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TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 10.


## CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD INTELLIGENCE.

### Heavy Storm---Church Demolished.

On Thursday last, the vicinity of Latrobe, Westmoreland county, was visited by a terrific storm, by which dwellings, barns, out-houses, fences, &c, were blown down, and much valuable property destroyed. The roof of the Catholic church in the town of Latrobe was blown off, and the whole building entirely demolished. The church was erected at cost of about $4,000, and the congregation, now without a place of worship, will take measures to replace it as soon as the necessary funds can be obtained. Mr. James Fenlon, of Latrobe, will receive contributions for the purpose.

### Destruction of Oil.

At an early hour yesterday morning, some 2,000 barrels of oil were destroyed near the ferry landing at the Point opposite the mouth of Penn st. Several boats laden with oil in bulk were moored near the landing, and one being in a leaky condition, some of the oil floated off on top of the water. When the ferry boat from this side had landed, the fireman threw overboard a shovel full of cinders, which set fire to the oil, the flames communicating to three of the boats, which, with their contents, were totally destroyed. One of the boats floated off and was met nearly ten miles down the Ohio, early in the morning, burning fiercely. Another of those destroyed was a zinc-lined barge, built expressly for carrying oil, and valued at $1,000. The total loss is from $8,000 to $9,000. Messrs. Shreve & Tillson were the owners of about 350 barrels of the oil, and the remainder was the property of Messrs. Woodford & Wright. No insurance.

### Firemen's Association.

This body held its regular quarterly meeting last evening.

The minutes of last meeting having been approved, the Committee on Conference and Inspection were called upon for a report, when the Chairman, Mr. Little, stated that he had called one meeting and had not thought it worth while to call another.

Mr. Little then tendered his resignation as a member of the Association.

Chief Engineer Wilson made his report for the quarter ending on the 9th inst., during which time there were twenty-nine fires and thirteen false alarms. The amount of loss was $98,650; insurance, $33,100; loss over insurance, $65,550. The report was accepted and ordered to be filed.

The Committee appointed to wait on the insurance companies reported the following donations: Monongahela, $50; Western, $100; Citizens', $50; Pennsylvania, $50; Pittsburgh, $25; Allegheny, $25—Total, $300.

On motion the Committee was continued, Mr. Irvin taking the place of Mr. Leonard, resigned.

The name of the "Allegheny Hand Engine and Hose Company" was, by the unanimous adoption of a resolution, offered by Mr. Montgomery, changed to the "Allegheny Steam Engine and Hose Company." This, being an amendment to the preamble, requires ratification by two-thirds of the companies forming the Association.

On motion of Mr. Kemp, the Treasurer was instructed to put the funds of the Association out at interest.

The resignation of Mr. Littell was, on motion, accepted.

On motion of Mr. Irvin, a committee of five and the President, was appointed to consult with the Directors of the Association for the relief of Disabled Firemen, relative to applying a balance of some $2,000 remaining in their hands, towards the construction of a fire alarm telegraph. The committee was constituted as follows: Messrs. Irvin, Dorrington, Warden, Tibby, Wilson and Sawyer.

Mr. Tibby was appointed chairman of the Committee on Conference and Inspection in place of Mr. Littell, resigned.

On motion, adjourned.

### Spectral Analysis.

A practical application is likely to be made of the beautiful results of spectral analysis in the casting of steel. It is important to know the exact moment at which to shut down the cover of the furnace during the melting of metal; time must be allowed for the escape of the gaseous products which are injurious to the steel, but if that time be prolonged, an injurious effect of another kind is produced. To meet this contingency, it has been proposed to test the gases as they fly off by means of the speiroscope; and as soon as the particular color is observed, peculiar to the gas which begins to escape at the moment the molten metal is in proper condition, the manufacturer will have an infallible sign of the proper moment for closing the furnace.

### The Mercer County Coal Trade.

Not many years ago the first boat load of coal was sent from the Clarksville coal bank, Mercer Co., to Erie, and such was the little demand for the article there then, that it was sold below cost. Now the trade has assumed such magnitude that during the months of October and November the shipments from the Mercer coal mines to Erie, exceeded 35,000 tons. The completion of the Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad will, it is believed, greatly increase the trade.

### Common Pleas Trial List.

The Judges of the Common Pleas have finished up their trial list for the present. The Court has disposed of a large number of cases, but aside from those already reported, they involved no principles of public importance.

### Mission Collections.

Bishop Potter, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has issued an address to the Clergy and congregations in behalf of the Missionaries of the Diocese, and in conclusion recommends that collections be made in every congregation on Sunday, February 15th, for Missions within the Diocese, and that they be transmitted to the Treasurer, James S. Biddle, Esq., of Philadelphia.

### Sizes of Nails.

Why are nails designated by the terms sixpenny, eightpenny, &c.? In Sheffield, England, they used to be sold in small quantities by the hundred, and the terms fourpenny, sixpenny, &c., referred to such nails as were sold at fourpence, sixpence, &c., per hundred nails. The length of the nails of that day, that were so designated, was exactly the same with nails that are now known by those designations.

### The Mayoralty.

The Mayoralty question is already beginning to be canvassed quite extensively. The three prominent candidates are James Lowrie, Jr., W. C. McCarthy and B. C. Sawyer, the present incumbent. The time is yet so far distant that speculation as to who will receive the nomination will be useless.

### At Home.

Acting Brigadier General J. A. Sweitzer, of the Sixty-second regiment, is in the city on a brief visit. He is in good health and fine spirits.

### Frightful Casualties on Oil Creek.

The following are the details of a terrible calamity near Titusville, which we have already briefly noticed:

On Saturday afternoon, January 31st, a shocking accident occurred on the McIlhenny farm, on Oil Creek, by which three estimable ladies lost their lives. About four o'clock in the afternoon, a fire broke out suddenly in the house of H. C. Poole, blacksmith and machinist, burning it to the ground in a short time, and in it the bodies of his wife and only daughter, also the wife of Silas Gonzales, formerly of Stark county, Ohio. Miss Poole had been visiting Mrs. Gonzales during the afternoon, and the two started to a store on the McIlhenny Farm. The house of Mr. Poole being on their way they stopped. In less than five minutes from the time they were seen entering it the house was discovered to be in flames. Three men, who were near, rushed to the house and tried to open the door, but found it fast at the bottom. They then took a plank and forced it open, but they had just time to see two of the bodies lying black and lifeless near the door when the flames forced them to retreat. All possible exertions were made to save the house and rescue the bodies, but all in vain. It was nearly an hour before the bodies were recovered. They were then a black and shapeless mass, and could only be identified by fragments of their clothing that lay beneath their bodies. Mrs. Gonzales and Poole were both in the prime of life, and Miss Poole was a beautiful and accomplished young lady of sixteen. They were highly esteemed by the community among whom they resided, and their dreadful fate is sincerely deplored. Mrs. Gonzales leaves three small children. Mr. Poole was absent in Erie, and Mr. Gonzales was in Pittsburgh. The cause of the accident is all conjecture. Ten gallons of refined oil were known to be in the house, sitting up stairs.

On the Thursday previous, a Mrs. Vincent, residing on the Story Farm, was so severely burned that she has since died. She had been washing some of her husband's clothes in benzole, and in passing through a room, her dress caught fire from the stove, burning her so severely that death ensued next day.

### The Patent Office.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Patents shows that 5,038 applications for patents were made during the year 1862, and that 3,591 were granted; caveats filed, 828; applications for extension, 41; patents extended, 22; patents expired, 648. All except 83 of the patents granted were issued to the citizens of the United States. $153,848 were received for patents, reissues, &c.; $11,081 for copies, and the recording expenses were $182,800. The receipts were swollen by an appropriation for refunding moneys expended of nearly $51,000. The cost of clerk-hire was upwards of $122,000, of which $44,462 was for temporary clerks.

### The Pan Handle Railroad.

The Wheeling *Intelligencer* says:—A bill was introduced in the Legislature a day or two before its adjournment, authorizing the owners of the Pan Handle road to sell the same. The bill passed the House, but in the Senate it was encumbered with amendments so as to have its effectiveness destroyed. The object of the bill was to authorize the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to buy the Pan Handle road.

### A Gay Old Party.

At a recent party in New Castle, five men were gathered whose aggregate ages reached four hundred and twenty-six years. They were Jesse Dushane, eighty-nine; Geo. Pearson, eighty-six; Robert McGuffin, eighty-five; Robert Wallace, eighty-four, and Jas. T. Boyd, eighty-two.

### School Concert.

The pupils of the Sixth Ward Public School are making arrangements for a grand concert, for the benefit of the Sixth Ward Soldiers' Aid Society. The concert will take place in the Sixth Presbyterian Church.

### Staff Appointment.

It is said that in the event of the confirmation of Col. Thos. A. Rowley as a Brigadier General, Lieut. Sam'l Harper of the 139th will be appointed his adjutant.

### The Revenue Commissioners.

The Board of Revenue Commissioners meets in Harrisburg on Saturday next. Thos. J. Bigham, Esq., represents this county. Their duty is to equalize assessments in the several counties.

### Declined.

Pennsylvania Railroad stock declined on Friday in Philapelphia from $69 to $66 per share, still $15 above par.

### Bedford Springs Railroad.

The new Railroad from Hopewell to Bedford has been graded for twelve miles from the former place, and direct communication will be established between Philadelphia and Bedford Springs before July first.

### Miss Matilda Heron.

This lady commenced her engagement at the Theater last evening, but, owing to the disagreeable weather, she was not received by as large an audience as it was expected her well known talents would attract. She played Medea, in the tragedy of that name, with thrilling effect, displaying powers which have placed her where she now stands in her profession to the best advantage. The audience, recalling the palmy days of the drama here, when fine acting was not so great a rarity, seemed delighted and bestowed upon the accomplished actress enthusiastic but merited applause. To-night she appears as Lady Edith, in the drama of "The Earl's Daughter," dramatized from Mrs. Wood's popular novel. It is a fine piece and Miss Heron has been highly commended for her personation of Lady Edith wherever it has been performed. The play must succeed here with Miss Heron in the chief part. Call early and secure your seats.

### The Old Folks.

The doors of Masonic Hall were thrown open last evening to an audience of the old fashioned sort. Every available seat being occupied by an appreciative audience. Attractive as the entertainments of the Continental Old Folks were on their earlier visits to our city, they did not reach the high degree of excellence attained now. We have seldom heard any finer vocalists than the Misses Paige, and the rest of the Company have much improved by practice. They give us newer songs and older costumes than ever before and so give fresh zest to their concerts. All who go to-night will be satisfied with the result, and we are sure that they will agree that they have scarcely been present at a finer entertainment, or where the music, vocal and instrumental, was so uniformly good.

### Spree and Splashes.

This is a new volume of Carleton's popular pocket edition, and consists of a series of short stories by Henry Morford, New York, entitled Droll Recollections of Town and Country. It is just the book for those who enjoy the droll side of life and will be fully appreciated by all who love to laugh. Miner has it for sale.

### The Orpheus C. Kerr Papers.

Carleton has issued a second series of the irresistibly comic letters of Orpheus C. Kerr, whose lucubrations are so eagerly looked for by the public, and which are always sure of a hearty reception. The present volume contains some thirty of these quaint epistles, which cannot fail to amuse the reader. They are bound in a neat book, which is sold by Henry Miner, Fifth street.

### Advertising a Business Institution.

The appearance of the newspaper press in most civilized countries would induce a casual observer to suppose that ADVERTISING was a universally recognized and established BUSINESS INSTITUTION. In ordinary times the press teems with advertisements, and appearances certainly indicate the free use of journals of large circulation as the great auxiliary of business enterprise. But appearances in this case, as in others, are not altogether true, for the fact is that out of ten men doing business, probably there are not more than two who rightly value and liberally use advertising mediums; two more, perhaps occasionally resort to them, while the rest rarely, if ever employ them at all, and plod along in obscure circles through life without an effort to rise above the position in which circumstances originally placed them.

But there is something more to be considered on this subject. Experience has always shown to the conductors of newspapers that in periods of general depression, from whatever cause, all classes of men are rather disposed to yield to the depressing influence than to rise up, encounter and resist it. Happily, there are individual exceptions, and it is these exceptions which finally aid the turn of affairs, and contribute to the restoration of prosperity. But men, as represented by classes, shun the encounter, avoid the struggle, and if they do not actually succumb, sink down in hopeless prostration for the time being. In nothing does this appear more distinctly than in the disposition to withdraw from public attention in the advertising columns of the press; yet this is the very place in which, of all others, the active business man should constantly be seen and known, and read of all men.

The present time is particularly illustrative of what we say, and yet we can conceive of nothing more unwise and impolitic. Have men, women and children ceased to eat, and drink, and wear out clothes? Nobody will pretend that such is the case. And here we have a city of some hundred thousand people, the common residents of it, engaged in these processes every day. We are surrounded by a large multitude of people in our own State who are doing the same thing in numerous towns and villages, and rural districts who are supplied mainly from this city. But we find a marked disposition to recoil from an adverse condition of the times, to fold the arms, and to mourn over "the situation" as a barren and a profitless waste.

We have as much respect for common sense as we have confidence in it, otherwise we should really feel some hesitation in thus discussing a subject in which we seem to have a primary interest. But our *primary interest* is in the maintenance of a healthful public sentiment, one which will encourage rather than depress, and use the times so as to make the best of them. Here is THE POST just as available as ever in all the channels of trade and commerce, circulating as freely as ever amongst all classes of the people, and offering the advantages of a universal advertising medium to the enterprise of the public. Let us hope that a healthy public sentiment will reanimate the spirit of the people, quicken and upheld the energy of business character, and assure to our city that liberal prosperity to which she may most justly aspire.


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NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE OIL EXCHANGE—In accordance with the provision of the Constitution of the Oil Exchange, Notice is hereby given the members of the Association, that an alteration to the 12th Section of the Constitution will be called up on Wednesday the 18th. GEO. H THURSTON, feb5:2wd Sec'y Oil Exchange

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## THE VERY LATEST TELEGRAPH.

## NAVAL FIGHT AT CHARLESTON.

Official Report of Com. Dupont.

LATE FROM NEW ORLEANS.

IMPORTANT FROM PORT ROYAL.

LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

&c., &c., &c., &c.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The bearer of official dispatches from the fleet of Charleston has arrived.

The following is from Rear Admiral Dupont concerning the rebel attack on our squadron of that port:

FLAG SHIP WABASH, PORT ROYAL HARBOR, Feb. 2d, 1863.—SIR:—I have to report that about four o'clock on the morning of the 31st ult., during the obscurity of a thick haze, two iron clad gunboats came out of Charleston by the main ship channel unperceivable by the squadron, and commenced a raid upon the blockading fleet, most of the latter were of the light class of purchased vessels. Two of the heaviest men of war the Pohattan and Canandaigua being at this port coaling and repairing.

The Mercedita was the first vessel attacked. Her officers and crew had been particularly watchful during the night to look out for suspected vessels, and at three o'clock had slipped cable and overhauled a troop steamer running for the channel by mistake. She had returned to her anchorage and Captain Stellwagen had gone to his room for a short time, leaving Lieut. Commander Abbot on deck, when one of the iron clads suddenly appeared. Her approach was concealed by the haze and mist of the atmosphere. The vessel was immediately hailed and an order was given to fire, but the iron clad being close aboard and laying low in the water, no guns could be brought to bear. A heavy rifle shell was fired from the enemy, which entering the starboard side of the Mercedita, passed through her condenser, the steam drum of her post boiler, and it exploded against the port side blowing a hole in its exit some four or five feet square, killing the gunner and by the escape of steam scalding a number of men and rendering her motive power apparently useless and unable to use his guns, and being at the mercy of the enemy, which was lying along side on his starboard quarter, all further resistance was deemed hopeless by Captain Stellwagen and he surrendered.

The crew and officers were paroled though nothing was said of the ship.

The Executive officer, Lieut. Commander Abbott, having gone on board, the enemy's gunboat and made the arrangement.

The iron clad leaving the Mercedita to her fate to sink or not, next engaged the Keystone State. Commander Leroy, who was also attacked by the other, their fire was gallantly returned: but a shell exploding in the forehold of this vessel she was set on fire. Commander Leroy kept off until it was got under, when he steered again for one of the iron clads, and ordered on full steam and determined to try to run her down. The guns had been trained and depressed for a plunging fire at the moment of the collision, and the ship had acquired a speed of twelve knots, when a shell or shot from the enemy, passed through the steam chest, wholly disabling her boilers and rendering her powerless.

Ten rifle shells struck the Keystone State. Two burst on the quarter deck, but most of them struck the hull it being near and below the water line. In the meantime the Augusta, commander Parrot: the Quaker City, commander Frailey and the Memphis, Acting Lieut. Watmough, kept up a fire upon the enemy, directing their attention from the Keystone State, which was soon after taken in tow by the Memphis and drawn away from the fire.

The Augusta and Quaker City were both struck in their hulls, the Memphis only in her rigging.

The Housatonic, Captain Taylor, gave chase and a shot from her struck the pilot house of one of iron clads, doing, it is thought, some damage and carrying away one of her flags. The rebel vessels then passed to the Northward, receiving the fire of our ships, and took refuge in the swash channel behind the shals.

The only casualties were on the Mercedita and Keystone State. On the Keystone State, they are very large; about one-fourth of her crew were killed and wounded, and among the former, the Medical officers of the ship, Assistant Surgeon Jacob H. Gotsmold, who was scalded to death while rendering surgical aid to one of the wounded men. Nine of those who died, perished from the escape of steam when the boilers and steam chimneys were penetrated, and among the wounded the greater number received their injuries from the same cause. As the Mercedita surrendered I have directed a Court of Inquiry to examine into the circumstances of the case, as well as into the terms under which the surrender was made. On the Mercedita there were four killed and three wounded; on the Keystone State there were twenty killed and twenty wounded.

Very respectfully,

(Signed.) S. F. DUPONT,

Rear Admiral.

*Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy.*

The following is the report of Commander Stellwagen of the United States steamer Mercedita:

PORT ROYAL, JAN. 31.

*Rear Admiral, S. F. Dupont, &c.*—SIR—I have to report that at half past four this morning, two iron clad rams from Charleston in the obscurity of a thick haze, and the moon having just set, succeeded in passing the bar near the ship channel, unperceived by the squadron and made an attack on it. This ship being first encountered, particular vigilance was exhibited by the officers and crew in the expectation of a vessel to run the blockade. At three a. m., we had slipped cable and overhauled a troop steamer running for the channel by mistake. At four o'clock I laid down; Lieut. Commander Abbott was on deck giving orders to Acting Master Doyer about recovering the anchor, when they saw a smoke and faint appearance of a vessel close at hand. I heard them exclaim: she has a black smoke! watchman the guns! spring the rattle! call all hands to quarters. Mr. Doyer came to the cabin door, telling me that a steamboat was close aboard. I was then in the act of getting my pea jacket and slipped it on as I followed him out and jumped to the poop ladder. I saw a smoke and a low boat, apparently a tug, although I thought it might be a little propellor for the squadron. I sang out, train your guns, sight on him, and be ready to fire as soon as I order.—I hailed the steamer, Ahoy! Stand clear of us and heave to, what steamer is that? I then ordered my men to fire on her, and told him, You will be into us. What steamer is that? His answer to the first or second hail, was, "Halloo." The other replies were indistinct, either by intention, or from having spoken inside of his mail armor, until in the act of sticking us with his prow, when he said, "This is the Confederate States steam ram." I repeated the order, fire, fire, but no gun could be trained on him, as he approached on the quarter and struck us just abaft of our thirty-two pounder gun and fired a heavy rifle shot through us diagonally, penetrating the starboard through our normandy condensor, the steam drum of our port boiler and exploding against the port side of the ship, blowing a hole in its exit some four or five feet square. Reports were brought to me that a shot had passed through both boilers, and that the fires were put out by steam and smoke, and that a gunner and one man were killed and a number of men badly scalded, and that the water was over our fire-room floor and the vessel sinking. That ram had cut us through at and below the water line on one side and the shell had burst at the other almost at the water's edge. After the ram struck she swung round under our starboard counter, her prow touching, and hailed, "Surrender, or I'll sink you." "Do you surrender?" After receiving the report I answered: "I can make no resistance. My boiler is destroyed." "Then do you surrender?" "Yes," I replied, having found my moving power destroyed and that I could bring nothing to bear but muskets against shot proof coating. He hailed several times to send a boat and threatened to fire again. After some delay a boat was lowered and Lieut. Commanding Abbott asked if he should go in her, and asked for orders what to say. I told him to see what they demanded and tell them what condition we were in. He proceeded aboard and, according to their demand, gave his parole on behalf of himself and all the officers and crew. His reports accompanies. The ram having been detained half an hour or more ran out for the Keystone State, which vessel and three others we had tried to alarm by lights. We saw a shell explode as it struck the ram without injuring it.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—Mr. Isaac, of Chicago, has commenced a suit against Horace Greeley for libel.

The New Orleans Picayune of the first, publishes advices from the Rio Grande to January 23d.

The French had not occupied Matamoras.

Tampico has been evacuated by the French and the port is still blockaded.

A large number of merchant men were at the mouth of the Rio Grande with cargoes for Matamoras.

A letter from Fort Clinch, Florida, dated the 31st ult., states that a fight took place on St. Mary's River, at Scrubby Bluff, between a body of rebel cavalry and three companies of colored South Carolina volunteers. The rebels attempted to take the steamer John Adams by boarding her, but the negro soldiers beat them off bravely. The Captain of the John Adams was shot, but his murderer was immediately slain by a negro sergeant. Our loss was two men killed and six wounded. We took seven prisoners. The steamer was not injured.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The report of Senator Grimes in relation to alleged abuses in the charter and outfit of transports for Bank's and other expeditions is a very voluminous document, and arrives at the following conclusions:

1st. That all government vessels should be secured through legitimate channels by officers in answer to advertisements.

2d. The practice of employing agents with unlimited power to fix the rate of charter cannot be justified.

3d. That all vessels should be thoroughly inspected by competent experts responsible to the military branches of the government.

4th. That the monopoly of chartering vessels by Hall, Loper and others cannot be justified.

5th. That John Tucker and the Secretary of War and Colonel James Belger, U. S. A., knew and tolerated such monopoly.

6th. That no one should be allowed to act in double capacity of broker and ship owner.

7th. That the commission received by Hall, Loper, Danforth, and others, amounted to hundreds of thousands rightfully belonging to the government, and should be refunded.

8th. That many charters obtained through their persons were at exorbitant value.

9th. That Collins and Pickerill should be made to refund their ill-gotten gains.

10th. That no charter money should be paid to the persons above named.

11th. That Col. James Belger should be Court Marshalled.

12th. That John P. Danforth is guilty of a violation of the law.

13th. That the War Department should exercise the Leislature in such cases to prevent loss and restore confidence in its management.

14th. That the facts in relation to perjury in some of these cases should be inquired into.

NEW YORK, February 9.—The steamer Marion, from New Orleans on the 2d inst., arrived at this port this afternoon.—Among her passengers is Count Megan, late French Consul at New Orleans.

No demonstration was made by the National forces on Port Hudson.

There is no later news from Galveston.

Gen. Banks has issued an order explanatory of the President's Proclamation, which order has disappointed many who thought the fugitive slaves would be returned to their owners in that part of the State which is exempted by the terms of the President's proclamation.

The Editor of the True Delta has been rebuked for endeavoring to foreshadow the action of Gen. Banks. Everything was quiet in the city.

Col. Thorpe had been presented with a service of silver by the laboring men under him.

Capt. Maller succeeds Col. Deming as Mayor of New Orleans.

The steamer Gen. Williams, struck a snag while en route to the forts and sunk. All hands were saved.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—A letter from Port Royal, dated the 3d inst., says the iron clad steamer Montauk has been engaged for several days in attacking the rebel iron clad battery on the river, the rebels possessing much heavier guns than they ever used before. They also use steel pointed solid shot, but although the turret had been struck sixteen times, all the shots glanced off without doing any damage; Capt. Woodson had nearly demolished most of the rebel parapet and expects soon to capture the battery, behind which lies the steamer Nashville. The iron clad Passiac is said to be up to Waraaw. The sound of heavy firing was heard there on the 2d inst.; the rebel ram Fingal is in that locality.

The Patapsco and Wehawken are both hourly expected.

The harbor of Port Royal is full of vessels and troops under General Porter, which had arrived.

The Port Royal New South of the 31st ult., says the steamer city of Bath had just arrived with troops.

The Cahawba is coming over the bar and a large fleet is waiting for the fog to leave to enter the harbor.

HALIFAX, February 9.—The royal mail steamer Europa, from Liverpool on January 24th via Southampton on the 25th, arrived at this port at 7 P. M.

The steamers Anglo Saxon, Hammonia and Glasgow arrived out on the 23d.

The ship Pamelia Flood, from New Orleans for Liverpool was abandoned at sea. The captain was the only person saved.

The steamship Wm. Corry, from New York for London, put into Falmouth on the 23d ult. in a leaky condition. Her decks were swept and her masts lost.

The ship Favorite, from New York, was ashore at Sligo.

The Paris Pays says: "We believe we are able to state that the government of the Emperor has addressed a communication to Washington proposing a means of arrangement between the belligerents, which would fully protect the dignity and *amour propre* of the Americans."

LIVERPOOL, PROVISION MARKET.—The Provision Market is steady, various circulars report Beef, steady: Pork, steady: Bacon, irregular with declining tendency: Butter, steady. Lard, firmer but in quiet at 37s. 6d. @39s. Tallow, steady.

Consuls quoted at 92½@92¾. The Bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £246,000. U. S. fives, 59@60. U. S., sixes, 67@69. Illinois Central R. R. 50@39. P. C. discount. Erie, 46@36*.


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Minerva, Gordon, Wheeling.

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☞ The Wheeling packet for to-day is the steamer Minerva, Captain John Gordon. Passengers and shippers will bear in mind that the hour of departure is 11 a. m. positively.

☞ The Fine passenger steamer Silver Cloud, S. Shuman, Commander, is announced for Cairo and St. Louis. This boat has unsurpassed accommodations and experienced officers. Capt. Conway has charge of the office.

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CINCINNATI, February 6, 1863.

CAPTAIN WM. EVANS:

DEAR SIR:—The following is a manifest of the steamer Armenia, from St. Louis:

Clarke & Co., 2,421 bbls Flour, 220 bbls Pork, 42 hhds Tobacco, 4 bales Cotton, 5 boxes M'dse., R. T. Kennedy & Bro., 1180 sacks Wheat, H. H. Collins, 86 bbls Fire Clay, C. & W. R. Road, 69 doz. Hides, Watt & Wilson, 100 doz. Hides, Lappe & Wise, 144 doz. Hides, Olnhauser, Crawford & Co., 55½ tons Pig Iron. Owner on board, 120 bbls Flour. John I. House, 1 line, 1 box, Geo. B. Jones, 2 lines, 1 box, 1 chest. R. H. King, 17 bags Feathers.

Respectfully yours,

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THE NEW AND SPLENDID passenger steamer SILVER CLOUD, S. Shuman, Commander, leaves as announced for.

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1863 NEW ARRANGEMENT 1863

Wheeling and Pittsburg Daily Express Line

THE NEW AND SPLENDID side-wheel packet ARMADA, George W. Johnson, commander, leaves Pittsburgh for Wheeling, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. punctually. Leaves Wheeling for Pittsburgh every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a. m.

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THE FAST RUNNING PASSENGER steamer ECHO, Jas Walton, commander, will leave as announced above and intermediate points this day at 4 p. m.

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