to May 1st amounting to about 13,000,000 bushels of the former are but little more than equal to one half the average product of the single State of Ohio. Compared with the entire products of the United States therefore, the exports to foreign countries in any one of the years included in the above exhibit, were insignificant; and this shows very clearly that it is not to the increased foreign demand that the high range of prices is attributable. The demand from abroad was a partial but not the principal or main cause of high prices. The latter must therefore be attributed chiefly to a general deficiency in the crops of the United States. In 1854 the crops of produce throughout the country were generally short, and although the harvest of 1855, was satisfactory, yielding full average crops in the leading grain producing States, yet it required so much to fill up the vacuum resulting from the previous deficiency, that the markets have been pretty well sustained, and it is only since the close of the war abroad, and since we have got within sight, almost of the next harvest than any material decline has taken place.

We are now in a position owing to the peace established abroad and the consequent removal of distributing causes connected therewith, that were calculated to lead speculative movements, to obtain a satisfactory view of the future course of our produce markets, and from this we may draw most reasonable conclusions as to agricultural prospects.

In the United States, at the present time, the stocks of breadstuffs, though not excessively large, are fair and must prove more than equal to the wants of the home trade, and whatever foreign demand may be experienced up to the incoming of the new crop—thus leaving a considerable surplus, to go over the next season.—The latter promises to be moderate as regards wheat, but of Corn, it must be excessively large. It has been estimated that the quantity of corn in the country, is equal to the home consumption of a whole year. In Europe the stocks are also fair—sufficiently large to prevent prices from advancing very materially, if at all, before harvest. As regards stocks, then, we find, not only the United States, but also the principal countries of Europe in a condition to be carried over with comparatively low prices into the approaching season.

The next point of interest is connected with the prospects of the next harvest. This is indeed the great question of importance, for upon the yield of the next harvest future prices must depend.

In considering this matter, we may safely say, by way of general remark, that never, perhaps, in the history of this country, was the prospects for good crops, so favorable as at this time. In the first place, the season is most promising. The heavy snows and severe frosts operated beneficially upon lands. The former protected the Fall plants, and the latter answered the purpose of subsoil plows. The spring which was late in commencing, has been dry, so that the work performed at this season has progressed without interruption, and now when labor has pretty well progressed, rains have fallen to supply the wants of vegetation.—In a word, the weather has been about as favorable as could have been desired.

In addition to the encouraging prospects resulting from the character of the season, there is another equally important feature to be noticed, viz., the greatly increased breadth of land under cultivation. We have no data by which to make even an estimate of the great advances that have been made in this respect, but it suffices to know that it is sufficiently large to operate promptly and powerfully upon the interests of the country. This increase has not been confined to the older Western States, but on the contrary it has been greatest in the new States. The emigration from the East, and also from Ohio, to Illinois, and Iowa has been very heavy. The previously neglected prairies have been ploughed up, and are being made to yield bountifully of the fruits of the earth. These are being worked mainly by experienced farmers from older States, but there is a great deal of a different kind of farming going on. The high prices of produce, and the consequent large profits of farming directed the attention of capitalists to this pursuit, and hundreds of thousands of acres are being cultivated this season by amateur agriculturalists. We are acquainted with one eastern gentleman, who put in last Fall in the State of Illinois, a field of five thousand acres of wheat, and we know of several who are operating on a smaller scale. This will tell when the harvest comes to be gathered and the grain garnered; and it will also tell upon the markets of the country.

But the favorable agricultural prospects are not confined to this country. In Great Britain and France, there are promises of an abundant harvest. Of course accidents may yet happen to the crops, so as to blast the present favorable prospects, and entirely change the aspect of affairs, but with a propitious season from this time until the crops mature, the yield throughout the country will be immensely large. The effect that such a result would have upon prices we need not stop to inquire. Prices would of course rule low, but not so much so as to render the business of producing unprofitable, and certainly the general interests of the country would be largely advanced by abundant crops. A plentiful supply of the necessaries of life, cannot operate otherwise than favorably upon the vital interest of the people.—*Cin. Gazette.*

THE TEXAS INDEMNITY.—It is stated that the claimants under the Texas indemnity are slow in filing their claims, not much more than $2,000,000 of claims having been authenticated before the first of May, and therefore only this sum will be paid on the first of June. The whole amount presented up to the present time is under $4,000,000, and it is supposed that some of the present holders will prefer to hold the credit of the State of Texas for the par value of their claims bearing six per cent. interest, rather than accept the reduced amount of their debt in cash from the United States.—Those holders who have filed their claims earliest have not, on that account, any right to receive more than those who delay sending in their claims. It is altogether an equal *prorata* division.

THE last Parkersburg, Va., News says that a late freshet, hardly perceptible there, but very heavy in the counties of Calhoun and Gilmer, brought out from two to three hundred rafts, manned by over six hundred men, and containing not far from twenty thousand logs, worth about as many dollars, besides much lumber and many boats. The rafts completely blocked the river for some distance above the town limits.—The quantity and value of timber brought down is beyond precedent, and yet its removal is hardly noticed in the woods, while we are informed there is as much more in the river which could not be run out for want of hands.

FOR KANSAS—One hundred Free State emigrants left St. Louis on board the steamer Wm. Campbell for Kansas City and Leavenworth, on Wednesday, April 30—principally from Vermont, New York, and Wisconsin. It is estimated there was not a single Border Ruffian on board, nor was not a single Border Ruffian on board, nor was the materials to make one of, or if there was, it is further estimated that he behaved himself. The Vermont Company went on board with Sharpe's rifles on their shoulders. The Wisconsin Company were from Beloit, and go out fortified to inspire the bowie-knife gentry with "profound contempt." The party from New York reported a large company ready to follow them as soon as a short preliminary exploration should be made.

THE Washington Intelligencer republishes the celebrated declaration of the Union party members of Congress in 1851, pledging themselves to regard the settlement of the slavery question as involved in the enactment of the Compromise measures of 1850 as final and abiding, and adds: "How unfortunate has it been for the public tranquillity that its wise determination and counsel were in an evil hour departed from!"

COAL BOATS SUNK.—A pair of coal boats, belonging to Messrs. Duncan & Mewes, of Pittsburgh, and destined for New Orleans, were sunk at the Sisters, by a violent storm, on Saturday last.

WOOL.—The Zanesville Courier says, it is reported that very great losses of sheep have occurred in Ohio this winter, and predicts that it will affect the wool crop.

KANSAS AFFAIRS.—We publish this morning a letter from Kansas, which appeared in the St Louis Democrat of Saturday, in which is indicated the game that the "Border Ruffians," backed by Frank Pierce, and aided by the troops of the General Government, intend to play in regard to the Congressional Commission now in Kansas for the purpose of taking testimony in relation to the late elections in Kansas. Their investigation is to be interrupted if possible, and if no other means will accomplish this, a civil war seems to have been resolved upon. The powers at Washington are so blind and besotted that they do not see to what results a civil war in Kansas tends. Jeff. Davis, who no doubt controls the President wherever the interests of slavery are involved, is a Southern "fire eater," who would be glad to see the Union dissolved, and it is not improbable that he is now bringing matters to a crisis in Kansas with the hope of speedily accomplishing this result.

It is now almost certain that there will be a collision between the people of Kansas and the U. S. troops, if the administration pursues much farther the course which it appears to have marked out for itself. Should such a collision take place, it will require more wisdom and firmness than has yet been manifested by the present Executive, to prevent it from assuming the proportions of a civil war, and extending itself beyond the borders of Kansas. Should it do so, the President and his friends, the slavery propagandists, will find that the sympathy of the great mass of the Northern States, will be with their sons and friends and neighbors, who have made their homes in Kansas, and they will not remain idle and quiet, while slavery propogandists through the President, are perpetrating a monstrous outrage on the freemen of Kansas. The people of the North detest injustice and tyranny [illegible] and they will detest only the more [illegible] ernment to [illegible]

It may be, however, that [illegible] ly ostentatiously parading [illegible] serviceable servility, at this time to [illegible] the Southern delegates at the Cincinnati Convention. The most charitable explanation of his conduct that can be given is that it is only an electioneering trick which will be abandoned as soon as it has accomplished his purpose or failed to do so.—Perhaps he is not in earnest in supporting the "Border Ruffians" and their infamous outrages; at any rate we should like to believe that he would never have done so, had he not been persuaded that nothing else would secure him the nomination of the Democratic Convention. But he is too weak a man to trifle with the inflamed passions of a great people; he may raise the whirlwind while pursuing his own blind and selfish schemes, but he will find it impossible to direct it. Already has he gone so far in his mad and reckless course, that we should scarcely be startled if the next dispatch from Kansas, announced that hostilities had actually commenced. The letter to which we have referred, shows what measures have been adopted to force the people into rebellion, and there is every reason to fear that they will be persisted in until they have proved successful.

The shooting of JONES was a cowardly crime, and bears such a resemblance to some of the cowardly murders perpetrated by the "Border Ruffians" in Kansas, that it will probably be fastened upon one of them eventually. By the way, this JONES would have rendered himself less obnoxious to the people of Kansas, if he had expended a portion of his energies in bringing to punishment the murderers of poor BROWN, a horrible account of whose death will be found in the speech of Col. LANE.—*Cin. Gazette.*

CALIFORNIA ITEMS.—EXPENSES OF LIVING.—It is stated that the days of California extravagance are becoming slowly but surely veiled in the past. In no one branch of commercial industry has there been so great a diminution in charges as in the restaurant, and where one was once necessitated to spend dollars for a meal, many articles can now be had as cheap as in the Atlantic States. It is plainly evident that California has not yet reached her acme of usefulness.

CHINAMEN IN LUCK.—A Chinaman went prospecting around an old log cabin which had not been occupied for three years, and found hid in the fire-place a purse of gold dust valued at about $6,000. Sixteen pounds of gold, in one lump, were taken in a small ravine between Auburn and Ophir, and about one mile from the latter town, by a Chinaman. This lump, with some fine dust, made his day's work amount to some $3,300. The lucky John left the next morning en route for China.

CHEAP COAL FOR BUFFALO.—We learn that arrangements have been made for the construction of that part of the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad which will connect the coal mines of McKean county with Olean—the Pennsylvanians building the road from the coal beds to the State Line, and the stockholders in Buffalo to connect from thence to Olean, and to transport the coal via. the N. Y. and Erie road to Dunkirk, and thence by Lake Shore road or Lake to Buffalo, till the road is built to connect with that city.—This is an important enterprise, and we hope to see it speedily accomplished.—*Fredonia Censor.*

HOW THEY LIVE IN NEW YORK.—The Health, Wardens and Inspector of New York city, have been visiting the houses of the people to investigate the sanitary condition of the place. Last week 3,266 houses were visited, of which 764 were stores or buildings not inhabited. In the 2502 dwellings were found 7801 families composed of 36,508 persons, of whom 24,045 were adults. Not less than 1502 houses were found to be occupied by over four families. Even in Seventeenth street, in the aristocratic Eighteenth Ward, over one thousand persons were found to occupy a row of seventeen houses.

THE WHEAT.—The McConnelsville (O.) *Enquirer* says, "Though the wheat is not so far advanced as is usually the case at this season of the year, yet the fields look green, the grain seems more even or far less spotted than is generally the case in the spring, and at this time the prospect is altogether fair for a bountiful crop. 'Tis said by those who have had opportunities for forming an opinion, there is now more wheat in the ground in Morgan county than they ever was in any previous year."

THE Lafayette (Ind.) Courier tells the following:

We heard a conscientious old Liner the other day, who declared he would not vote for Willard, for said he "if he's elected he'll gamble away the State House." After the nomination of Judge Hammond, the old Liner aforesaid, declared that it was all right now, "for if Willard gambled the State House away, Hammond would win it back."

"SEVENTEEN THOUSAND MAJORITY."—An energetic Egyptian called forth the enthusiasm of the Democracy at Springfield on Thursday last, by inquiring whether "we didn't keep the polls open till you got 17,000 majority in 1854 when you sent us word you wanted it." The applause which followed this sentiment was considerably assisted by the promise "we'll do it again."—Will you?—*Chicago Trib.*

THE ERIE RAILROAD TURNED EXPRESS AGENTS.—On the 16th of May it is said that the New York and Erie Railroad will go into the Express business on its own account, as it is the practice of most of the European railroad companies. They will deliver parcels and execute commissions on all points upon their line, from New York to Dunkirk.

THE potatoe trade is very large—most of our dealers buying and shipping heavily. Farmers would not sell last fall at 25 cents per bushel, prefering to keep them over at large expense for storage and waste, and then selling them this spring for thirty cents.—*Sandusky (O.) Register.*

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