

Col. W. W. Bliss.

The death of this distinguished officer, says the Philadelphia Sun, has been briefly announced. He fell a victim to the yellow fever at East Pascagoula, La., on Friday before last.

The Lehigh Register.

Allentown, Pa. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1866.

CANAL COMMISSIONER. Moses Pownall, OF LANCASTER COUNTY. AUDITOR GENERAL. Alexander K. McClure, OF FRANKLIN COUNTY. SURVEYOR GENERAL. Christian Myers, OF CLARION COUNTY.

The Weather.

The heat for the past eight or ten days was really excessive, and no doubt has been attended with serious consequences. One case of coup de soleil (sun struck) at least came to our knowledge, and no doubt a number have occurred throughout the country.

The Season and Health.

The days are becoming shorter, nights set in earlier, and the evenings are beginning to grow cooler, preparatory to the bilious fever and ague. So look out for it, an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure.

Coup de Soleil.

On Saturday last, the 13th instant, by the by one of the hottest days of the season, an Irishman, named John McAllister, in the employ of Mr. David Thomas, in the Borough of Catawauqua, died from the effects of the Sun. This, however, is the only case that has come to our knowledge in our immediate neighborhood.

An Accident.

Mr. Joshua Hunt, jr., of the Borough of Catawauqua met with an accident on the 10th instant, that might have ended very seriously. It appears he left that place for Bethlehem in a light wagon, and whilst on his way his horse frightened, and ran over a high bank throwing him out of the vehicle, cutting his face and his legs severely.

Another Accident.

On Thursday last, the 12th instant, Mr. George Fritz, whilst in the act of attending to a circular saw, in the establishment of Messrs J. Fritz & Co., of Catawauqua, by some negligence or other, unfortunately got his hand in contact with the saw, cutting his three first fingers from his right hand.

Premonitory Symptoms.

Thompson's New York Bank Note and Commercial Reporter says: We feel very much inclined to turn old foggy or croaker. Importations are so enormous—the accumulation of specie in the Sub-treasury (now twenty-three millions) is so unprecedented—the entire "shut down" on our Bond and Stock sales in Europe—the unavoidable export of gold by the millions, to balance the account—all these stare us in the face.

Should the war cloud blow over, the aspect would be changed; our Bonds and Cotton would keep us swimming; but with war, our breadstuffs, and money, only will be taken in paying for the heavy imports now making.

World's Fair Commissioners.

Governor Bigler has appointed the following, gentleman commissioners to represent the State of Pennsylvania at the "Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations," at New-York: General ROBERT PATTERSON, Dr. A. L. ELWYN, Hon. CHAS. GILPIN, of Philadelphia.

The Right Course.

We received the following petition by mail. They are we learn put in general circulation for signatures. We approve of the course it specifies, for the final extinguishment of slavery. If a State decrees the emancipation of all slaves, it is but just, that those who own them and hold them as private property, should be paid as such, out of the Treasury of the United States, in such manner as may be agreed upon.

The accident on the New Haven Railroad, on Tuesday night, at 11 o'clock, caused the locomotive, tender and baggage car to be smashed to pieces, so as to be utterly beyond repair. The engineer, Theodore Humphrey, was instantly killed, his body being so dreadfully mangled as to be hardly recognizable.

Change in the "Eagle."

The "Eagle Hotel" North Third Street, Philadelphia, lately kept by Messrs. Webb and Stem, has undergone a change, in the proprietorship. Mr. Stem, the senior partner has retired, and the "Eagle" that prince of birds is now kept by Mr. Isaac W. Webb, the junior partner. Mr. Webb, is one of nature's noblemen, kind, polite and obliging in his manners, in one word a perfect gentleman.

New State Ticket.

The Native American State Convention met in Philadelphia on Wednesday. Only four counties—Washington, Allegheny, Montgomery, and Schuylkill—were represented, besides Philadelphia city and county. The following ticket for State Officers, was nominated:

For Judge Supreme Court—Jacob Broom, of Philadelphia. For Canal Commissioner—Gen. David M'Donald, of Northampton county. For Auditor General—Joseph Riegel, of Schuylkill county. For Surveyor General—Kimber Cleaver, of Northumberland county.

Fearful Mortality in New Orleans.

The yellow fever continues to rage in New Orleans, beyond all former precedent. According to the report of the Board of Health, there were 880 interments in the City during the week ending July 31, of which 692 were of Yellow Fever. The Reports of two weeks compare as follows:—

Table with 5 columns: Date, Yel. fever, oth. Dis'es, total. July 16 to July 23: 429, 188, 617. July 23 to July 31: 692, 188, 880. Increase: 263, 000, 263.

And this occurred too at a time when the city was comparatively deserted the population having been reduced as was believed, considerably below 100,000! The death in the Charity Hospital for the last week in July, were 246, of which 231 were of Yellow Fever. Little hopes are entertained there for a diminution of subjects or a great and favorable change in the weather.

Common Schools.

Common Schools in California, under the present law of that State, may be either sectarian or not, as the parents of the pupils choose. This change was effected at the last session of the California Legislature, when, at the recommendation of the S. Superintendent, a bill was passed repealing those sections of the original law which declared that schools must be free from all sectarian bias, control or influence, in order to participate in the benefit of the school fund, and that no sectarian book should be used in them. A special provision is also contained in this bill, admitting the Roman Catholic schools to the full benefits of the school fund.

Abstract of the Seventh Census.

New Mexico has the extraordinary number of 277,271 sheep—more than six to each inhabitant, proving the soil and climate of that Territory to be well adapted to this description of stock, and giving promise of a large addition from that quarter to the supply of wool. The importance of fostering this great branch of national production, is shown by the fact, as assumed by an intelligent writer on the subject, that our population annually consumes an amount of wool equal to seven pounds for each person.

If this estimate be even an approximation to correctness, we are yet very far short of producing a quantity adequate to the wants of the country; and it is equally clear that we possess an amount of unemployed land adapted to grazing, sufficient to support flocks numerous enough to clothe the people of the world.—T. Budget.

Death in the Mines.

On Tuesday last week Mr. Thomas Owens, a Welshman, unmarried, about 35 years of age, while at work in the mines at the head of plane No. 2, in Pitouin, Luzerne county, was so much injured by a fall of coal, that he died in about half an hour. On the 4th a worthy man named Richard Bowfield, an Englishman, was killed in a similar way, leaving a family to mourn his loss.—Pottsville Emporium.

Turkey—The old Moslem fanaticism is said to be a weakening in Turkey and all the Mohammedan countries of the East, on account of the aggressions of Russia, and a bloody and ferocious religious war seems imminent. The military preparations of Turkey have far exceeded expectations, and the warlike feeling grows in intensity as offers of assistance in men, arms and money come in from remote corners of the empire. A recent letter from Constantinople says:—

At Casaria, whereat 20,000 students for the office of the priesthood are assembled, war is preached from every mosque, and the students parade the streets with banners, crying, "War with the Russians! and death to the Gaiour!" and the reports of the different consuls in the interior speak of the same zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of Islam.

A Great Day at St. Louis.—On the 19th ult. there was celebrated at St. Louis, with a zest worthy of the occasion, "the opening of the first division of the Pacific Railroad, a distance of about forty miles in the great chain that is to unite us with California and the territories of Oregon and Washington." The excursion train was drawn by the "St. Louis," the first locomotive ever manufactured west of the Mississippi river.

Panic in a Railroad Car.

Mr. Henry Stetson, a hatter, of Orange, New Jersey, was accidentally killed at the Hackensack bridge, on the 2 o'clock train to Newark on Monday, August 8th, under the following circumstances: As the train was going onto the bridge the whistle was blown to notify some laborers to get off from the track. A Mr. Thayer and Mr. Selah Hill, of Jersey City, were seated together in the next to the last car of the train. Mr. Thayer remarked to Mr. Hill, when he heard the unusual whistle, that the draw must be open. They started for the door, and Mr. Hill looking from the platform of the car saw that the draw was right, and so remarked: But the rumor that the draw was open spread through the car, and created a panic. The passengers pushed toward the doors, some of them screaming with fear. One passenger threw himself from the platform and was slightly injured.

Mr. Stetson, the deceased, undertook to throw himself through the window just as the train was passing through the draw, and his head was struck by the frame of the draw. He was instantly killed, and his body thrown alongside of the track. All this was the work of but an instant, and the conductor not being aware of it the train passed on to Newark before he learned that two passengers were missing. Information of the accident was sent to Jersey City, and Mr. Woodruff, Superintendent of the Road, went down with a special train, on board of which was Recorder Cutler, of Jersey City, to investigate the circumstances. They returned with the body to the Jersey City depot, at 4 o'clock, P. M. It was not considered necessary to hold an inquest.—The father of Mr. Stetson and three or four friends arrived toward evening, and took the body away at 8 o'clock. The deceased was about 35 years of age, a man of some property, and much esteemed in the community where he resided.

Summer Hail.

Severe hail storms do not appear to be confined, this year, to any latitude or continent. While the American newspapers are filled with accounts of such tempests the European journals chronicle similar ones of almost equal intensity. A Paris correspondent of a London paper, now before us, says: "The summer, which came in like a lion, has gone out like a tiger, and left the flag of winter in its place hail storms water spouts, and easterly winds have done their work." In the same journal, we find the account of a great hail storm, which occurred at Rouen, on Saturday, the 16th of July, and which was almost an exact duplicate of the one that swept over this region on the 1st of July. Although the fall of hail continued but five minutes, so great was the quantity which fell, that a heavy rain which followed, and which continued full a quarter of an hour, was not sufficient to dissolve them. Panes of glass were broken, trees stripped of their leaves, and even passengers wounded, it is said. The general size of the hail stones was that of a pigeon's egg, though some were even larger. In ancient times, the occurrence of severe hail storms would have been considered an omen of impending war, pestilence, or other calamity.—Such signs, in fact, did precede the taking of Jerusalem, by Saladin, in 1188. It is not impossible that war may follow these hail storms now. But in this enlightened age, it would require the credulity of a spirit-rapper, to believe from the accidental coincidence, that the one prognosticated the other.

A Stupendous Claim.

A Western Pennsylvania company have set up a claim to the Western Reserve of Ohio, under a grant from Connecticut, alleged to have been made after the year 1762 when Charles II granted to that colony a patent for the Reserve. In 1795, it will be remembered, she sold the Reserve to another company, relinquishing all claim to jurisdiction over the territory to the U. States, in 1800. These Pennsylvania parties, we learn from the Washington Star, have applied to the General Land Office to make them patents, for all the Reserve! The office replied, we learn from parties interested in the "speculation," that the government never having had a claim to or proprietorship over that territory, they cannot entertain the application; and that the State of Connecticut, is the party to whom the Pennsylvania company must look for redress, if they really have rights involved in the case.

Advertising for a Wife.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch tells a story of a New Yorker who advertised for a wife. This brought him a letter from a lady in Pittsburgh, which led to a correspondence, and then a visit on his part. The courtship was, however, broken off by the 'old folks,' who put a veto on the proceedings. Some time after the object of his unrequited passion addressed him a note renewing protestations to affection, and offering to elope, if he desired. She fixed a time for the affair to come off; but as her father was opposed to the match, he would furnish no funds for the necessary preparation, and she hence suggested that her adored should forward the needful. He promptly responded, by transmitting \$400, by mail to her address, to procure jewelry, dresses, &c., &c. The gentleman, at the appointed time arrived in Pittsburgh—having heard nothing from the damsel after sending her the funds; but the parents refused to have anything to do with him, and the daughter refuses to see him. He is in a most dejected 'fix,'—no wife, no money; and undecided whether to enter suit for obtaining money under false pretences, or to pocket the wit he has bought at so dear a rate.

Bold Robbery.—A drover named Thomas, from Indiana county, Pa., was robbed of \$600 on the night of the 29th of July, at the public house of Henry Ramler, in Myerstown, Lebanon county. The money was taken from one of the pockets of his pantaloons, which he placed under his pillow, on retiring to bed. The other pocket contained \$2000 in a wallet, which was very fortunately not discovered. Mr. Thomas slept in the second story, and the thief entered his room through the window, which he reached by climbing up a grapevine. The door was found locked in the morning, just as it had been left in the night, but the window was open. The money stolen consisted of five \$100 bills, and two \$50s, of the Bank.—Gazette and Democrat.

GLEANINGS.

Who ever lost money or character by attending to their own business, and leaving other people's alone!

The most happy man is he who knows how to bring into relation the end and beginning of his life.

A "wild man of the woods" is exciting the fears of the good people of Freeport, Pa. He is said to run about the woods at night in a perfectly nude state.

Nepotism, says a Washington correspondent, was charged against the last administration, but the present will out Herod both Taylor and Fillmore in this respect. One family of five in office here receive over \$11,000 annually.

One of the latest Paris fashions for gentlemen is the "barber pole" pattern for trousers; the stripes ascend spirally round the leg, giving the wearer the appearance of a double-barrelled corkscrew.

An Irish carriage-driver made a very happy and characteristic reply, the other day.—A gentleman had replied to Pat's "Want a carriage, sir?" by saying, "No, No I am able to walk" when Pat rejoined, "May your honour long be able, but seldom willing."

Eight daily papers are published in San Francisco, and seven weekly.

Chicago Union Railroad has declared a semi-annual dividend of eleven per cent.

Arthur Spring, Jr., the son of Spring recently executed in Philadelphia, has been appointed a messenger in the Register's office.

Remarkable Circumstance.—A very singular circumstance was related to us last evening, by Mr. Charles W. White, of this city. A Miss Harburt, residing in the town of Datersnats, Otsego county, N. Y., while gathering up a carpet, felt something like a prick of a needle in the bend of her arm near the elbow. Supposing she had accidentally run something in it, she was induced to call upon Dr. Charles Sumner, a resident physician of that town, who examined her arm and extracted one or two needles. Since that time at different intervals he has taken from her arm, breast and side, one hundred and twenty-five needles, in size graduating from a fine sewing needle to a darning needle. From one to twenty-four were extracted at a time, the physician being obliged to cut the flesh for nearly every needle extracted. One was found bent around the bone of the arm on the upper side, and one on the lower, which it was found impossible to remove at the time, through fear of injury to the patient. How they came there is a mystery to all. Our informant is well acquainted with the parties, and promises in a few days to give us more facts touching this truly wonderful phenomenon.—Trenton True American.

The Whigs of Lebanon have nominated John Miley for Assembly. They also passed a resolution in favor of the sale of the Public Works. On this question there appears to be a perfect unanimity among the Whigs in all parts of the State, as far as any expression has been made. And even the democracy of Berks county last week passed a resolution in favor of it.

The American Grape Crop.—The Cincinnati "Daily Commercial," of the 29th inst., says: We are informed by a experienced cultivator of grapes, that the rot has made its appearance in a serious loss to those engaged in the culture in this county, where alone the annual product amounts to near half million of dollars.

Not Dead Yet.—The latest returns from Kentucky give 6 Whigs elected to Congress, leaving only Messrs. Boyd and Beckenridge to the Democrats. The Whigs have also carried both branches of the Legislature by an increased majority.

Western Hogs.—From present appearance the number of hogs next season will be large, particularly in Kentucky and Ohio. It is stated that a contract for a large number of hogs in Indiana has been made at \$2 00, gross, to be delivered at the pens in the fall. A trader at Louisville, on the 3d inst., offered to deliver 1,000 hogs, between the 20th of November and the 20th of December at 42 cents net. The contract was not made.

Frauds in the Issue of Land Warrants &c.—The New York Express learns from Washington that important information has recently been laid before the President touching a long continued series of frauds in connection with the issue of land warrants and bounties. The President has handed the subject over to the Secretary of the Interior, who is in New York, it is also said, partly in reference to the investigation of these frauds. The time over which these transactions have extended exceeds eighteen months. The parties to the fraud are, it is said, a distinguished head of a bureau at Washington, a clerk of his, (both in Government employ) and a broker of no very extensive reputation of New York city.—parties at Washington are represented as having made \$68,000 out of the transaction, and others in New York having made us much more.

Supreme Court.—The county meeting of the Whigs of Berks have unanimously suggested the name of the Hon. David F. Gordon, late President Judge of that Judicial District, as that of a suitable candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court. The Journal lauds him highly and justly. In literature and classical acquirements Judge G. has few equals, and for profound and accurate knowledge of the law he has always occupied a leading place among the eminent practitioners with whom he has been brought into contact. His legal knowledge is accurate and comprehensive—his mental habits studious, cautious and laborious.

That Article.—I didn't like that article you published last week," quoth a subscriber. Well we can't help that, we gave it for what it was worth—you can have your own opinion—may be it pleases some other folks. And quite likely, some other time those who are pleased this time will be displeased with something while the dissatisfied party will be highly gratified. That makes both parties even again. Can't please everybody at once. Its all nonsense to expect such unnatural things as that.

Late from California.

We have two weeks' later news from California, by the steamers Star of the West and Illinois, which arrived at New York this week.—They bring, together about two millions and a half in gold, which comes most opportunely, for the money market at New York feels the want of some substantial basis very much. What is of more importance, however, than any amount of gold brought, the accounts in an agricultural way are highly favorable. The farming interest is said, is thriving in all quarters of the State. The general news is not very important. The Whig State Convention had nominated Wm. Waldo for Governor and Henry Eno, for Lieut. Governor of California. Lola Montez has been married to Mr. Hall, late editor of the San Francisco Herald. Lola will soon have as many husbands as a cat has lives. The town of Corral was destroyed by fire on the 8th of July. Loss \$50,000. The town of Ophir was also burnt lately, the loss being estimated at \$100,000. Summer fires were doing much damage in the mountains and valleys. Large quantities of grain have been destroyed. The wheat crop was also suffering from frost. The intelligence from the mining districts is favorable. Large quantities of gold continue to be gathered. A true bill had been found, on the 29th of June, against James Collier, late Collector of Customs at San Francisco; and investigations are proceeding in the matter of the charges against Thomas Butler King. A Chinese Church is to be erected at San Francisco. Gen. Lane has been elected Delegate to Congress from Oregon.

The Fever in New Orleans.—The bills of mortality tell their own story—and a frightful one it is. When we remember that half the unacclimated have left the city, and that this class of our population is reduced to probably less than fifty thousand souls, a daily record of over one hundred deaths is a fearful thing to contemplate.—We take it that the socialists in medicine, and chatters about words, will now cease their meaningless discussions touching the existence of the fever as an epidemic. When a disease carries off more than one per cent. per week of the population subject to it, we should imagine that its ravages might reasonably be termed 'epidemic,' and that without any curious display of etymological science in investigating the precise derivation of the term, but taking it in its ordinary and well understood acceptation.

From the evidence before us, we conclude that the fever is gradually widening its area. It is now to be encountered wherever the unacclimated abound, though still most of the fatal cases occur in the Third and Fourth districts. It cannot continue much longer at the pitch of intensity which now marks it. Every day witnesses the departure of hundreds, whom terror at the unparalleled mortality drives away. In a few days all who are not seasoned to the climate, and who can possibly quit the city, will have left.—The pestilence must then abate for want of fuel. There is another chance for us. Epidemics in variously run a certain course. They have their periods of commencement, increase, climax, and gradual decline, and disappearance. They last from six to nine weeks. Already the fever has been amongst us since the beginning of July; if not earlier; we therefore feel a moderate confidence that it will leave us by the end of August.—New Orleans Bee.

Heavy Robbery.—A heavy and daring robbery was committed in Williamsburg, in this county, on Monday evening of last week. A small sleeping apartment attached to the store room of Mr. J. B. Jaquish, was entered by a back window between nine and ten o'clock, and a trunk broken open and the sum of eight thousand eight hundred dollars stolen therefrom. Eight thousand dollars of the money in notes, and the balance in gold and silver. It had only been made in packages and placed in the trunk the day previous, preparatory to going east to purchase goods. No clue has yet been obtained to the perpetrators of the robbery. A reward of one thousand dollars is offered for the arrest of the robbers and the recovery of the money, or five hundred dollars for either.—Hollidaysburg Standard.

Hanging Match at Baltimore.—The execution of Thomas Connor, for the murder of Capt. Hutcheson, took place at Baltimore, on Friday last. The gallows were erected above the level of the jail wall, affording a full view to the spectators who were assembled on the elevated grounds in the vicinity, to the number of at least thirty thousand. Everything being prepared, the condemned man was brought upon the scaffold at half-past eleven o'clock, and behaved in the most composed and firm manner. The signal was given and the bolt being drawn, he fell, but to the horror of the spectators, the rope broke just above the fatal noose, and the unfortunate wretch fell to the ground, a distance of twenty-five feet. He was taken up insensible, when preparations were again made for carrying the dread sentence of the law into execution. The rope had been previously tested with a thousand pounds, which had probably strained it so as to occasion the accident. At twenty minutes after 12 o'clock the unfortunate man was swung off the second time, and expiated the crime for which he was sentenced to death. He suffered greatly.—His piteous moanings made the sight a most sickening one.

Farm-Laborers in England.—Farm laborers are now, under the "good times" getting twelve shillings per week. Twelve shillings are about three dollars! Deduct fifty cents from that sum for rent, and but \$2.50 per week are left to bid food for the family. What that food can be where pork brings 16 cents per lb. can be conjectured.

How thankful should the laborer of this country be, when, they contemplate such facts as these. And what a shame, that under our liberal system of wages, there should be so many in poverty—so many that even do not keep square, with the world.

Fire and Loss of Life in Bucks County.—The dwelling of Jacob Willig, at Spring Valley, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night, August 4th, and melancholy to relate, a young woman, residing in the family, perished in the flames. Mr. Willig's loss is about \$900, upon which there is no insurance.