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BINGHAM'S GRAND FLORAL CONCERT.—Mr. Bingham will repeat his grand Floral Concert this evening, to give an opportunity to all our citizens to attend this delightful musical exhibition, in which three hundred of the children and young ladies attending our Schools take a part. Beside the pleasure to be afforded by the exhibition, our citizens should feel a pride and duty in encouraging a musical taste among our own children, and should therefore cheer their young hearts by their presence.

THE HEMPFIELD RAIL ROAD.—The serious effect this project will have upon the welfare of Pittsburgh, should it ever be carried out, will attract a large gathering at the Board of Trade Rooms, this evening. We presume a Committee will be raised to investigate the subject, and to watch over the interests of Pittsburgh, in the premises.

We observe a disposition, in some quarters, to blame the Governor, and to attribute to him improper motives. This is wrong. We cannot expect the Governor of the whole State to watch over our especial interests, to the disparagement or neglect of other sections. We presume if any opposition had been made to this project, from this city—if a remonstrance had been presented, showing its injurious effects upon our interests, and properly representing its great injustice to us and to the interests of the State at large, he would have interposed to prevent its passage. But as it came to him without a word of dissent from any quarter, it could hardly be expected that he should volunteer as the especial guardian of our interests, which appear to have been so strangely neglected by our Representatives. It still slipped through both houses without its true character being discovered by our vigilant Representatives and Senators, it is not likely the Governor would discover it in a mass of legislation embracing some eight hundred to one thousand different subjects.

It would be interesting to hear what our representatives have to say in apology for their apparent carelessness or neglect. Mr. Darsie, we believe, is out at home, and the other members live in the country. We suppose we shall soon have what information they can give on the subject—We hope they will be able to present a satisfactory explanation.

P. S.—We learned, after the above was written, that Mr. Barnes, one of the Engineers on the Central Road, has been granted leave of absence for the purpose of making surveys on the Hempfield line, and that the project, or a similar one, has been talked of for some time, by some of the officers of the Pennsylvania Rail Road.

The debate on Slavery in Congress appears to be approaching the culminating point. The excitement in both Houses is intense, and the voting has commenced in the Senate, and will commence in the House to day. Let us hope that the cause of human freedom and of national justice will be sustained. We feel more anxiety about this, than fear for the safety of the Union. The Union is safe enough, but there is danger that Northern Dough-Faces will yield to Southern dictation, and to the promise of Southern votes for some favorite candidate for the Presidency.

We rejoice that Pennsylvania is not wholly misrepresented in the Senate. Mr. Cooper has so far, with manly firmness, resisted the Slavery extending avalanche, while Mr. Sturgeon has as regularly and habitually recorded his vote for Slavery, as if he was born in South Carolina, and believed Slavery to be a blessed and divine institution.

We understand that the new Beaver road for the length of one mile and a quarter, is finished, commencing at Lawrie's run, and that the contractors are at work on the Rail Road, at Section No. 7, on the Narrows. Travellers on that road will do well to recollect this. Those who have gone over the new road say it is much pleasanter than the old.

Cuba—Official Correspondence.

The official correspondence in relation to Cuba, has been published. A perusal of it will convince any impartial man that the honor of our government and the rights of our citizens are perfectly safe in the hands of the present administration. The only portion of the correspondence we deem necessary to publish, is that referring to the position taken by our Government in regard to the prisoners in the hands of the Cuban authorities, which is as follows:—

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, June, 1850.

The Secretary of State to Mr. Campbell, Consul at Havana.

[Mr. Clayton instructs Mr. Campbell to impress upon the Count of Alcoy, the distinction between prisoners who have committed a crime, and those captured under the appearance of an intention to commit a crime.]

"The President means to claim for the American occupants of the Mexican Island, that they are not guilty of any crime, for which, by the laws of civilized nations they should suffer death. They may have been, and probably were, guilty of crimes for which, this government ought, in good faith, to punish them, under the act of Congress of April 20, 1818. But supposing the facts relating to their capture to be as they are represented to us, the President has resolved that the eagle must and shall protect the humanity of nations, against that which the tribunals of their own nation may award.

"Tell the Count of Alcoy to send them home to encounter a severe punishment which if they are honorable men, will be worse than any he could inflict, in the indignant frowns and denunciations of good men, in their own country, for an attempt to violate the faith and honor of a nation which holds its character for integrity of more value and more worth than all the Achilles together. But warn him in the most friendly manner and the true spirit of our characteristics, that if he unjustly shed one drop of American blood, at this exciting period, it may cost the two countries a sanguinary war."

MARYLAND CONVENTION ELECTION.—The Baltimore American publishes a table, showing officially the vote cast at the recent election for and against calling a convention to amend the Constitution. The result is

For a Convention,	24,777
Against a Convention	5,991
Majority for a Convention,	17,917

THE TARIFF.—A Washington letter to the Harrisburgh Intelligencer says: "Mr. Hampton, of the minority of the Committee of Ways and Means, with the assistance of Mr. Meredith, and the Whig members generally, is preparing a tariff bill, and so soon as it can be perfected it will be presented to the House."

FROM LIBERIA.—The subjoined extract of a letter from Governor Roberts, of Liberia, to Anson G. Phelps, of New York, published in the Journal of Commerce, of that city, gives intelligence of an important extension of the territory of the African republic, by which it will be enabled to root out the slave trade from the whole windward coast of Africa.

The letter is dated, Monrovia, April 20th, 1850:

"I am happy to inform you that nothing has occurred since my last letter to you, to interrupt the even progress of our public affairs. By the Liberia Packet and barque Chesham, Mr. McLean sent us a small amount of funds, to aid in the purchase of territory—and which we have turned to good account. We have just purchased three tracts of country in the neighborhood of Gallinas, and paid the first instalment. I am now about to visit Gallinas myself, to conclude the purchase of that famous spot, and two other tracts, which will give us all the territory lying between our present northwest boundary line and the Barr, and which will enable us to extirpate, effectually, the slave trade from the whole windward coast. For Gallinas we shall have to pay several thousand dollars; therefore we look with deep concern for assistance from Mr. McLean by the return packet."

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, June 6, 1850.

Sending by Telegraph—Voting on the Compromise Bill—Southern Men Closing up their Banks—Census—World's Exhibition at London.

Your paper of Tuesday morning did not contain the important despatch which I prepared for you, and committed to the telegraph on Monday afternoon, relative to the important news of a difficulty between the United States and Spain. I am informed by the operator here, that it was promptly transmitted to Brownsville, where it arrived while the operator was at supper. He probably did not return from supper that night.

We have had some more voting in the Senate to day on the omnibus bill. The pending propositions for the abolition of peon servitude in New Mexico, were rejected, not because the Senate did not think it a very bad regulation, but because it was obviously one of those things that could be best managed by the territorial legislature, but particularly because it is manifestly an abuse which will disappear from before the face of American settlement and customs, as rapidly and as certainly as dew before the Sun. But Mr. Baldwin submitted an amendment, the defeat of which was a matter of real consequence. He proposed to recognize the existence of the Mexican laws as regards slavery, as a means of determining what were those "constitutional rights" which were guarded by an other portion of the bill. This motion was lost—ayes 23, noes 32. Dickinson, Cass, Sturgeon, Dodge, and Jones, of Iowa, voting against it.

These men are earning for themselves a very full measure of contempt and hatred, and I have an abiding confidence that they will yet receive it.

Towards the close of the sitting, Foote made a movement which I considered a pretty significant sign of a certain under current of management, which may have very signal results. Yesterday morning, Jones, of Tennessee, introduced into the House the Compromise Bill, word for word, with the exception of an alteration in the clause relative to slavery, and the substitution of the thirty fourth parallel of latitude for the thirty second, as the dividing line between Texas and New Mexico, and made a short, though earnest appeal for it, to his Southern friends. This afternoon, Foote introduced this identical amendment in the Senate, so that it is clear that he and Jones are acting in concert, and that some progress has been made in dragooning into the support of the scheme, the implacable portion of the Southern members.

The Senate has given a solitary sign of grace in fixing upon an earlier hour of meeting. Eleven o'clock in the morning is now the appointed time for commencing business. Ten o'clock was lost by a considerable majority, as "coming it a little too strong" for a beginning. The House will have another night sitting to get through with the speeches on the California Bill.

Mr. Ewing and his able assistant, Mr. Kennedy, are carrying forward the arrangement for commencing the taking of the Census, with energy. A portion of the new building of the Department is turned into a great warehouse for assorting and packing the immense piles of documents to be distributed to the Marshals. The contract for distributing them has been taken by Adams & Co., of New York, the well known Express firm. They are to be conveyed at the highest practicable rate of speed, from the Capital to the extremities of our magnificent empire. The documents are packed in substantial wooden boxes, intsead of paper parcels.

My estimate of the receipt and quantity of this matter was greatly underestimated the other day. The weight will exceed 80,000 pounds, that is to say, if the preliminary tables, blanks, and forms, sent out from the Office, without regard to that which will be returned, and to the general correspondence.

I have received some information in regard to the World's Exhibition, to be held at London, in June, 1851, which, I doubt not, will be received by the Mechanics and Manufacturers of Pittsburgh with interest. All articles intended for this vast cosmopolitan fair will be admitted free of duty, and will be exhibited without charge to the owner; but to entitle them to this privilege they must have the certificate or stamp of the central authority of the country in which they may have been produced. Our Government have appointed the National Institute as the common arbiter for the United States. That institution has delegated the very important matter of forming rules to regulate the choice and transmission of articles to be forwarded from this country to a select committee, of which, it is reported, Hon. M. Fillmore, Vice President, is Chairman. This Committee will appoint, or recommend the appointment of Sub Committees in the several States, from which it may be desired to send articles. It is probable that the Franklin Institute, of Philadelphia, will be designated to fulfil this office for your State, and the National Institute of New York, for that State. This great exhibition will be unquestionably the greatest assemblage of the kind ever known, and almost one of the events of the age. JUNIUS.

WASHINGTON, June 8, 1850.

The Weather—The Texan Claim—Warm Debate in the House—The Printing Switch.

The weather is warm, very warm, and dry, too. That I furnish you no news, for a more obstinately wet and cold spring I never saw, nor, it appears, has the oldest inhabitant. We had almost given up the hope of summer, as we had all expectation of action, by Congress, upon California, or any thing else. And so singular is the coincidence that upon the very first decidedly summer like day, the Senate gave us an earnest of their desire to get to work, and on that day, too, the House held a long night session, preparatory to scenes next week, that are expected to be a good deal warmer than even this weather, with Fahrenheit 91° in the shade.

Yesterday the Senate committed an elaborate palaver over the Texan claim to New Mexico, and the true boundary between the State and the Territory. Mr. Clemens, of Alabama, had proposed to recognize, as a matter of fact and principle, the validity of the Texan claim to the Rio Grande, from its mouth to latitude thirty two North, but after five hours most industrious argument, the Senate decided, by 17 to 37, that it did not believe any thing of the kind. But no other vote was taken, and to day, I suppose, the discussion will be renewed.

It is evident that the course to be pursued now is, to permit the friends of the bill to have all the votes they want upon the details, so as to arrange them to their satisfaction, and to revive the general debate upon it, when it shall be reported from the Committee of the Whole to the Senate. In pursuance of this plan, we shall, no doubt, have, within these few days ensuing, a full discussion of the indemnity to be paid to Texas for the relinquishment of her claims. And that will be very interesting, for it promises to be the rock upon which the bill will split, should it escape every other danger. Several southern Senators, who are said to approve the scheme in other respects, declare that they cannot consent to pay to Texas, or any other State, such a gratuity as is proposed. Possibly an amendment may be adopted, which I understand will be proposed, which will have a tendency to reconcile opponents on this particular clause. It is to provide, as one of the conditions, of the payment of this money, that Texas shall release the United States from all liability for her State debt, as it stood when she came into the Union.

The tone of debate in the House, yesterday, was very heated. I have seldom heard a more bitter, spiteful, and malignant speech, against the free States, than that of Mr. Johnson, of Arkansas. However, his attacks upon those southern Whigs who, like Edward Stanley, of North Carolina, has manifested his contempt for the Toombs and Cingman gang, upon one side, and the "bitter enders" of the Calhoun school, upon the other, was almost equally envenomed, so that, although the poison was not extracted from his shafts, the feathers that gave it direction were. Not content with abjuregating at the top of their voices, in the halls of Congress, these people must go into the newspapers, and howl their dolorous discontent there. The unfortunate Father Ritchie seems to get the most of these compliments; Venable, Meade, Bart, and other unfaithfuls, have lately given him much more than a due share of attention. The fact is, that the owner of the Union has too much at stake, in the contract for doing the public printing, to take that particular "shoot," which his inclinations point to. He has, it is true, written a letter in favor of the Nashville Convention; that is to say, in favor of disunion upon conditions that he supposes are inevitable, but, in his paper, he takes care to keep the golden *medio tutissimo* of political trimmers, though he cannot quite conceal his pro slavery instincts. He has very large sums to get, two or three fortunes, depending upon the mercy and forbearance, to say nothing of the favor of Congress. Let us hear any more tirades, from that quarter, about the infamy of Free Soil, the baseness of northern fanaticism, and other coined terms of reprobation, and then farewell to Ritchie's hopes of future profit. He will be as near neutral as he can be, until the printing matter shall be settled, and then, or soon thereafter, he will take occasion to show that there was no need of the "Southern Press." By the way, I perceive that Ellwood Fisher, spoken of as one of the editors of the latter, has returned to Washington.

Mr. Hale, on Wednesday last, gave an explanation of the scandalous and impudent swindle by which $12,500 were filched from the Treasury for the printing of the pamphlet containing the opinions of the Supreme Court in the famous alien passenger cases. He did not mention the name of the robber, but he gave such a description that nobody doubted who was meant, and no body pretended to doubt, or could doubt, the truth of the accusation. There will be a splendid report upon this case, and it will be shown to be worse than any Galphin case under this, or even under the past administration. JUNIUS.

FROM NEW YORK.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, June 6, 1850.

The Working Men's Congress held its first session last night, but did nothing except organize. The movement among the mechanical laborers here, is very wide, and cannot fail to result in good to all concerned, and should not be stigmatized as a socialistic or fourierite movement; for nothing can be further from the fact. These labor associations, at least the best of them, are formed upon the model of Odd Fellow and Temperance lodges. Each member of a trade upon admission to a society, pays an entrance fee, and in case of sickness or loss of work, receives a weekly benefit.—He is also visited by a committee, and all proper means are taken to secure the Society of which he is a member from imposition. In this way, mutual aid is extended, and not only this, but the association is made useful in producing an elevation of the masses. Trade Unions have never yet succeeded in their object, and probably never will, but every true friend of the working man must hope that such associations as are now forming for the elevation of labor must thrive.

Our city legislature is now in full operation and with much success. Business is dispatched with proper celerity, and the government made far more efficient than under the old plan. The members, however, have got very hungry, and are after the luxuries of the tea room, a municipal cate ing house in not haste. In all probability the cat ables will be forth coming, and the Aldermen once more keep open house. I believe it is a settled point that our "tea room suppers" and "alms house feeds" on State occasions, cannot be surpassed on the Continent.

The mail news by the California steamship, is upon its face favorable, at least the newspaper part, but they must receive a rather cold reception, as it is a fact not to be disputed, that editors or papers rather, have given them a large interest in all new cities or speculations that promise to pay large profits. The private letters are more hopeful in their tone, but these by no means make it certain that the average profits of mining are equal to the hazard the diggers run.

The rate of interest continues low, and some large loans have been negotiated at the small price of three per cent per annum, a point not before reached. All kinds of paper goes low, and seven per cent is rarely realized upon good names. The sales of United States Stocks are small.—United States 6's 69's, sell at 116½. Reading Bonds 71¼ do 6 stocks 49½. Erie Bonds 99¼. Pennsylvania fives 98½ offered, and 97½ asked. The sales of sound stocks are very small, the description of security being scarce and in demand.

Hot weather is upon us, and business perceptibly diminishes, so much so that the ware houses begin to be deserted and people on the wing for the watering places, many of which are now in full blast. Newport, thus far, taking the decided lead.

A suit, of interest to Insurance Companies in your State and Ohio, has just been decided here. Our Courts have decided that the premium notes of Mutual Insurance Companies are as liable to taxation as houses and lots. This decision will add very largely to the taxable property, and have an effect upon the next assessment list. Some foreign companies will now be brought into the paying list from which they have long been excluded.

Henry O'Reilly has just effected a combination of all the offices under his control, in this city, and has established a central Station at 191 Broadway, from whence dispatches can be sent to all parts of the Union. The courtesy of Mr. O'R., contrasted with the illiberality of the owner of the Durham Ball Line, Mr. F. O. J. Smith, gives the best of the business to the new line.

The steamer to day, brings the following statement as to the iron trade.

Iron—There has been less doing this week, and with an order in hand we could purchase both bars and rails, to day, at rather within our last quotations, though the largest makers do not now lower their prices. Scotch Pig in more demand at 45s. for *mixed* numbers at Glasgow; Swedes £11 10@£12.

Lard—The Reliefs are buyers, Western both in kegs and bbls, at 30s.

Markets have hardly opened under the Steamers.

Corn is firmer to day, but few persons are inclined to sell at a lower rate than 72 cts. for all descriptions of yellow. Sales are 10,000 bush. most of which, however, was sold yesterday afternoon at 70c. for good yellow.

Pork—150 bbls. Mess sold at $10,68, and Prime at $9,63.

Beef—5,50@6,50 for country and city prime, and 8,50@10,00 for mess. Beef Hams quiet at $14 50.

Whiskey—Nominal at 27c.

Ashes—Sales of Pearls at 5,62½ and Pot at 5,62 @5,68½.

Flour—Sales sum up 1100 bbls at 5,18@5,25 for Canadian, 5,50@5,62½ for common to straight state, 5,69@5,88 for mixed to fancy Michigan, and 6,12½@6,18 for pure Genesee Flour. Southern Flour—Sales of 200 bbls. at $5,75; by some 5,87½ is asked. Sales of 200 bbls. Ryo Flour at $3,06@ 3,12½. There is but little doing in meal prices a before.

Wheat for milling is held at 147@150 for good to prime Genesee. Rye 64. Oats sell at 47. C.

CALIFORNIA NEWS.

The specie list of consignees by the steamer Cherokee, at New York, foots up $1,122,361, in addition to which there was about $400,000 in the hands of the passengers. Among the consignments, we note for Baltimore, $4,532 to Turnbull, Dall & Slade; $3,000 to H. Mankin; $2,000 to Hayden & Cosle. The consignments to Adams & Co., were $141,284.

The steamer Tobago, which left New York on the 1st of January, arrived at Panama on the 18th of May. She was 5½ days on her passage from Rio Janiero.

The New Orleans, West Point, and New World, had not arrived at Panama. The last named was at Valparaiso, quarantined, to leave for Panama from the 15th to the 18th of May.

The steamer W. J. Pease had been spoken in the vicinity of Valparaiso.

The Legislature of California adjourned on the 22d of April, after a session of one hundred and twenty nine days. Among the laws adopted was one which regulates the business of mining by foreigners. In relation to it, the the Alta California remarks:

"It is a matter of doubt in our minds whether the provisions of the law can be carried out, or whether any power exists by which they can be enforced. It is proposed to grant licenses to foreign miners, until Congress shall make some enactment with which