

THE LEHIGH REGISTER. ALLENTOWN, PA. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1856. C. F. HAINES, EDITOR.

Hon. SAMUEL U. BRADSHAW, M. C. from this District, has our thanks for highly valued public documents.

ENIGMAS.—The answer to the enigma in our paper of the 30th ult., is "Rock Dale Picnic," solved by Miss M. Rosenstiel, of Allentown. The one in our last week's paper was also solved by Miss Rosenstiel.

New Post Office. The Post Master General has established a new Post Office at Whitehall Station, (Sigfried's Bridge), and appointed STEPHEN KLEPFINGER, Post Master.

Democratic County Meeting. A Democratic County Meeting will be held on Saturday next, Aug. 16th, at the public house of C. F. Beck, (Biery's), in the borough of Catasauqua, to make arrangements for the coming elections. Two eminent speakers from Philadelphia, Hon. William Witte and Charles W. Carrigan, Esq., will be present.

Submitting for a Newspaper. It is wonderfully surprising how numerous some people in our town are with respect to newspapers. We know of quite a number of persons, any one of whom could readily spare the amount of our subscription price, who in less than ten minutes after the paper is left at a subscriber's door, run to borrow or steal it; and such persons do not seem to be particularly struck by the enormity of their crime. This means we hope will be stopped without further exposure, and if they must be supplied with the paper, let them send us a dollar and a half and they can have it a whole year. Besides, any respectable man or woman too poor to pay for it, who does not keep himself or herself by swilling whiskey or spending hard earnings on frowns and other extravagances, can have it for nothing just as long as we are able to publish it.

Parade. The "Allen Rifles," Capt. Guth, paraded on Saturday afternoon, and proceeded to the "Silver Springs" for target firing, which resulted as follows:—best two out of three shots: 1st, Serg. George Young. 2d, Private Phaoen Leibach. Best single shot, 1st, Private Edwin G. Minnich. 2d, Serg. Frank Young.

The Vexed Question Settled. That our town has long been in need of a market house, is a fact generally admitted by the citizens. But the point of location was the grand rally, some being in favor of having it on the Market Square, and others to purchase a lot in one of the side streets and have it thereon. Petitions were accordingly put in circulation, and signers freely procured for and against the Square, which were presented to the town-council. Last week final action was taken in the matter by the "borough fathers," and it was decided that the Square shall be the place. So then the long-talked-of and warmly discussed question is settled.

Forgery. Considerable excitement was occasioned in our neighboring borough of Bethlehem on Thursday last, by the fact coming to light that their Post Master, WILLIAM F. MILLER, had committed a forgery on the firm of Huber & Lynn, of that borough. The facts are said to be as follows: Some time in the month of June last Miller forged a note, payable at the Allentown Bank, on Huber & Lynn, for \$528, and it was "done" by the Bank. This note became due a few days ago. To meet it, Miller paid \$228 in cash, and forged a check on Huber & Lynn payable by the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Easton for \$300. The check was received at the Allentown Bank, sent to Easton, and at once sent back for want of funds there to meet it. This course led to the discovery of the whole case. Miller made his escape from the place.

Allentown and Auburn Railroad. Last Thursday a delegation of officers of this contemplated Railroad were in town; and it is a fixed fact that it will be made. \$400,000 additional stock will be sold. It will be put under contract before fall. The Pottsville Journal, speaking of it says:—"The Proposals and Contracts are printed, ready to be executed with contractors. The distance is 40 miles by the located route, and the grade against the trade to overcome the Summit between the waters of the Schuylkill and Lehigh, is 12 feet on straight lines. We are assisted by Ellwood Morris, Esq., the Engineer, that Ross Wynn's Coal Burning Engines will take 2 1/2 million of upwards of 100 cars on a regular business over this road, which is equal, or rather above the average trains drawn on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

As the Auburn and Allentown Railroad forms a connecting link between roads which will be the shortest great thoroughfare leading directly from New York to Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago, both for Passenger and Merchandise without transshipment, which, together with the addition of the delivery of coal into that City and Harbor from Schuylkill County, it must be one of the best paying roads in the United States. The New York and Erie Railroad is now the nearest route to the West leading out of New York—the Auburn and Allentown route, in point of distance is shorter than any other route now traced out of New York.

Republican County Meeting. On Saturday next a Republican County Meeting will be held at the public house of Gideon Yoder, in Trexlerstown. Several eminent speakers will be present.

Camp Meeting. A camp meeting of the German Methodists will commence on Monday next, in Bastian's woods, about six miles from this place, on the Reading road, and continue until the following Sunday. All orderly and well disposed persons are invited to attend.

Strange Birds. Several weeks since Mr. GEORGE FRITZINGER, of Heidelberg township, this county, discovered a remarkably large bird's nest, with several young ones, which he secured, in a small rocky cave, at a place known as the "Bake Oven Knob," on the summit of the Blue Mountain, in said township. Although so young when taken that feathers had not yet commenced to form themselves, they being still covered with a soft down, yet one of them measured four feet across the wings. They are by some supposed to be eagles. They are now in possession of Mr. Alfred Hallman.

The Democrats of Easton have chartered a special train to run up as far as Allentown, on the 18th. Democrats who feel disposed to attend the Mass Meeting to be held there on that day, can obtain tickets of J. T. Borhek, in Bethlehem, and M. Hannum, in Allentown—GRATIS. The train will leave Allentown at 3 O'CLOCK A. M. and return about 6 P. M.

The Judgments. The Sheriffs of this and Northampton counties have fully determined to include in their election proclamations, the election of a President, and especially the election of Col. Fremont, and the subject of newspaper controversy. It is charged with being a Roman Catholic, a Jesuit, &c., while on the other hand it is claimed that he is as good a Protestant as any orthodox deacon in our country. Millard Fillmore also receives a slice of abuse, because his daughter studied the Italian language in a Catholic school. She died when her father was President, but her bones must not be disturbed by ruthless politicians who do not hesitate to violate the sacredness of the tomb in search of capital for carrying on political warfare.

The religious character of Buchanan does not escape remark. He is put down as an infidel or Catholic, we hardly know which, and it makes little difference so far as his politics are concerned. He is named a monster of some sort, that is certain, though the hows is not out yet that he is going to burn all the bibles and tear down all the protestant school houses if elected. Now, the facts are simply these: Col. Fremont is an Episcopalian—a denomination which approaches the nearest to the Catholic order of any among the thousand and one persuasions of Christians that we hear and read of. It was married by a Catholic clergyman! This is something very shocking to think of, but we must make some allowance for the circumstances he was then in. He had got into just such a "scrape" as some other people have been in. He had committed the heinous crime of naming a young girl, who was his wife's daughter, the nuptial knot tied around them both. A Catholic clergyman was the laudist to be got at, and he united them as strongly as a Congregational or Methodist minister could have done. This is about the sum and substance of Fremont's catholicism.

In brief, Millard Fillmore we believe, is of the Congregational persuasion—a pious and very good man, who is beloved by a large number of friends and neighbors, and has a daughter who learned Italian in a Catholic school. Mr. Buchanan is a protestant, of what denomination we know not, but we can assure the reader with a great deal of confidence, that he is not an infidel nor a cannibal, that he is a great statesman, and furthermore, that he presents a pretty good chance of being our next President.

Political excitement runs high in Allentown at the present time, and all parties are positive of electing their candidates. We can assure them of one thing which is certain, viz: That the man who gets the most votes will occupy the White House for the next four years. We have one salutary caution to give our readers and friends. Keep cool. Do not let your feelings in favor of any one candidate betray you to any undue speech or betrayal of feelings, which you would have cause to regret in your cooler moments. Ever respect yourself under all circumstances, and let your candidate stand or fall by his own merits. When the hour comes to deposit your vote give it to the one whom you honestly believe to be the best qualified to govern this vast Republic so as to preserve peace at home and abroad, and who is above all party influences and possesses sufficient vigor and power of his own, to govern as the Constitution directs.

During the night of the 7th instant, CATHARINE BERNHARDT, widow of George Bernhardt, dec'd., of Heidelberg township, this county, committed suicide by hanging herself to an apple tree, where she was found in the morning. No cause is known that could have prompted her to perpetrate the rash deed. She was about 60 years of age, and leaves three children. An inquisition was held by SAMUEL J. KISTLER, Esq., and a verdict of voluntary suicide pronounced by the Jury.

A boat boy named WILLIAM NENNEMACHER, aged 15 years, son of Mr. Paul Nennemacher, residing at the "Big Rock," in Salisbury township, this county, was drowned in the canal at Trenton, N. J., on Saturday morning last. The sad occurrence resulted from a fall into the water in endeavoring to jump on shore from the boat with a basket to procure water. His body was recovered, and the same day brought on to his parents for interment.

Advices from Leavenworth to July 30th, state that Gen. Lane and company had not yet entered the Territory of Kansas; and Gen. Smith had threatened that if they did not enter, he should proclaim martial law, and the territorial authorities were apprehended, as both parties were refused to pay. Col. Geary, the new Governor, has started for Kansas. Very few emigrants from either North or South have entered the Territory recently. Col. Buford, of Alabama, who some time since raised a party of 360 Southerners to go to Kansas, with a view in his own words, to see "fair play" with the Free Soilers, has returned with him could not be induced to settle on his own words, "preferred to use the Colonel's own words," "preferred moving over the country in organized bands, depending upon their too hospitable friends in Kansas and Missouri for the means of support. These friends are becoming tired of them, and no doubt desire their departure." A letter in the Mobile Tribune from a member of the same company in Kansas, says it is said:—"Most of the others have returned home, leaving the energetic and persevering Yankees to rule Kansas."

PRICES OF PRODUCE IN NEW YORK.—Flour sold at wholesale on Friday at a slight advance over previous prices. Common good State sold at \$6.95 to \$7.15 per barrel ranging from that up to \$6.75 to \$9 per barrel for extra Genesee rye flour, \$3 to \$5.25 per barrel; tra Genesee rye flour, \$3 to \$4.12. Wheat brought from \$1.23 per bushel for inferior old, to \$1.85 for new white Ohio; rye 80 cents; corn 61 to 72 cents; oats 42 to 44. The prices for live beef cattle were 8 to 10 cents per pound—average 9 cents. In the retail market meats are a little cheaper; beef selling at from 11 to 22 cents according to cut, and other meats in proportion. Vegetables are beginning to come in, such as green corn, tomatoes, though still very dear. Potatoes look very fine notwithstanding the late drought, and are selling at from \$2.25 to \$2.75 per barrel. Musk and water melons are in market, scarce and dear. Butter and eggs are dearer—18 to 28 cents per pound for the former and two cents each for the latter is the figure.

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RELIGION AND POLITICS.

In the present campaign a great deal is said about the religion of the several candidates for President, and especially the religion of Col. Fremont, and the subject of newspaper controversy. It is charged with being a Roman Catholic, a Jesuit, &c., while on the other hand it is claimed that he is as good a Protestant as any orthodox deacon in our country.

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Court Proceedings.

The following cases occupied the attention of the Court of Quarter Sessions during the last week:— Commonwealth vs. David Heil and Wm. Shiffert. Assault and Battery, on oath of Henry Kemmerer. Prosecutor complained of a beating received from David Heil, at the instigation of Wm. Shiffert, at an election held in Upper Milford township. Heil not being able to repel the charge, was found guilty and sentenced to a fine of five dollars and costs, and bound in a recognizance to keep the peace for one year with all good citizens. Shiffert was not found guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Jacob Fretz.—The defendant, a boy 13 years of age, was charged with pilfering eggs and crackers for a long period of time from the store of Albright & Schall, at Catasauqua. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the House of Refuge.

Commonwealth vs. John Snyder and George Snyder.—Accused of assault and Battery, on complaint of Edward Claus. John Snyder was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars and the costs. George Snyder was acquitted.

Commonwealth vs. Wm. F. Yeager.—Defendant was charged with an assault and Battery on oath of John Knecht, and found guilty of an assault. Sentenced to pay \$1 fine and costs.

Commonwealth vs. Stephen Lentz.—Defendant was charged with assault and Battery, on oath of Jacob Hill. Found guilty and sentenced to twenty days imprisonment, a fine of \$5 and costs.

Commonwealth vs. Penrose F. Eisenbraun.—Charged with the larceny of \$725 from Solomon Haussman. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years solitary confinement in the Penitentiary of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Commonwealth vs. Michael Deal.—Defendant was charged with purloining money from the officers of Jacob Hill. Found guilty, and was sentenced to the House of Refuge.

Commonwealth vs. John Young.—Charged with peddling without license. Defendant found guilty and sentenced to pay \$50 fine and costs.

Republican Meeting. In pursuance of a call, a public meeting, having in view the organization of a Republican party in the County, was held on Saturday last, at the Public House of John Schantz, jr., in North Whitehall township. The following named gentlemen were chosen as officers of the meeting:—

President—THOMAS BARR. Vice Presidents—Maj. John Smith, J. Koeh, Ellis Jones, Jacob Claus, Frederick Krauss, Jeremiah Troxell, Dr. Wm. J. Romig, Daniel Stecker. Secretaries—Dr. C. C. H. Guldin, Amos Stecker, Aaron Balliet.

A committee of thirteen was then appointed to draw up a preamble and series of resolutions, which after retiring for a short time reported as follows:—

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the great doctrine of the early founders of the Government which first gave rise to a gradual abolition of Slavery by inhibiting the trade with Africa, working such happy results in alleviating the deplorable condition of the unfortunate slave in seven of the original States of this Republic, it would be wholly incompatible with a moral and religious sense of duty, and the great fundamental principles of the government and with national progress, to remain silent when the question of a further extension of Slavery is agitated; and whereas slavery is the only source of discord that ever mars the harmony of the Union, his further extension could but influence sectional strife, therefore,

Resolved, That the abrogation of the Compromise Measures of 1820, prohibiting the introduction of Slavery into Territory north of 36° 30' was a wanton and cruel invasion of the rights of the North.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, justice, a proper protection of the rights of the North, and a restoration of peace and harmony in the nation, demand the immediate re-establishment of the Missouri prohibition, or that no advantage shall accrue to the Slave by his abrogation.

Resolved, That the murderous attempts of the Slave Power to prevent free discussion in Congress and freedom of speech elsewhere, or a truthful representation of the iniquities of the usurpers of Kansas, and the rights and interests of the North Freemen is an outrage upon American.

Resolved, That however favorable some of us may have heretofore been to Millard Fillmore, yet as he has been abandoned by the North, and regard his election as utterly impossible, and we cannot throw away our votes at a time so critical to the true national interests, and we hereby express our hearty approval of the Republican nominations, and we will give our faithful support to John C. Fremont and William F. Dayton.

Resolved, That we earnestly solicit the friends of Freedom of all parties in the County to aid in the common effort to restore the action of our National Government to the principles of Washington and Jefferson.

The meeting was addressed by I. N. Gregory, W. H. Aney, E. H. Rauch, and Edm. J. Moore, Esq.

A RICH POLITICAL JOKE.—We have private authentic advices of an amusing mistake, N. Y. city, last week, the Free Soil candidate went forward the steamship "Orizaba" and "advised" to some California bound friends. A gentleman who was with Fremont, said to Padre Vijil, the Nicaraguan minister, who was on board, "Allow me to introduce your excellency to the next President of the United States," (making a motion to wards Fremont, but not calling him by name.) The Padre stepped forward, raised his hat, bowed, and said, "I am very happy to see you, Mr. Buchanan!"

SENTENCED TO FIFTY YEARS IMPRISONMENT.—Michael Gleason was recently tried, in St. Louis, for committing an actual rape upon the person of a girl aged only three years and eight months! Gleason is married and has two children. The Jury found him guilty, and he was sentenced to fifty years in the penitentiary.

LENGTH OF THE DAY AND NIGHT.—To ascertain the length of the day and night, any time of the year, double the time of the sun rising, which gives the length of the night, and double the time of its setting, which gives the length of the day. This is a little method of "doing the thing" that few of our readers are aware of.

FASHION COURSE, L. I. TROTTER.—This was decidedly one of the best trots that ever took place on any track, between Launce and Flora Temple, mile heats, best 3 in 5. The race was won by Launce. The time made in the first heat was 2 minutes 20 seconds, over a heavy track. Time—2:20, 2:20, 2:30.

Newark (N. J.) contains now fifty eight distinct church organizations, or one to every thousand inhabitants.

State Elections.

Elections were held on Monday, of last week, in Kentucky, Alabama, Missouri, Texas, Arkansas and Iowa, and on Thursday in North Carolina. The returns which have reached us, up to this time, indicate the result with certainty.

KENTUCKY elects County officers only. The accounts as far as received indicate the election of five Democratic, three American and two Whig Judges. Returns complete from sixty-three counties show a Democratic gain of 9,807.

MISSOURI elects a Governor, seven members of Congress, and a Legislature which is to choose two U. S. Senators. There were three parties in the field—the Benton Democracy, who run Old Bullion for Governor; the Anti-Benton Democrats, who supported "Trustee" Polk, and the Fillmore Americans, whose candidate was Robert C. Ewing. The result for Governor is still in doubt, though it is quite certain that Benton is defeated. The contest is, therefore, between Polk (regular Democrat,) and Ewing (American.) Reliable returns up to the 10th indicate Ewing's election, he being 1400 ahead of Polk.

ARKANSAS.—Returns from Arkansas indicate the election of Elias N. Conway, the Democratic candidate for Governor, by a largely increased majority over the vote received by Pierce in the Presidential election.

ALABAMA ELECTION.—MOBILE, August 9th.—The election has resulted very favorably to the Democrats, fully as much as the last year, but the general vote is much lighter than it then was.

NORTH CAROLINA chooses a Governor and Legislature. The election took place on Thursday. The candidates for Governor are Gilmer, American, and Bragg, Democrat. Returns up to the 9th leave no doubt of Bragg's election. The Legislature is also largely Democratic.

IOWA elects two members of Congress, State officers, and a Governor, Legislature and County officers. Returns from 25 counties give the Republicans 4,500 majority.

TENNESSE and TEXAS elect County officers only. No Returns have reached us.

THE TABLES TURNED.—Our readers will doubtless remember the deep feeling occasioned by the exhibition of a milambo girl in Rev. H. Ward Beacher's Church, in Brooklyn, N. Y., for whose ransom from servitude eight hundred dollars and a valuable diamond cross were given by the congregation. The surplus of the money collected, together with the diamonds, were given to the girl, and the eight hundred dollars were sent to her master. We now learn from the correspondence of the Baltimore American that the girl has lately absconded, taking with her certain little articles of property which are not her own. The whole affair said to have been concocted by the girl and her master to raise the \$1200. The slave is back with "massa," once more—and those who should know, say, "quite happy."

THREE CRIMES AND THEIR REWARDS.—In the jail at East Cambridge, Massachusetts, a man is undergoing four months' imprisonment for unmercifully beating his own horse. At Washington, the national capital, another man has been fined \$300 for knocking down and maiming a defenseless man, by striking him with a hotel water and then shot him, has been acquitted as guilty of no offence!

THE MORMONS.—The Mormons near Salt Lake were at last accounts suffering from actual famine. Some of the more destitute went up to Brigham City, and were there fed and greedily consumed, or carried away to be eaten by their families, every animal that died, no matter from what disease. The devastation by the grasshoppers is one cause of the scarcity, and the arrival of the hundreds of poor emigrants now making their tedious way across the plains, will only increase the general distress.

GREAT FEAT IN SHOE PEGGING.—Wm. J. Ricketts, of Wales, pegged and heeled on Saturday last, sixty pairs of men's russet brogans, working fifteen hours, eating his regular meals in the time. The number of pegs driven was 24000! Mr. Ricketts challenges the world to beat him.—Mass. paper.

AN INFERNAL MINE OF WEALTH.—The Mexican papers announce that the volcano of Popocatepetl has been discovered to be coated with a solid deposit of pure sulphur to the depth of from one to ten feet. The commerce of sulphur and sulphuric acid with the United States alone will yield at least fifty million dollars annually. We now pay 18,000,000 dollars annually for the single article of imported sulphuric acid.

THE VICTIMS.—During three years there have been 205 killed and 528 wounded by the principal railroad accidents in the United States. The most destructive catastrophe on the list is the recent one near Philadelphia, by which 62 were killed and nearly 100 wounded.

ONE OF THE TOASTS.—We think this sentiment, and think it better even than the standard "day we celebrate," toast. "The Women of the Revolution—mothers of men and patriots. The Women of to-day—Hoop! hoop! hurrah!"

CARRIAGE MAKING.—There are about 1,430 persons and \$745,000 worth of Capital employed in carriage making in the two cities of New Haven and Bridgeport, Conn., alone. Some one has proposed to change the name of the latter to Coachport, on account of the pronouncement of this business.

TO PREVENT HYDROPHOBIA IN DOGS.—An exchange recommends the following:—"To prevent dogs becoming mad, take as much African cayenne pepper as will make a pill about the size of a large pea. Give this in rum, once or twice a week, during the warm months, and you will have no mad dogs."

Some brute in human shape recently outraged the person of a little girl named Sabrina Merrill, aged ten years, in Buffalo, and then to prevent discovery murdered his victim. The Mayor of the city has offered a reward for his arrest.

THE NEW CENT.—The Director of the Mint proposes that the new cent shall be eighty-eight parts copper and twelve parts nickel. This will make a coin of dark reddish color. It is to weigh 72 grains—less than half the present cent, which is 108 grains.

As the men were erecting the canvas for Dan Rice's circus, at Lawrence, (Mass.) a pole fell, striking a boy named Smith on the head, breaking his skull and arm, and probably injuring him fatally.

The special elections in the districts of South Carolina, lately represented by Messrs. Brooks and Keitt, have resulted in the unanimous re-election of both.

Vessels having yellow fever on board, reached Quarantine, New York. Two thousand dogs have been killed by the New York authorities this summer.

(Communicated for the Lehigh Register.) DAVID H. HUNTER'S DESCRIPTIVE LETTERS OF A WHALING VOYAGE, &c.

(CONTINUED FROM OUR LAST.) SAN FRANCISCO, March, 1856. Towards the close of one fine afternoon we were aroused from our monotonous duties by the cry of "There she blows!" from the mast-head, whereupon "what way?" shouted the Captain. "Two points off the weather bow," was the answer. "How far off?" was the next query, which proved to be "four miles." The continuous cry of "There she blows!" served to show there was a school of whales, and rare sport was now anticipated. The ship was put upon the course, and we gave chase, but the Captain upon observing the slow progress of the vessel or "close haul to the wind" ordered the crew to stand by and "lower away the boats!" In a moment three boats slid rapidly into the water from the ship's sides, and being manned, were off in hot pursuit. The boats under the impulse of the springing oars shot rapidly ahead of the ship, while the whole school of whales, now plainly in view, were puffing and blowing; as they at regular intervals of every half hour rose to the surface to breathe. The chase was exciting,—each rival crew endeavoring to outdo its fellow and come up first,—their velocity was surprising, for the whales, now cognizant of the dangerous vicinity, were lying and ploughing the waters like so many mad horses sweating after the sea, but still the boats kept nearing them, and but for the timely sinking in a perpendicular line, of the whole school, several had fallen victims to the superior speed of the boats; this sinking of the whale at such periods is extremely annoying to the whaler, for none can tell where they may rise in the next half hour. It is at this time that the value of a good whalingman is experienced, for ten chances out of eleven, he can tell where they will come up; this some do, with such fearful exactness, that they are made aware of the fact by the whale's rising immediately under the boat and hurling it into the air. It was just at this time, that the sun, like an immense ball of livid, glaring red, dipped its lower orb into the distant horizon. The setting of the sun is the whaler's signal to relinquish a chase and return on board, and nothing short of a dead whale alters the observance of this custom, to which a superstitious notion is annexed. So the boats returned empty handed and the officers and crews much disappointed. The second mate stated that the sun had been a short half hour later, he would have had a whale; we much wondered why officers should be so foolishly exact in such a matter apparently against their own interests. Upon this Bill, the Boat-steerer, looked surprised at our ignorance, and told us that he never would strike a whale after the sun had "peppered," because after that time there would be "no luck." We laughed at his superstition, but he stoutly maintained his ground and told us what he could tell if he had "mind to, a common expression of the old tars to be coaxed for a yarn. After supper, being all gathered around the fore-hatch, he promised to tell us of a horrible calamity which befell our ship in the preceding voyage. After disposing of a huge quid of tobacco, and a few preparatory leans, he was about proceeding, when a head suddenly popped up out of the fore-cabin which no one could recognize; the light was still and erect, pointing in every direction while the face was tattooed in a manner highly satisfactory to a Hottentot, with an enormous moustache reaching from ear to ear, relieved by a heavy jet black beard. Who could it be was the involuntary ejaculation of all—but that voice, there was no mistaking it; it was poor should have been on deck, had been treated to a liberal coat of tar by one of his ship mates. The roars of laughter for awhile drowned even the raving of mad Dally, who vowed vengeance on his persecutor, and being once more restored, Bill continued:—

The Benjamin Rush was fitted out for a North-west voyage, well manned and fitted, (with the exception of the mate,) three years ago; she was then, I suppose, as we are now, juggling along over the wide open sea in search of whales, the hearts of every one beating high with the hope and anticipation of a quick and profitable voyage, (God save the mark thought!) She got round Cape Horn, however, without getting any oil, and returned to the shore and friendly waters of the Pacific Ocean. Here they soon fell in with whales, in the capture of which nothing extraordinary occurred, no lives being lost, and everything seemed to be going on smoothly. At the close of one busy day, just as the sun was setting his bright blood-red orb in the distant horizon, and the moon,—bright queen of night, was rising to bathe the smooth and glassy surface of the ocean with her golden midday light, they were all much surprised with the appearance of a large school of sperm whales, all round the ship, huge fellows, who displaying their gigantic proportion by the clear moonlight, seemed to be aware that by all rule and regulation of the legitimate business, they were all safe. It was a tempting sight; they were lazily rolling round and round, now showing their poudrous square-nosed heads above the surface of the water; now raising high as the foretop their massive fearful flukes, (tails,) and again leaping in frantic glee high above the water, and descending with such a fearful crash as to stun all near and sending the water in clouds through the air. In fact it was too much for such flesh and blood as a whaler's body is composed of, to look upon, without yielding his harpoon and securing the thousands of dollars worth of blubber, now looking over the rail at their provoking proximity, then at the moon, watching the light fleecy clouds as they drove across its surface, as if to divert his attention, but it was of no use, for, at last tired beyond all patience and goaded to desperation by the alluring spectacle, he asked of the crew to lower away, but the officers would not go; the men were ready, and so he was compelled to go himself; he was advised by the officers to desist from his purpose, because it was a common occurrence to meet with some great calamity whenever anything of the kind had been attempted, (not wishing openly to avow their superstition.)

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A MAN KILLED BY HIS OWN COFFIN.—About a year since a resident of Twenty-ninth St., New York, a man of considerable wealth, entertaining the idea that when he should die, his relatives would put his body into a cheap coffin, bought a handsome rosewood one, lined with white satin and trimmed with silver, for \$75, and had it taken to his bed-room. He was found on Sunday morning dead on the floor, and the coffin beside him, and it was thought that he had got up in the night, and by some means capsized the coffin, which fell upon him, crushing his skull and causing instant death.

LIBERAL.—The congregation of Rev. Dr. Mandville, formerly of Albany, but now of Mobile, Ala., pay him a salary of three thousand dollars a year, and they have voted him permission to travel three months and a present of \$500 to pay expenses.