

Cuban News.

THE HAVANA TRAGEDY—LETTERS FROM THE VICTIMS OF LOPEZ'S DEFEAT.

The New Orleans papers of the 23d have a number of letters from the victims of Lopez's deceptions, who were executed at Havana. They exhibited that "patriot" in a light which will consign him to general execration.

ON BOARD THE MAN-OF-WAR ESPERANZA.

August 16, 1851. Lopez, the scoundrel, has deceived us; there is no doubt that all those reports about the Cuban rising were all trumped up in New Orleans. Lopez took nearly all his command and deserted us. We were attacked by some 500 or 700 of the Queen's troops the second day when we landed. Our own gallant Crittenden did all any man could do; but we all saw we had been deceived, and retreated to the sea shore, with the intention of getting off to our own country if possible, when we were taken prisoners by the Habanero. Explain to my family that I have done nothing but what was instigated by the highest motives; that I die with a clear conscience, and like a man with a stout heart. I send my watch to you it is for little Benny, my nephew. Good-bye, God bless you all.

GILMAN A. COOK.

The following letter is from adjutant Stanford:

HAVANA, August 16, 1851.

Dear Huling:—We arrived on the island of Cuba after the most horrible passage you can conceive of, cooped on board with 400 or 500 men.

We arrived on Sunday last, I believe—dates I have almost forgotten. The next morning, Lopez, with Gen. Paraguanay and all the commanding officers, left us—(I mean Crittenden and his battalion). We heard nothing more of him for two days, when Crittenden despatched a note. He then requested we should join him at a little town some six or eight miles off, leaving us in the meantime to take care of all the baggage, &c.

We started for him on Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock, A. M., and had proceeded only two or three miles, when we were attacked by 500 Spanish soldiers. In the first charge I received a very severe wound in the knee. We repulsed them, however.—They made another charge and completely routed us. We spent two days and nights, the most miserable you can imagine, in the chapparal, without any thing to eat or drink.

We made the best of our way to the sea shore, and found some boats with which we put to sea. Spent a night upon the ocean and next day, about 12 o'clock, were taken prisoners by the Habanero, were brought to Havana last night, and condemned to die this morning. We shall all be shot in an hour.

Good-bye, and God bless you. I send my Masonic medal enclosed in this, belonging to my father. Convey it to my sister, Mrs. P—, and tell her of my fate. Once more, God bless you.

J. BRANDT.

STANFORD.

Letter from J. Brandt.

HAVANA, August 16, 1851.

My dear Mother—I have but a few moments to live. Fifty of us are condemned to be shot within a half hour. I do not value life, but deeply regret the grief it will cause you to hear of my death. Farewell, then, my dear mother, sisters and all; we may meet again in another world. Think of me often; forget the causes I have given you for grief; remember only my virtues.—Farewell, again, dearest mother, and believe me to be your affectionate son.

J. BRANDT.

Letter from Thomas C. James.

SPANISH FRIGATE ESPERANZA, Harbor of Havana, August 15, 1851.

My dear Brothers and Sisters—This is the last letter you will ever receive from your brother Thomas. In one hour more I will be launched into eternity, being now a prisoner, with fifty others, aboard this ship, and under sentence of death. All to be shot! This is a hard fate, but I trust in the mercy of God, and will meet my fate manfully.

Think of me hereafter, not with regret, but as one whom you loved in life, and who loved you. Adieu, forever, my brothers, sisters and friends.

THOMAS C. JAMES.

Robert, our poor friends, G. A. Cook and John O. Bryce, are with me, and send their last regard to you; also Clement Stanford, formerly of Natchez.

The New Orleans Delta says: The following letters from that gallant young Creole hero, Victor Kerr, are among the last which he ever wrote. They were written in a bold and masculine style of chirography, and will sufficiently refute the unfounded rumors touching their tenor, put into circulation yesterday by the enemies of Cuban Liberty:

TO HIS WIFE.

My Dear Felicia: Adieu, my dear wife, this is the last letter that you will receive from your Victor. In one hour I shall be no more.

Embrace all my friends for me. Never marry again; it is my desire. My adieu to my sisters and brothers. Again, a last adieu. I die like a soldier.

Your husband, VICTOR KERR.

TO HIS FRIENDS.

My Dear Friends: I leave you forever, and I go to the other world. I am a prisoner in Havana, and in an hour I shall have ceased to exist. My dearest friends, think often of me. I die worthy of a Creole, worthy of a Louisiana, and of a Kerr. My dearest friends, adieu for the last time. Your devoted friend, VICTOR KERR.

To N. Larose, H. Bouigny, Leon Pazende, William G. Vincent, Felix Atoro. August 16, 1851—6 o'clock.

A GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION.—Mexico owes about \$100,000,000, has an income of \$8,000,000 annually, and expends \$11,000,000.



SUNBURY. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1851.

H. B. MASSER, Editor and Proprietor.

V. B. PALMER is our authorized agent to receive subscriptions and advertising at his office, in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Baltimore.

TO ADVERTISERS.—The circulation of the Sunbury American among the different towns on the Susquehanna is not exceeded (equalled by any paper published in North or Pennsylvania.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR: WILLIAM BIGLER, of Clearfield County.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER: SETH CLOVER, of Clarion County.

For Judges of the Supreme Court. JOHN B. GIBSON, of Cumberland.

WALTER H. LOWRIE, of Allegheny. JEREMIAH S. BLACK, of Somerset.

ELLIS LEWIS, of Lancaster. JAMES CAMPBELL, of Philadelphia.

County Nominations. Senator: Dr. LEWIS HECK, of Dauphin county.

President Judge: ALEXANDER JORDAN, of Sunbury.

Assembly: WILLIAM FOLLMER, of Turbot.

Associate Judges: GEORGE WEISER, of Sunbury. JAMES H. McCORMICK, of Milton.

Sheriff: WILLIAM B. KIPP, of Rush.

Prothonotary: JAMES BEARD, of Milton.

Commissioner: CHARLES WEAVER, of Sunbury.

Treasurer: JACOB YOUNG, of Sunbury.

Cornor: AARON KELLY, of Shamokin.

Auditor: J. H. ZIMMERMAN, of Sunbury.

EDITORIAL TABLE. Business Notices.

GODBY'S LADY'S BOOK.—We have received the September number of this favorite Monthly. It is beautifully embellished with no less than 20 illustrations, and well filled with contributions of high merit, by such popular writers as Mrs. Oakes Smith, Mrs. Alice B. Neal, W. Gilmore Simms, C. W. Webber, and others.

THE LADIES KEYSER, published by John S. Taylor, New York, monthly at \$1 per annum, is a cheap work containing much useful matter.

LIGHTNING RODS.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. Mackey, who has invented and introduced a new lightning rod, which we think, is a most perfect thing of the kind, and one that should be generally introduced.

ACE POWDERS.—Mr. Wenck of Northumberland, advertises Thompson's Acne Powders, an article that is much recommended.

Merchants, Milliners, and the public generally, going to New York, will please examine the advertisement of Freeman, Hodges & Co.

The stockholders of the Susquehanna River, &c. Telegraph Company, will hold an annual meeting of the stockholders, for the election of officers at the Montour House, in Danville, on the third Tuesday of this month.

THE TICKET. Having been absent all of last week we could not of course say anything in relation to the ticket formed at the late Convention. We saw, however, for some days previous to the election of delegates, that there would be either a split or some terrible overhauling of candidates. The result has proved our suspicions correct. Personally we have but little interest or feeling in the matter, especially as a number of the candidates are our choice, but it is useless to disguise the fact, that there is much dissatisfaction. Introducing new elements of discord, for the purpose of accomplishing certain measures, may afford temporary success, but in the end must prove disastrous. That there should be some reform in these matters is almost universally admitted. Candidates should not be permitted to bring into the Convention their delegates as so much capital to trade upon. The delegates should belong to the people, and represent the people's wishes, not those of the candidates. The Crawford county system, where each candidate is voted for, at the delegate elections, and where he who has a majority of the whole, is declared the nominee, would be a much more equitable method. We trust, hereafter, things will move on more harmoniously.

THE MASONIC PROCESSION AT SHAMOKIN.—We were present at these proceedings, as a spectator, on Thursday last. The fraternity met at the Odd Fellows Hall, a new and beautiful building, highly creditable to the place. The procession proceeded to the adjoining woods, where an excellent oration was delivered by Alexander Jordan, Esq., of this place. A number of members from the adjoining Counties were present. Want of space prevents us saying more.

GEN. CASS, GEN. CAMERON, AND HIS ENEMIES.

The McEwensville Intelligencer states that the friends of Gen. Cameron, were beaten out in their strong holds, in Sunbury and in Delaware township, in the late delegate elections. This is perfectly in character with that delectable sheet. In this place there was no such issue, and no election for delegates was held, the candidates having agreed upon the delegates among themselves. In Delaware the delegates were elected by a trick against one of the most popular and worthy men of that township, but even there no such issue was made. If anything were necessary to prove this fact, we need only say that with scarcely a single exception, every successful candidate on the ticket had been, but a few days previous to the delegate elections, among the warmest and most zealous of General Cameron's friends, if any reliance can be placed on their own assertions, and oft repeated professions.

We in common with many others have long been the personal and political friend of Gen. Cameron, and where our views have coincided, have acted with him, without having ever sought or received any fee or reward whatever. Those who are now disposed to strike at Gen. Cameron, and at Mr. Buchanan, on the other hand, though appealed to at that trying hour, was, as usual, perfectly non committal, lest he might displease the disunionists of the South, and injure himself.

The Whig Convention was held at this place, on Wednesday last. A full ticket was not nominated. Jacob Seasholtz, of Lower Augusta, was nominated for Assembly. William McCarty, Esq., of Sunbury, and Hon. John F. Dentler, of McEwensville, for Associate Judges. Resolutions in favor of Hon. James Pollock, for President Judge, were passed.

An opposition whose passions were so dark and malignant as to be gratified in endeavoring to blast the character, and embitter the old age of Washington! After thus persecuting the Saviour of his Country, "says Mr. Buchanan," how can the democratic party dare to call themselves his disciples?"

But even this might be overlooked more readily than his refusal to avow his opinions on the compromise resolutions, when the permanency of the Union was in danger, while at the same time he was in correspondence with the treasonable actors in the Nashville Convention.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR. While at Sunbury last Monday, Jesse C. Horton, Esq., informed us that the Hon. Jas. Buchanan had stayed over Sunday with him before he visited Lewisburg. We hope such an honor will make Mr. Horton a good Buchanan man if he was not one before.

In justice to Mr. Horton, we clip the above from Mr. Buchanan's temporary organ, located and supported at McEwensville, in this County, by a few political aspirants. Mr. Horton is an independent farmer, surrounded by every comfort, and not the sycophant that the editor would make him, and who could be thus flattered into the support of Mr. Buchanan. Mr. Horton is an old acquaintance of Mr. Buchanan, and treated him as such. We regret that there is yet too much of this craven and servile spirit among those who call themselves men and democrats, and who would crouch before such condescension. Such men, in order to get a word, a wink, or a nod from a distinguished man, would be content to be kicked down stairs ten minutes afterwards.

CUBA. The news from Cuba though highly interesting, is still as conflicting as ever.—Gen. Lopez is undoubtedly highly censurable, for leaving Col. Crittenden and his party, unprotected in a strange land, without guides. The gallant Colonel and his men, however, though numbering but 114 men, repulsed the Spaniards, but were overpowered next day by 700 Spanish troops. In another column will be found the letters of some of the unfortunate officers of the party, who were executed.—Their melancholy fate must excite the sympathy of every true American, and will bring no little odium on the character of Gen. Lopez. A telegraphic despatch received since the above news came to hand, announces that Lopez has been successful in every battle, and is marching towards Havana. The accounts are so contradictory, that it is almost impossible to judge of the result.

JUDGE CAMPBELL. We always regret the occasion that requires us to refer to this gentleman. But as some of his indelible friends will insist that all opposition is owing to the fact that Judge Campbell is a Roman Catholic, we are compelled to deny the charge. This is a cry of "stop thief" to avoid the true issue, and cannot save him. The fact that Judge Campbell is a Catholic, and was educated and reared by a Catholic priest, never had any influence upon us, but his friends will find that they will make nothing by attempting to get up the cry of persecution, in order to cover up his real deficiencies. We do not know of a single Journal in the State, opposed to Judge Campbell on any other grounds, than his utter incompetency and the manner by which he secured his nomination. We are not to be frightened from a sense of duty in opposing an incompetent man, by telling us that he is a Catholic, or that that religion should screen a man, more than if he were a Lutheran, Methodist or Presbyterian.

Morris E. Jackson, Esq., of Berwick, received the unanimous nomination of Columbia and Montour counties, for Assembly.

PRESIDENT JUDGE.

The delegates of Lycoming county on Thursday, the 29th ult., nominated John W. Maynard, Esq., for President Judge of this district. The vote in Convention, stood, viz: Maynard 51, Fleming 39. As the matter now stands, we think there can be no doubt of the nomination of Alexander Jordan, Esq., of this place. The strong democratic counties of Northumberland and Centre, have instructed their Conference to vote for him, Clinton for Major Fleming, and Lycoming for Mr. Maynard. Mr. Jordan's election if nominated is rendered almost certain, and we presume there can be little or no doubt of his nomination.

COLUMBIA COUNTY. The Democratic Convention of Columbia county, on Monday last, put in nomination John S. Follmer, for Assembly, Leonard B. Rupert, and Stephen Baldy, for Associate Judges. Samuel Creasy, for Treasurer, Jacob Eyerly, for Prothonotary, and Jesse S. Clark, for Register and Recorder. Resolutions in favor of the Compromise Resolutions of the last Congress, were passed. These resolutions meet with favor from the entire true democracy of Pennsylvania. Gen. Cass took a "bold and patriotic" stand in favor of those measures.—Mr. Buchanan, on the other hand, though appealed to at that trying hour, was, as usual, perfectly non committal, lest he might displease the disunionists of the South, and injure himself.

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By Magnetic Telegraph.

For the Sunbury American.

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE CUBAN EXPEDITION.

One Hundred and Fourteen Men Captured.

BALTIMORE, August 31. We have to night the New Orleans papers of the 23d only, leaving one mail still due. It appears from the accounts from Havana published, that Col. Crittenden, with 114 men, were left at Bahia Honda by Gen. Lopez, in charge of the baggage, while he advanced upon Las Pozas. During the next day, 700 Spanish troops landed near Bahia Honda from the steamer Pizarro, and cut off Col. Crittenden and his men from their companions. Col. Crittenden then attempted to make his way through them, with a view to join Gen. Lopez, when he was attacked by the Spaniards, who were repulsed, after a brief but severe engagement.

The Spaniards afterwards made a second charge upon them, and completely routed Col. Crittenden and his party. Col. Crittenden and the men who accompanied him spent the two succeeding days in the chaparrals, without anything to eat, when fifty of them succeeded in making their way to the sea shore, where they found a number of boats, in which they embarked and spent the night on the ocean. On the day following they were taken prisoners.

There are still 64 of this party missing, of whom 40 were shot in a small farm-house. A Spanish lieutenant reports that on the 14th he came upon 20 "pirates," guarding an equal number of wounded comrades, all of whom were immediately put to death. The remaining 24 were also slaughtered.

The New Orleans papers publish letters written by Captain Brandt, Kerr and James, previous to their execution. They are brief being merely last adieus to their friends.

A funeral procession in honor of the slain, was talked of, and the streets were crowded with people, but all was quiet.

There is no account of the Spanish Consul taking refuge in the jail. The outrages reported were committed by the lowest class of people.

A CASE IN POINT.

The whig papers have found and are now engaged in publishing the documents, proving the fact conclusively that Judge Lewis, when a boy actually ran away from his master in Harrisburg, and began the world upon his own "hook." We admit this juvenile delinquency on the part of the democratic candidate, and plead justification!—The relation of master and apprentice, in this country, subsists for a specified object and the latter as well as the former has rights, feelings and interests at stake. Masters who act the petty tyrant, are presuming decidedly too much upon the republican spirit of their boys, and that same American spirit, which made Jackson refuse to black the boots of the British officer, often prompt to rebellion and separation, overtasked apprentices. It would not allow Judge Lewis, when a boy, to remain a *menial* and a *stave*, nor will it in any other similarly circumstanced. For the alternative he adopted, he had an illustrious example—a case in point, as the lawyer would say. We know that the great philosopher and statesman BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, left his own brother, for reasons not more eminent, and the world thought not the less of him for it. Why should it now reproach Judge Lewis? Simply because he is one of the democratic candidates for the supreme bench! Oh! barren whiggery, how blunt thy weapons are!—Lycoming Gazette.

THE DEATH WARRANT OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS.—The New York Sun says the following is a translation of the warrant issued by Captain-General Concha for the execution of the fifty prisoners at Havana, on the 16th inst:

"It having been decreed by the general order of the 20th of April last, and subsequently reproduced, what was to be the fate of the pirates who should dare to profane the soil of this island; and in view of the declarations of the fifty individuals who have been taken by His Excellency the Commander-General of this naval station, and placed at my disposal, which declarations establish the identity of their persons as pertaining to the horde commanded by the traitor Lopez, I have resolved, in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Ordinances, General Laws of the Kingdom, and particularly in the Royal Order of the 12th June of the past year, issued for this particular case, that the said individuals, whose names and designations are set forth in the following statement, suffer this day the pain of death by being shot, the execution being committed to the Senor Teniente de Rey, Brigadier of the Plaza.

JOSE DE LA CONCHA."

CENTRAL RAIL ROAD.—On and after Monday next the trains of the Pennsylvania Rail Road will run from this city to Lockport, 20 miles west of Johnstown. At this place passengers will take splendid pocket boats, and arrive at Pittsburgh in 29 hours through. Or they may take boat from Lockport to Harrisville, from which latter place two daily lines of stages run to Pittsburgh, with only 40 miles land carriage, making the entire route in only 30 hours. The realization of the hope of daily communication between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh is near its consummation.—Phila. Ledger.

The Suicide of the Hon. Luke Woodbury, the Democratic candidate for Governor, at Antim, N. H., is confirmed. The day before his death he prepared his will, making many bequests. He was fifty-five years of age, and leaves a wife, but no children.—Mr. Woodbury had for several years held the office of Judge of Probate, and was much esteemed by his neighbors. No cause for the act is known beyond that of ill health. There is no reasonable doubt that Mr. Woodbury would have been chosen Governor of New Hampshire in March next. James Sullivan, of Exeter, will probably now be the Democratic candidate.

PAINE'S LIGHT.

Mr. Paine has announced that he is now ready to enter into contracts for lighting the world with gas. In an address in the New England papers, he says:

"All the objections of the Patent Office are overruled, and my patent will issue in its proper order and time. As regards the originality, or practical value of the invention, I would remark that both questions have been made the subject of critical experiment by eminent chemists, (whose names and statements can be seen at my house,) and they decide that it is both original and of great practical value.

"I am now ready to contract (where I have jurisdiction) to light hotels, factories, or private dwellings, with a superior light, fifty per cent less than that of any artificial light known.

"HENRY M. PAINE.

BUTTER sold in the markets of our city, on Saturday last, at fifty cents per pound.—Too dear.—Phila. Sea.

MARRIED.

On the 31st inst., by John Hoff, Esq., Mr. EDWARD MCGOWELL, to Miss LEAH WOODRUFF, all of Shamokin township.

DIED.

On the 14th of August last, in Thornton, Boone county, Ind., at the residence of her son, Dr. DAVIS, Mrs. ELIZABETH DAVIS, mother of the Hon. J. S. Davis, and youngest sister of John Colsher, Esq., of this place, in the sixtieth year of her age.

In New Berlin, on the 22d ult., JOSEPH STILLWELL, in his 74th year. For half a century, Judge S. has been one of our most beloved, most respected citizens, and a worthy member of the Presbyterian church. "Peace to a good man's memory!"

Coal Trade.

Sunbury, Sept. 4, 1851. Amount of coal brought to Sunbury, over the Philadelphia and Sunbury Railroad, from the Shamokin Mines: Tons.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Tons. For the last week: 642. Per last report: 13,728. Total: 14,370.

The Markets.

Philadelphia Market.

Sept. 4, 1851. FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market for Flour is very dull. Standard brands, old stock, are held at \$4.12 1/2 per barrel, for export. Sales for city use at \$4.32. Extra flour is held at \$4.50.

RYE FLOUR.—Is very dull. Penn. is held at \$3.25.

CORN MEAL.—Penna. is in demand at \$2.74.

WHEAT.—Sales of Penna. red at 83c; prime white at \$1.01.

RYE.—Is in demand, sales at 61 cts.

CORN.—The supply about equals the demand; yellow commands 62 cts.

OATS.—Are very dull; a sale Penn. at 35c.

WHISKEY.—Sales of blbl. at 2 1/4 cents. Hogsheads are held at 2 1/2c.

Baltimore Market.

Sept. 3, 1851. GRAIN.—We note sales of Maryland and Virginia Wheat to-day at 70 & 72 cts. for good to prime reds and at 75 cts. for good white. Two loads of Pennsylvania red were sold to-day at 65 & 70 cts.

Sales of Corn at 50 & 60 cents for white 55 cts., for yellow.

CORN OATS.—Sales at 33 & 36 cts.

WHISKEY.—Sales of Penna. blbl. at 23 cts., and of blbl. 22 1/2 cts. Sales of Baltimore blbl. at 23 1/2 cts.

New Advertisements.

Volunteer Candidate

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE. THOMAS S. MACKEY of Milton, will be a Volunteer Candidate for Associate Judge, at the ensuing election. September 6, 1851.—

TO THE VOTERS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

THE subscriber respectfully announces to his fellow citizens of Northumberland county, that at the earnest solicitation of a large number of friends he has consented to become a candidate for

ASSEMBLY.

Believing that the great interests of the farmers, mechanics and others, should be fairly represented, he promises to use every honest effort to protect their interests faithfully, and to the best of his ability. JACOB SEASHOLTZ. Lower Augusta, Sept. 6, 1851.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

A I offer myself to the voters of Northumberland county, as a candidate for

Associate Judge.

Should I be elected, I promise to discharge the duties of the office faithfully, and with impartiality. JOHN F. DENTLER. McEwensville, Sept. 6, 1851.—

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

THE subscriber respectfully offers himself to the people of Northumberland county as an INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE for the office of

Prothonotary,

He believes his experience in the business of the office will enable him to fulfill his duties faithfully. GIDEON M. YORKS. Sunbury, Sept. 6, 1851.—

LIGHTNING RODS.

THE subscriber has constructed a LIGHTNING ROD on true Philosophical principles, by which buildings supplied with them are rendered perfectly secure against destruction by lightning. The connection and insulation of the rod, as well as the preparation of the ground rod, is on an entirely new plan, making a more perfect conductor than any heretofore in use. Measures have been taken to secure Letters Patent for the improvement. Persons desirous of securing their lives and property from destruction by lightning, can have conductors put up to their buildings in the most perfect and substantial manner, by applying either personally or by letter, to the undersigned, at the following prices: For 40 ft. with a good silver plated point \$10.00 For 40 ft. with a good gold plated point \$12.50 And twenty cents for every additional foot over forty. T. S. MACKEY. Milton, Sept. 6, 1851.—ly.

New York Importers and Jobbers

FREEMAN, HODGES & CO., 55 LIBERTY STREET, Between Broadway and Nassau Street, Near the Post Office, NEW YORK.</