

San Francisco in Ashes.

The steamship Albatross arrived at New Orleans, June 13th, she brings the lamentable and astonishing intelligence that the city of San Francisco has been almost entirely destroyed by one of the most destructive conflagrations ever known in this or any other continent.

Among the buildings destroyed are the Custom House, the Union, Parkers, the National, the New World, the City, Delmonico's and the Exchange hotels; also Rose's buildings and the offices of the Steamship Company.

Nearly every auction house in the city has been consumed. The largest, that of John Middleton, (ex-Alderman) was nearly filled with goods for their Monday's sale.

Mr. King, the Collector made application to a wealthy firm for their new fire-proof building until the new Custom House could be erected offering \$1000 per month or day \$18 000 per annum for a five years lease.

Quite a number of magnificent buildings (supposed to be fire proof) were consumed and their contents entirely destroyed. That of Starkey Brothers & Co., was built of English fire brick and cast iron, a massive structure, and supposed impregnable.

We are happy to be able to state that Gen. James Wilson, of New Hampshire, who was severely burnt during the late fire, is improving daily.

The brick buildings burned amounted to sixty-two. The manner in which they were built induced many to think that generally they were fire-proof.

San Francisco presents a sorrowing and heart-rending picture. The means of arresting the flames, in possession of the authorities, proved of little avail before their tremendous power, and so extensive was the field of labor of the fire department, that little effect was produced by their efforts.

A destructive fire also occurred at Stockton on the 12th of May, which destroyed the greater portion of the business part of that town. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

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Western Amusements.

Mr. Mellen, in his description of the amusements and pastimes of the West, gives the following account of the various methods of hunting the Buffalo:

Buffalo hunting was once, as deer hunting is now a favorite amusement of the backwoodsmen. The wild cattle have long since receded beyond the Mississippi, and Indians, their traders, and the no less hardy bands of trappers and hunters.

The scent of the Buffalo, though otherwise it is a very stupid animal, is exceedingly acute. It will scent a man more than a league, and flee in alarm, though it is not terrified at the sight of human race.

Hence it is necessary for the pedestrian hunter to get the leeward of the object of his pursuit. Having approached the animal as nearly as he will may, he stoops, then gets upon all fours, and finally drags himself along prone, pushing his firelock before him.

If there be long grass, or if, in winter, the snow be deep, the circumstance much facilitates his operations. If the animal ceases to feed to look at him, he stops, and remains motionless, till he begins to graze again.

By observing these precautions, the buffalo may be approached to within a few yards. When the hunter is high enough he directs his aim behind the beast's fore-shoulder, and inflicts a mortal wound.

This however, is but a slow and unsatisfactory mode of hunting, inasmuch as it consumes much time, and only one buffalo can be killed in many hours. The best and most experienced hunters follow the chase on horseback.

The mounted sportsman dashes into the thick of the herd, and singles out the best and fastest. The buffalo, when frightened, runs fast, but awkwardly. His gait is that of a swine, and this peculiar gait the trained horse acquires, and assumes when beside the rider's foot or knee.

When an Indian wounds a buffalo, he leaves it to die, or separate from the herd, and his companions never interfere with what has thus become his property. Few of the skins of the animals so killed, are taken, and the greater part of the flesh remains a prey to the wolves and ravens.

When the more remote Indians, not being provided with fire-arms, use bows and arrows in the chase, and with great effect. A single arrow is often known to go through a buffalo, and it is seldom a shaft stops short of the feather.

Another mode of taking the buffalo was formerly in use among the Mississippians. Two rows of stakes were planted in the prairie, gradually converging, till at their extremity they barely left a passage into an enclosure of a few yards in area.

These rows were a league or more in length, and on the top of each stake was placed a piece of turf, which frightened the gaitle, and prevented them from attempting to escape in a lateral direction. The herd, being pursued by horsemen to the entrance of this artificial defile, were driven onward till they reached the pond, when the entrance was closed, and the work of destruction began.

The Cincinnati Nonparial says:—Mr. Lowenthal, the celebrated Hungarian chess player, left his home in this city a few days since, for London.

THE Legislature of California have passed a homestead exemption law, which provides that the homestead, with the dwelling house thereon, and its appurtenances, not exceeding in value the sum of \$5,000, to be selected by the owner, shall not be subject to forced sale on execution, or any other penal process from a court, for debt.

The news from the mines continue to be of a cheering character. New discoveries were daily being made, and the prospect of the miners were highly favorable.

Lynch law is still in force, and several new examples have been made.

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Woman Stung by a Locust.

The question as to whether these insects—now so plentiful in this section of country—can inflict any injury, having excited considerable attention, we have made some inquiry as to a case which recently occurred in this place, the facts of which are as follows.

A German woman named Muckenfoos, living in Ninth street, while walking through the garden attached to her house, in which are a number of trees, was stung on the left cheek near the nose, by a locust, which she immediately brushed off. The sting was followed by instant pain, which increased during the night, attended with great swelling. Dr. F. Loewen was called in, the next morning, who found the woman confined to bed, her face so much swollen that one eye was entirely closed and the other nearly so, the limbs numb, the body covered with cold sweat, and the pulse quick and weak.

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ANOTHER SCIENTIFIC WONDER.—Peppin's artificial Digestive Fluid or Gastric Juice, a great Dyspepsia Curer, prepared from Rennet, or the fourth stomach of the Ox, after directions of Baron Liebig, the great Physiological Chemist, by J. S. Houghton, M. D., No. 11, North Eighth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

MARRIED On Tuesday last, by the Rev. Joseph Dubs, Mr. Jacob Remmel, to Miss Sarah Rhoads, both of Allentown.

It is so common a thing to wish those who have entered into a matrimonial alliance, joy and happiness, that the wish has almost become divested of its charm.

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At the same time, by the same, Mr. Owen Laulenslager, of Salzbarg, to Miss Kitty Romig, of Lower Macungie.

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Valuable Real Estate

PRIVATE SALE. The undersigned has come to the conclusion to offer at private sale her valuable real estate in Allentown, as follows:

No. 1. A convenient two story Stone House, adjoining lot of the estate of James Wilson, dec'd., on the north about 50 feet front and 30 feet deep, on the east side of Allen street, on a lot which is 60 feet front by 230 feet deep, the north side of the lot fronts 40 feet on Market square.

No. 2. A convenient one story Frame House, 30 feet front by 230 deep, adjoining lot No. 1, on the North, the lot of Jesse M. Line on the south, a public alley on the East.

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Prices Current.

Table with columns: ARTICLES, Per Bush, Per 100, Per 1000. Items include Flour, Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Buckwheat, Flaxseed, Cloverseed, Timothyseed, Potatoes, Sals, Butter, Lard, Tallow, Beeswax, Flax, Fitch, Tow-yarn, Eggs, Rye Whiskey, Apple Whiskey, Linseed Oil, Hickory Wood, Oak Wood, Egg Coal, Nut Coal, Lump Coal, Plaster.

LEHIGH ISLAND HOUSE.

THE undersigned respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he has taken the above large and commodious HOTEL, formerly occupied by Mr. George Moyer, in East Allentown, and that he is prepared to wait upon all who may favor him with their custom.

The "Island House" is one of the most pleasantly situated in the county, and presents attractions as a Summer retreat excelled by few in this region. The house is new and newly furnished—the stabling large and convenient, and every attention will be paid to the comfort of guests.

The BAR will be kept supplied with the best Wines and Liquors, and the Table with the best market affords. His friends and the public are respectfully invited to give him a call.

CHARLES F. MERTZ. June 5.

NOTICE To the Tax Collectors and Tax Payers of Lehigh county,

FOR THE YEAR A. D. 1851. WHEREAS a number of the citizens of Lehigh county, have expressed a desire to pay their taxes during the month of July, in order to secure the 5th per cent discount provided for by the several acts of assembly of this Commonwealth, and in order to maintain the honor and credit of the county, the Commissioners have

Resolved, That the respective collectors of the County, State and Militia Taxes, levied and assessed on the property and things in the different townships and boroughs in the county of Lehigh, be and they are hereby respectively authorized and directed to make an abatement of 5 per cent, on the amount of State tax to each and every person named in their respective Duplicates, who, on or before the 24th day of July next, pays the whole amount of County, State and Militia Taxes to them respectively charged for the year A. D. 1851.

The several collectors of the townships of Washington, Heidelberg, Lynn, Weisenburg and Lowhill are directed to pay over to Charles H. Martin, Treasurer, at his office in Hamilton street, Allentown, all moneys so collected as County, State, and Militia taxes, as the case may be, on or before the 24th day of July next; those of the townships of Upper Saucon, Upper Milford, Upper Macungie, and Lower Macungie, on or before the 25th day of July next, and those of the borough of Allentown, and the townships of North and South Whitehall, Hanover Salzbarg, and Northampton, on or before the 26th day of July next.

We wish to direct the attention of the collectors to the fact, that no paper money of any denomination, of a less denomination than five dollars, and only such as are par in Philadelphia (except Relief notes) will be received for taxes.

For the benefit of the collectors, we will say to them to be on their guard in taking notes of the following Banks, as there are many counterfeits on them of various denominations, to wit: The Harrisburg Bank, old issue; Middletown Bank and Relief; Northumberland Bank; Schuylkill Bank; Doylestown Bank; Lancaster Bank, 10's and 20's and Relief. The Farmers and Drivers Bank of Wayneburg, Honesdale Bank, and Erie Bank are not par.

The collectors and tax-payers will also bear in mind, that the final settlement of the taxes will have to be made speedily, that the forbearance extended heretofore can in no wise be allowed hereafter; the collector need not be put off with a promise to pay him next winter or spring—it will avail nothing.

The collectors will strictly adhere to the above, in the discharge of their duties. BENJAMIN BRENNING, SAMUEL KNAUSS, PETER ENGELMAN, Commissioners of Lehigh county.

Attos: J. M. Jones, Clerk, Commissioners' Office, June 18, 1851.

Brandreth and Wrights Pills. Country merchants and others, are hereby notified, that the famous Pills of Doctors William A. Wright, and Benjamin Brandreth, are constantly kept for sale at the office of the "Lehigh Register" by the dozen, at wholesale prices.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has taken out letters of Administration in the estate of one Catharine Good, deceased, late of South Whitehall township, Lehigh county. Therefore all persons who are indebted to said estate, be it in Notes, Bonds, Book debts, or otherwise, will please make settlement within six weeks from date hereof, and also all persons having claims against said estate, will please to present them within said specified time.

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