

From Central America.

A late arrival from San Salvador furnishes the Courier with some further particulars of the dreadful earthquake in the Department of Cartago, of which mention was made a short time since.

The Three Jolly Husbands

Three jolly husbands out in the country by the name of Tim Watson, Joe Brown and Bill Walker, sat late one evening drinking at the village tavern, until being well corned, they agreed that each one on returning home should do the first thing his wife told him, in default of which he should the next morning pay the bill.



THE AMERICAN. Saturday, January 1, 1842.

We tender our acknowledgements to the Hon. John Snyder, for the President's Message and accompanying documents.

We have been requested to call the attention of the members of the Fire Companies to the notice of an intended meeting, in another column.

We refer our readers to several excellent articles on our first page. The sketch of Audubon, the American Ornithologist, is one of universal interest.

We have received a communication from a respected correspondent, over the signature of 'Jefferson,' who strongly recommends our Senator, Major Fleming, for the speakership of the Senate.

We have received the 'Leviathan New World,' and a most splendid sheet it is. It contains fifty fine hand-colored engravings, some of the best specimens of wood engravings that we ever saw.

In Congress, our member, Mr. Snyder, offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee on printing. Objection being made to its reception, it was refused.

The Pre-emption against the U. S. Bank officers was quashed. The Judges were unanimous.

The Yankee Farmer has been united with the Massachusetts Ploughman, an excellent agricultural paper published at Boston.

The following, we believe, is an accurate statement of the amount of Anthracite Coal mined and sent to market this season, from the different coal regions in Pennsylvania.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Locations include Schuylkill, Lehigh, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Pine Grove, Shamokin, Lykens Valley, and Total.

Master Humphrey's clock has stopped. The Dickens can only tell why. Probably he has only wound it up to set it going in some other quarter.

A writer in the Baltimore American, upon the subject of the Rail Road orders, winds up his arguments with a parody on the following well known lines of Pope:

To assert that all the benefits done to us by these orders have been unaccompanied by some evils, would be to ascribe to them powers and perfections which human inventions can never possess.

We are occasionally favored with some stray papers from Michigan, from which we learn that our editorial brethren of the West are not a whit behind their Eastern neighbors.

The imitable Boz himself, could have conceived nothing better to put into the mouths, or rather into the papers of his rival editors, for this certainly beats little Pegginton all hollow.

We hear that the editor of the Centreville Democrat threatens to take 'auld stumpie' out of the milk and water, and write our 'death warrant' with aquafortis, if we don't let him alone.

(alias gaubs of 'lasses candy.') Pull away, Jimmy, you little innocent; it is seldom that you put your dear pretty claws to a better or more harmless use.

The medical students of the different colleges at Philadelphia have held a meeting, made a report, and passed resolutions, condemning, in no measured terms, the conduct of the editors of the Philadelphia Chronicle and the Spirit of the Times.

The following is an extract from the report of the committee of students, together with the concluding resolutions passed by them:

It appears, on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., a party of Students visited the National Theatre, where they had previously engaged seats.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to enter further into the details of this affair, it being their object only to show that the Medical Students were not the aggressors, but were acting upon the defensive; the right man, if he possesses common sense, will deny.

Resolved, That the students of the Medical Colleges of this City regard the editors of the 'Time' and of the 'Chronicle,' with their correspondent 'Cassius,' as the organs and clues of a class of individuals, detested in mind, and freed from the restraint of moral principles.

Resolved, That the proceeding of this meeting be published in the United States Gazette, the Saturday Courier, and the Public Ledger.

Cornet Murphy who was convicted in Schuylkill county, of sending a challenge to Lieut. Munner, has been pardoned by the Governor.

Fanny Elsie has brought a libel suit against Park Benjamin, Esq., the editor of the New World, for saying, among many other naughty things, that she was a 'common prostitute.'

The Governor has respited the sentence of Thomas L. Shuster, convicted of the murder of his wife in Philadelphia, to the 27th of May next.

Gen. McKean died at his residence in Bradford county, on the 14th of Dec. last.

The expenses of the Militia System the last year amounted to \$33,000. The receipts for fines only about \$400.

The State of Illinois is in debt about thirteen millions of dollars. Her finished public works do not amount to more than twenty miles.

The Ethiopian editor of the Democrat is showing his spite by pulling out sandy whiskers,

The Madisonian says, that it now is for peace, inasmuch as Tyler has conquered the whigs. The Columbia brought upwards of 15,000 letters. A locomotive was to have run through from Reading to Pottsville on Tuesday last.

They have a pig in Huntingdon county with five heads and twenty legs. The Danville Democrat speaks in high terms of the eloquence of Mrs. Mott, a female preacher of the society of Quakers from Philadelphia, who held forth at that place last week.

Robert Tyler son of President is about to publish an epic poem entitled 'Abasuerus.' Cooper has promised the Brother Jonathan a last chapter on 'Home as found.'

The English papers announce the death of Chantry, the great English sculptor. The great spire of the cathedral at Strasburg, in Switzerland, is 474 feet high, and can be seen from a high hill near Heidelberg, a distance of ninety miles.

It is said there never before was so much beauty in Washington as this winter. Many members of Congress having brought their wives and pretty daughters with them.

The Mexicans say that the Texian expedition has fallen into their hands. Mr. Benton has given notice that he will introduce a bill to postpone the operation of the Bankrupt law until the 4th of July next.

Gen. Gaines has been arrested in Washington, for going to head quarters without orders. Wh'd be a General when he can be a financier, and do as he please.

We like to hear young ladies talk about not caring for their beaux, when their little hearts are almost ready to jump out of their mouths, at the approach of a certain Mr. Somebody.

An improvement has been made in canal boats, by the introduction of copper air trunks into the hull, which prevent the boats from sinking even when filled with water.

Our fair friends have been frequently admonished, in sober prose, of the evils incident to tight lacing, and all apparently to no purpose.

Musings by Crazy. Tune—'OFT IN THE STILL NIGHT.' Off in the still night, When stays no longer bound me, Other days were brought to light, When none were worn around me.

The smiles, the tears of by-gone years, Ere fastidious had spoken, The eyes that shone, now dimmed and gone, The constitution broken!

When I remember all, The friends thus laced together, I've seen around me fall, Like leaves in wintry weather.

I feel like one who stands alone, By strength and health deserted, Whose spirit fled, whose joys are dead And all but life departed.

No more I'll mourn, like one forlorn, Faith's bright pledge I've given, From corset gird I now stand clear, The cords this day are riven!!

The large populous, and in every point of view important Senatorial district, composed of the sterling Democratic counties Northumberland, Lycoming, Clinton and Centre, has never hitherto, in whole or in part, been honored with the Speaker in either branch of the Pennsylvania legislature.

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RESTITUTION.—Messrs. Wurts, Caldwell & Co., last evening, received through the Post Office, containing one hundred and twenty-five (125) dollars. All that was written in the letter was 'Profit and Loss, \$125.'

From the Baltimore American. TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, 1841. UNITED STATES SENATE. Gov. ARTHUR BAGBY, the new Senator from Alabama, appeared this morning, and took his seat, as the successor of the Hon. CLEMENS C. CLAY.

Documents, &c. Several documents were received from the Departments relating to the enumeration of the Census, the execution of the Pension Laws, the number of pensioners, &c.

A report was also received during the day giving the exports and imports of the first three quarters of the present year. The exports amount to \$121,000,000, and the imports to \$124,000,000 for the time.

Mr. WRIGHT of N. Y. presented a memorial from merchants and others of New York, praying the suspension of the operations of the Bankrupt Bill for two years from February next.

An exciting subject soon followed, before any important business was transacted, in the introduction, agreeably with previous notice, of Mr. Benton's Bill to postpone the operations of the Bankrupt Law, from February to July of 1842.

Mr. BENTON spoke at some length upon the occasion of introducing his Bill to the Senate, and dwelt upon the operations of the Bill of the Extra Session: He denied that it was constitutional within the meaning of the provision authorizing the act.

The time for the Bill to go into operation, the details of the Bill as it passed, &c., were also considered at length by Mr. Benton, when Mr. HENDERSON of Miss. rose and replied very briefly denying generally almost all the positions assumed, and promising to answer them in full when the Bill came up.

Mr. WRIGHT took exception to one remark in regard to what Mr. H. said of the petition presented to the Senate from New York, proposing to postpone the operation of the Bill for two years. He did not regard it as an argument at all adverse to the petition, but rather as in its favor.

Mr. CALHOUN closed the debate by expressing his opinion of the Bill in brief terms. He called it the most obnoxious measure, and so decidedly unconstitutional that hardly would admit of its being more so except by including Banks. In all but this he agreed in all that the Senator Mo. had advanced.

The debate here closed. During the day Mr. ALLEN introduced the following Resolution, which was adopted without opposition.

That the President inform the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, whether any communication has been received from the Government of Great Britain relative to the mutual right of search—Also to communicate the same to the Senate, and all correspondence in relation thereto, between the two Governments. The other business was without interest.

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This is not quite so bad as the misfortune that befel the young King of Arragon, in days long past, who, when returning one evening triumphant from the chase, and ordering his Major Dom to send his dinner, was refused on the ground that there were neither provisions in the palace, nor coin in the royal coffers wherewithal it might be procured.

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