ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The steamer Africa, with Liverpool dates to the 28th ult., has arrived. The Africa was to sail for Halifax on the 31st. The Alps arrived on Thursday.

The accounts of Cuba war was still active. His reply was not expected before the middle of February. He has appointed Commodore Lopez to arrest him unless he minds his own business.

The Russians were making preparations at Kalafat, and several skirmishes between the belligerents had occurred, but nothing of a decisive nature had taken place.

The allied fleets were on their way to Varna. The Russian fleet was off Kavalla.

Austria has hastily ordered 40,000 men into Hungary.

The Russian Japan Squadron had arrived at Hong Kong.

The Spanish news of interest from England or France. British ships were blockading the port of Boshire, in the Persian Gulf. Dost Mahomed was in Cashmere.

The Chinese intend to give Capt. Ingraham a public reception.

TURKEY AND RUSSIA.—All accounts concur in stating that Russia is making immense preparations on the Danube, as also in Asia. Omar Pasha was vigorously engaged in recruiting and reorganizing his position. Every reorganizing skillfully his march was embraced for the purpose.

The Shah of Persia has promised neutrality towards Turkey.

HUNGARY.—Affairs in this country have been very much agitated. There are unfavorable accounts of manifestations, and apprehensions of an outbreak. Austria is much troubled, and apprehensive of difficulty. The whole tenor of the news is warlike.

FRANCE.—Extensive defensive and offensive preparations are still going on. Napoleon is understood, says the Constitutionnel, to be determined upon war, unless the Czar comes to some terms in the time.

ENGLAND.—The war question is still absorbing all interest, and received by the best informed, as extremely uncertain. England continues to strengthen her land and naval forces.

The imports of breadstuffs into England were large, but the demand almost equal to the supply.

OUTRAGES FROM JAPAN.—Commodore Perry, commanding the Japan expedition, recently sent to the President of the United States a large box containing various specimens of Japanese manufacture. The President has deposited them in the National Gallery, (Patent Office) says the Sentinel: The box in which they were transmitted is of camphor wood; the lid is of the cross grain of the tree, handsomely filled with brass. The lock is of peculiar construction, the key a four cornered one, fitting in a quadrangular piece.

Mr. John Varden has placed the Japan safe in a large case, so as to present himself at once to inspection. Here are four sides of a species of cane, the wood delicately split, and spread out in an oval form, (this is covered with paper elegantly painted, with human figures in part, in high colors, and otherwise adorned very tastefully (resembling the finest of variegated porcelain) a set of wooden cups and saucers, and sundry articles also curious, thickly japanned, and of different colors, some of them touched with gold; a roll of cloth composed of red, white, yellow and blue silk interwoven with gold; another, yellow silk and gold combined; and a broad silk sash. These articles are richly and heavy, and show some idea of the high state of manufacture among the people with whom our citizens generally are desirous of cultivating a commercial intimate acquaintance. A set of opium-pipes, the bowls and tips finely polished brass and copper, the stems of cane, varnished or painted,) with heavy silver ornaments on the metal. These are accompanied by silk pipe-cases and opium-pouches, the material being plentiful in that country, one would suppose by the uses which are made of it.

Besides these, there are small wooden boxes, elegantly japanned; two of them intended as a Commercial Department, being divided into partitions for containing display of wood. A drinking vessel, that could be put into the vest pocket of an intimate sailor, is among the contents, and is supposed that this vessel answers the purpose of what is sometimes called a pocket-pistol. Two pairs of Japanese tobacco are in the collection. It is of good taste, excepting the cabinet, with which it was impregnated by tobacco smoke in the big box or trunk.

The collection is regarded as a valuable acquisition to the national gallery.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—An accident resulting in a terrible death, occurred on Thursday morning of last week, in Hereford township, Berks county. A son of Mr. Jeremiah L. Shultz, of Gaytsville, aged 14 years, became entangled, crushed, and instantly killed, in the wheels of an iron horse power, while in motion. The dreadful accident occurred at the residence of John Krets, whose tenants, J. & S. Fritz, were threshing grain. The boy had just left school from school, and, wishing to drive the horses hitched to the power—He was forbidden to do so, and when Mr. Fritz, who was in the barn filling the machine, found it stood stopping, he looked out to ascertain the cause. Not driving the boy he searched for him, and found his mangled corpse entangled in the machinery. The body, according to our informant, was covered in two. The deceased was brother of Sweigfeiler's meeting house on Schaefer's hill.

MCMILLAN ON A RAILROAD.—A few weeks ago after the express train from Buffalo Albany crossed the State line, on Thursday afternoon, the passengers were startled at hearing a gentlemanly voice, very like a celebrated Democratic Senator, exclaiming, "Stop the train!" Mr. Chas. Wright, of Canajoharie, Mr. Shaw, and the passengers proceeded to the place to the purchase of a piece of plate for the bride.

THE STAR AND BANNER,

GETTYSBURG,

Friday Evening, Feb. 17, 1854.

A Card.

The Editors and Publishers of the Weekly Newspapers of the Borough of Gettysburg, hereby give notice that hereafter all announcements of Candidates for County and District Offices will be charged for at the usual rates of advertising; and that Obituary Notices exceeding twelve lines, Resolutions and Proceedings of Societies of purely local interest, such as tributes of respect, &c., Communications favorable to candidates for County and District offices, and all matters of a similar character, will be charged at the rate of 50 cents a square for a single insertion.

Gettysburg, Feb. 17, 1854.

☞The foregoing Card explains itself. It is the result of an arrangement between the Editors of this place. In justice to themselves and their patrons. Its reasonableness and propriety no one can or ought to dispute. We are frequently called upon to lumber up our columns with matters of purely private or local interest, to the exclusion of items of more general interest, and thus do injustice to our reading patrons. This ought not to be expected. *We have to pay* for every type that goes into the composition for our weekly issues, and surely when personal and purely local interests are to be subserved by articles sought to be published in our columns, it is no more than right that the party benefited should compensate us for our labor, trouble and expense in giving such articles publicity. Either articles of this sort *should benefit* somebody or they do not—if they do, the party benefitted should pay therefor; if they do not benefit, then there can be no propriety in trying the Printer with their publication. That much by way of explanation. We look upon it as a purely business matter, and wish it distinctly understood that the arrangement indicated in the above announcement will be rigidly observed at this Office.]

☞We invite the attention of the reader to the card of N. MONTGOMERY, Wholesale Dealer in Fancy Silk Millinery Goods, Baltimore. The inducements offered are worthy of attention from our Merchants.

☞We learn from Harrisburg that the project to lay out a State road from some point in Lancaster county, to Gettysburg, is a *bona fide* movement, and will be earnestly pressed. Had not our people better look to the matter? Where is it to run, and how would it affect us?

STORES CLOSED.—We are requested to state that the Merchants of this place intend to close their Stores on the afternoon of the 22d of February.

SUNBURY AND ERIE RAILROAD. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company was held in Philadelphia on Monday, when Hon. JAMES COOPER was unanimously re-elected President.—The prospects of this work now appear to be very flattering, nearly two millions of dollars having been subscribed to the road, principally by parties in Boston, since the election of Mr. Cooper as President. A subscription of two millions was necessary to secure the Philadelphia city subscription of two millions. There is now a sum of over six millions subscribed to this important work, which is more than the estimated cost of the road. The length of the road from Sunbury to Erie is 269 miles, and the cost is estimated at $11,012,000. This is the result of a new survey shortening the distance by twenty miles, and with no gradient exceeding fifty-two and eight-tenths feet per mile. The company have resolved to increase their capital stock from six to eight millions.—The road is to be completed early the next summer, simultaneously with the Catawissa, and the Williamsport and Elmira roads, thus connecting Philadelphia with the Lakes.

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