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The face of the country from Fort George (Astoria) to Vancouver—a distance of eighty miles (more or less)—is a uniform character, consisting of a level of alluvial meadows along the river, and a timbered slope of pine, oak, &c., while behind are extensive plains, some of which are watered by lakes or ponds. The pine forests are very extensive, the trees being of great size, and the timber is abundant along the river, as well as on both sides of the river in a rich black loam, the base being basaltic rock.

The Governor of Fort Vancouver, who is an active agriculturist, has exerted himself for several years in raising what appears to be the best wheat, rye, barley, peas, and culianary vegetables of all kinds, are raised in ample quantities. Fruits of various kinds, apples, peaches, plums, &c. do remarkably well. I remember being partially struck on my arrival at Vancouver in the autumn, with the display of apples in the garden of the fort. The trees were crowded with fruit, so that every limb required to be sustained by a prop. The apples were literally packed with branches, and so close that I could compare them to nothing more aptly than to ropes of iron.

In the vicinity of Walla-Walla, or Nez Perces Fort, the country is every where covered with many miles, exhibits an arid and cheerless prospect. The soil is deep sand, and the plain is covered with the foot stands of the shrubs of the arid zone. Along the borders of the arid zone, however, the soil is exceedingly rich and productive, and on these strips of land the agriculturist raises his corn, and vegetables necessary for the consumption of his people.

The prong-horned antelope occasionally ranges in the vicinity of the Snake river, and is very abundant, and the large prairie hare is common. At Vancouver, ducks, geese, and swans were in immense numbers. These are killed by the Indians and taken to the fort as articles of trade. For a single duck, one had powder and lead, and for a pair of geese, two and for a swan four loads. For a deer, ten loads of ammunition or a bottle of rum is the usual price.

Early in May the salmon are first seen entering the river, and the Columbia and all its tributaries take their delicious fish. The Indians make great numbers by various modes, such as spearing, and drying and picking them away in the winter, almost wholly upon them during their migrations, and to be used for winter food. The salmon also forms a chief article of food for the Indians of the fort, and hundreds of casks are made every year.

About twenty miles above this, in the Wallamet valley, is the spot chosen by the Methodist missionaries for their settlement, and here also a considerable number of the retired country people have established themselves. The soil of this delightful valley is rich beyond comparison, and the climate considerably milder than that of Vancouver, but the dew is sufficiently heavy to compensate for its absence. The epidemic of cholera, which has recently been known here, is not so fatal as it was in the Wallamet valley, and is a terrestrial parasite, to which I have known some exhibit so strong an attachment as to die, notwithstanding the attendance of physicians which must necessarily be exerted by the settlers of a new country, no compensation could ever induce them to return to their former homes.

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JAMES BUCHANAN, Subject to the election of a National Convention. DAILY MORNING POST. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1843. See First Page.

From Harrisburg.—A resolution was passed by the House on Monday, by a vote of 49 to 35, authorizing the Judiciary Committee to report, within five days, a bill authorizing the Banks to issue 1, 2 and 3 dollar notes. About 15 democrats voted for the resolution. So, it seems, we are once more to be delivered into the hands of the Bankers.

This law is for their express benefit. We should like to know what expensive democratic members can give up supporting such a bill.

The effort to force the Canal Bill through the House, on Monday, failed.

From Washington.—A bill is before the House that will take from Robt. Tyler, jr., the office he holds, as signer of Land patents, and put that duty on the Recorder of the Land office.

A bill to Reform the N. Y. Custom house, has passed the lower House. It reduces their number from 502 to 304, and cuts down the pay of these.

The Canal Board. It is truly astonishing that while every possible measure has been resorted to by the Board to make our public works productive, there should exist such turmoil and strife at Harrisburg in reference to the mode of choosing commissioners.

When we consider what has been accomplished by these officers in one year—that we have now eleven lines again preparing for the Spring trade with all the energies and incentives of open competition—the conduct of, at least, a portion of the democratic members of the Legislature is, to us, wholly unaccountable.

Last year trade commenced with a few lines monopolizing the whole business, now individual energies are enlisted, and all sorts of life and animation.

When we reflect on the retrenchment and economy of the Board, on the modification of the carrying system, and the timely and liberal encouragement of the transporters; what more could we expect from them? what more could be done by men who might take their place? In a word, what more do the people desire?

We do not like to see the same men, but it is surely incumbent on certain members, to give the public some better cause than have yet been assigned, for the course they have taken on the Canal Bill. So far as our knowledge extends, they are looked upon by the people as directly opposed to the interests of the State, in the efforts they are making to disturb the only course of policy ever adopted to improve our Improvements a source of profit.

Reduction of Tolls. The Canal Commissioners have made some further and very important reductions in the rates of Fall on our canals and railways; we have not time at present to give particulars, but will endeavor to present the public with a statement in a day or two.

Flour, Bacon, Hides, domestic hales, and Coffee, are among the articles on which the rates have been reduced.

The rates on Packet and Freight boats have also been lowered, and on the whole we have every reason to hope for a flourishing business on our improvements during the coming season.

Thrashing Machines.—Hardly a day passes but some one is crippled if not killed, by these machines. It appears that they are so constructed as to render accidents unavoidable. Last week a young man in Moon township was killed by falling from the machine in operation. Both legs while the machine was in operation. It is supposed will have to be amputated.

It is supposed will have to be amputated. People should be most careful with these machines. To save labor on a farm is well enough, but when it is attended with so much risk, we think it would be better to take up the flail in the old fashioned way.

A New Plan of a Steamboat. The Delaware Gazette says that Capt. Robinson has invented and is building at New Castle, a steamboat constructed without frame or timbers, being put together from the principle of a hogshead, with hoops. She is eighty five feet long, the hoops done away with caulking, and having no frame, gives her more room and less weight, as well as being a great saving of timber and money.

Look out.—The Baltimore Sun says: Persons living out of this State who may not be aware of the failure of the Farmers' and Millers' Bank, should be on the look out for any attempt to impound the notes of that bank upon them.

Another Puzzle.—As puzzles appear to be the order of the day, the New York Aurora furnishes the following tough one: If a ball flies at the rate of four hundred and forty eight miles a minute, how fast will it smother the mouth of a cannon, how fast will it smother a dog run with a tin kettle, weighing one pound ten ounces, tied to its tail?

The Killing of Heberton. The Philadelphia Times has an article of more than two columns, detailing all the facts relating to the death of the rascal and prodigal, Heberton. The Times says, popular opinion is almost unanimously in favor of young Mercer. Even while they lament the sudden decease of Heberton, everybody exclaims that he fully merited the fate he met with! There is scarcely a solitary exception to this sentiment, if we except the immediate relatives and associates of Heberton, some of whom, we regret to say, are busily engaged just now in circulating and disseminating falsehoods in relation to the young lady whose unfortunate imprudence has caused all this trouble, in the hope of altering the state of the public mind, and creating a prejudice against the prisoner.

As to the lady, we mentioned on Friday last, our reasons for refusing to publish all the details of her accented error. She is a meretricious woman. Her acquaintance with Heberton was accidental. She was a lover in the ways of the world. He was practised in all its duplicities; he was handsome, insinuating, prepossessing, idle and artful. She became infatuated with him. He took advantage of her age and innocence. We say no more.

The deceased was named Mahlon Hutchinson Heberton. He was 23 years of age, rather tall, extremely well formed, remarkably full in the chest, was always dressed in the extreme of the fashion (corsetted, padded, &c., to a nicety) had dark hair, a brilliant and rakish eye, wore a moustache, carried a gold-headed cane, and was always accompanied by a small brown setter dog, with a collar upon which his (Heberton's) name was engraved in full.

He was the son of the late Dr. John C. Heberton, and was left a patrimony of no ordinary amount. He had squandered it almost entirely at the time of his death.

If rumor do not exult in his death, of his unfortunate victims is now an inmate of our House of Refuge, another up the day of his decease, while here and there about our city are indicated many who fell beneath the banishments of his person, wealth and deceitful tongue.

His widowed mother resides at No. 77 North Ninth Street, east side, first door below Cherry street, to which place his body was conveyed from Camden on Saturday afternoon, and from which it was buried at half past two o'clock on Monday.

He has living one single sister, still quite young, and a brother named George C. Heberton, also a youth, just graduated at Princeton College, now studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and of whom reports speak highly favorable. He has a number of other relatives to whom we need not allude.

The lady who brought about this catastrophe is the daughter of Thomas Mercer, a highly respectable gentleman in affluent circumstances, residing at No. 35 Queen street, Southwark. She is only 16 years of age.

The brother, who was the chief actor in this terrible drama, is named Singleton Mercer. From the fact of his having two cousins of that name, both of whom he closely resembles, he is frequently called *Half Mercer*—to which may be attributed our slight error on that point on Saturday. He is about 20 years of age; is a high-minded, amiable, enthusiastic, excitable, young man, and devotedly attached to his sisters and parents. Of course the disgrace inflicted upon the fame of his sister, preyed upon his mind, and drove him almost to frenzy.

As soon as Mercer had accomplished the desperate deed, he quietly gave himself up. 'Don't hurt me,' said he, 'I'll go with you.' Suddenly he started up in a frantic manner 'Ha! ha! ha!' cried he, 'let's have a fiddle! Now let's have a dance! ha! ha!' Then he in a moment became silent and stupid.

From this he was evidently insane, and we do hope he will obtain the immunity his unhappy state demands from the ministers of the law.

The jury at 20 minutes to 3 P. M. on Saturday, returned a verdict of wilful murder, under the hands of Singleton Mercer. At 11 o'clock, A. M., Mercer had a hearing before Justice Harrison. Ferdinand W. Hubbell, of this city, appeared as his counsel. Mr. Jeffrey of New Jersey, was his present. The Justice committed Mercer to Woodbury jail to answer the charge of murder in the first degree. About half past 12 o'clock, he left Camden in a private vehicle for Woodbury, accompanied by an officer, Mr. Hubbell, and one of his cousins.

Ladies' Companion. The February No. of this work is received at B.R.'s. It is a good number. The Embellishments consist of two Steel Engravings and a Fashion plate.

There are 57 convicts in the Maine Penitentiary. The institution paid over and above its expenses during the past year twelve hundred dollars.

A pin machine in Stafford, Conn., makes 86,000 pins in a day, all stuck in paper ready for sale.

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