

DANCING.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, recently in session at Philadelphia, adopted a resolution disapproving of dancing.

Dancing is universal. No race of men ever existed without it, and every race of men has regulated dancing, has connected it with some ceremony, made it symbolical of something.

This is the natural instinct, the natural propensity of dancing. God put it there, and both reason and revelation say that it should be regulated, not suppressed.

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We have seen Canary birds do the same thing in an aviary. This is natural dancing, and the chirping and singing are its natural music.

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Proceedings at Nauvoo.

Joe Smith has been somewhat quiet of late, but it must not be inferred from this that Mormonism is on the decline.

Phila. Public Ledger.

A New Invention.

Mr. E. M. Meader, for several years employed as a compositor in this city, has invented a new mode of locking up forms and galleys.

Sat. Museum.

ANTOUNDING RUMOR.—For a week past it has been whispered about in this city, that a draft drawn by the Mexican Government in favor of Sam Houston, President of Texas, for twenty-five thousand dollars, has been paid at the counter of one of the prominent commercial-houses in New-Orleans!

We learn further, that by the steamship New-York, which sailed on Monday evening for Galveston, information of such a character was transmitted to Texas as will leave scarcely the shadow of a doubt upon the minds of the people there, of the truth of the rumor, which was only whispered here.

FANNY KEMBLE BUTLER.—This lady, says the N. Y. Aurora, whose movements once shook the fashionable world to its centre, as the footsteps of Bonaparte, on his meteoric career, threw Europe into commotion, arrived in this country in the Caledonia last week, and has quietly taken lodging at the Astor, surrounded with her children, handboxes, husband, poodle dog, and other domestic incumbrances, quite like an ordinary mortal woman.

—Earthly things are but the transient pageant of an hour; and earthly bliss is like the passing flower. That springs to fall, and atonement BUY TO DIE.



THE AMERICAN.

Saturday, June 10, 1843.

We have on hand sixty reams of printing paper, similar in size and quality to the sheet upon which this is printed.

CANAL COMMISSIONER.—The Harrisburg papers contain the names of a number of candidates for the office of Canal Commissioner.

The several fire companies of this place had a handsome procession on Tuesday last, accompanied by the Sunbury band, on the occasion of testing the power and capacity of the new county Engine, the "WASHTON," built by Mr. John Agnew, of Philadelphia.

The Engine is of the third class, of plain exterior, but well and substantially built. She threw the water in height some twenty feet above the Court House steeple, and about one hundred and eighty feet one level.

The present board of Commissioners are entitled to the thanks of the community, for their liberal and enlightened views, in relation to this matter.

Money Matters.

Relief money has improved slightly since our last. The Penna. Bank recently destroyed \$87,000 of her issues.

Relief Notes of Penn Township, Moyamensing, Manufacturers and Mechanics, Lewistown, Berks county, Erie, Northampton, Towanda, Wilkes-barre and West Branch banks.

Pittsburg banks, Columbia Bridge Co., Farmers bank of Lancaster, 42a54 Pennsylvania bank, Mechanics bank of Philadelphia, Northern Liberties, Delaware county, Chester county, Germantown, and Farmers bank of Bucks county, par 5a54 Other Relief Notes.

Commodore Moore of the Texan Navy recently had an action with the Mexican squadron off Campeachy. The Mexicans, with their steamers and heavy guns, had a decided advantage in that respect.

Those 58 pound balls are tremendous missiles, and the way they did whistle or rather hum over our heads, was a caution, I tell you. They fired a great many over the poop where I was standing, and several of them were disposed to be rather too intimate.

A fisherman came in this afternoon, and said that he had been along side of the Guadalupe to-day, and that she had forty-seven men killed and thirty wounded; he also said that nearly all the men were on board the Guadalupe for the purpose of boarding this ship; which, by the way, they had a fair chance of doing, for, during the four hours fight, we chased them not less than twelve or fourteen miles.

E. W. MOORE.

The sale of the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canal has been postponed. The Commissioners met at Philadelphia on the 1st, inst., and opened their books for the subscription of stock at the Exchange, but such was the tumult and rush for the stock, that they were obliged to adjourn, and after holding a meeting among themselves, the majority finally resolved to refer the whole matter back to the next legislature.

We have always thought it had policy to sell the Public Works, and were especially surprised when the last legislature authorized the sale of one of the best divisions, at less than half its real value.

The Philadelphia Ledger gives the following account of the scene: "The works which are here to be disposed of for \$1,600,000, in State stock, now selling at 50, are said to have cost the Commonwealth nearly two and a half millions. The price fixed being pronounced greatly below their worth, the liberal provisions of the law which requires no money down, afforded fine play for speculators and their bullocks.

ther Bank stocks, some eight or ten years ago. The doors of the room occupied by the Commissioners were besieged some time before the hour fixed for opening, and notwithstanding police officers were in attendance, it was found impossible to preserve order, or to prevent the crowd from pressing into the room.

The crowd slowly dispersed, though many of the more determined held their positions near the door of the Commissioner's room, until three o'clock came. At this hour the crowd was very great, filling the rotunda of the Exchange from side to side, and all the disgraceful exhibitions of the morning, with considerable addition, was re-enacted.

The progress of Repeal in Ireland has assumed an alarming aspect. The British Ministry have threatened to put down the repealers by force of arms, if necessary.

I wish to state that I have every reason to believe, I may add that I know, that every Catholic bishop in Ireland, without an exception, is an ardent Repealer.

His Lordship proceeded.—I know that virtually you all have reason to believe that the bishops of Ireland were Repealers, but I have now again formally to announce to you that they have all declared themselves as such, and that from shore to shore we are now all Repealers.

Mr. O'Connell.—That is the best news I ever heard. (Cheers.) His Lordship proceeded.—Perhaps I should confine myself to these observations as far as the body is concerned to which I have the honor to belong; but I cannot sit down without repeating also to the means which that body would have, and would be determined to exert, in case that foolish minister who presides over the fated destinies of our country would have dared to put his throat into execution. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) For one day I will retire to our chapels, and we will suspend all other instruction, in order to devote all our time in teaching the people to be Repealers in spite of them. (Cheers.) If they treat our temples and mix our people with spies, we will prepare our people for the circumstances; and if they bring us for that to the scaffold, in dying for the cause of our country, we will bequeath our wrongs to our successors. (The entire assembly here rose and continued cheering in the most enthusiastic manner for several minutes.) Let them try that experiment, if they will. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) They are too keen—they are determined to go on with their insidiousness—to give us even fair play at dying for our country. (Renewed peals of applause.) No, they would not do it; and, therefore, I am justified in saying that the bishops of Ireland and the people who co-operate with them, despise all human ingenuity, and all the malignity of British councils, have within their grasp the power to counteract their designs, and to carry out repeal in spite of every possible resistance. (Loud cheers.) I am but an humble man—I am nothing—I not only belong to the people, but—and I am proud to claim it to you—I belong to the very humblest class of the people. (Cheers.) I do speak it with pride, for to no aristocrat on earth do I owe anything, save the unbounded contempt that I have for the whole class. (Defeating shouts of applause.) Gentlemen, there are many of the body which I believe is justly called reverend, and to which I have the honor and consolation of belonging—(hear, hear, and cheers)—many of them prevented from being here and at other important meetings from infirmity, unavoid-

able official duties, and others are on the bed of sickness; but I believe I may speak officially, and without exaggeration say, that not only are they Repealers, but that they participate with ardor in every sentiment that has fallen from me." (Cheers.)

MISCELLANY.

Editorial, Condensed and Selected. One hundred and twenty miles of Croton water pipes are now laid in the city of New York.

A cotton factory has been established at Louisville. The sum of \$25,000 has been raised in Boston, to purchase a telescope, &c.

A gentleman in Brownsville, Pa., recently shot 31 out of 60 successive shots in a 61 inch bull's eye, at a distance of one hundred and seventy-five yards, off hand.

Mrs. Emma Willard, formerly of the Troy Seminary, has been divorced from her husband, Dr. Yates.

The Rev. Dr. Ely has declined the call of a Church in Washington City.

A white swan was shot near Mukwanago, Wisconsin, by Mr. J. Colburn, which stands five feet high, and measures seven feet eleven inches between the tip of its wings.

A correct measurement of the depth of snow that has fallen at Northampton since Nov. 24, 1842, makes on a level, 9 feet 3 inches.

The father of Senator Wright, of New York, died in Vermont on the 13th ult.

Two white men were sold under the sanction of law, at Spartanburg, South Carolina, on the 4th inst. They brought 6 cents each.

There was a shower of fish at Pittsburg on Wednesday night, during a thunder storm.—The Chronicle states that several were an inch and a half in length.

A gentleman of a mercantile house in Charlestown, Mass., has gone out to London to establish an agency in that city for the sale of Fresh Pond Ice.

A slave, the property of John Enders, of Richmond, Va., was tried on the 23d ult. in that city, for stealing a box of tobacco, found guilty, and sentenced to be hung on the last Friday of this month.

The Pittsburg Gazette says that a steamboat arrived at that city on the 26th, having on board \$250,000, belonging to the Santa Fe Trading Company. It will probably be exchanged for Pittsburg manufactures.

Rich Sauce.—The wealthy Mr. Arkwright, who recently died in England, worth 35,000,000 of dollars, once invited his children to a Christmas dinner, and under each one's plate was found a Bank of England note for a hundred thousand pounds!

August 29, 1782, the Royal George, 108 guns, sunk at Portsmouth, England, while careening. A number of officers, and from 900 to 1000 persons perished, of whom 300 were women and children.

The Tremont Theatre was sold at Boston for \$55,000, exclusive of the properties and gas fixtures, to the Rev. Mr. Colver's Baptist Society, and we understand it will be forthwith occupied as a place of public worship.

The late Mr. Louillard of New York, is said to have left an estate of \$1,000,000.

The debt of New York city is \$12,731,518 33—of which \$11,258,524 is water stock.—There are also in addition, contingent liabilities for which the city is indemnified, amounting to \$710,162 24.

The Boston Advertiser says the report is true that the great cotton manufactories of Lowell and other parts of New England have sold out their heavy stocks, slick and clean, and are now working on contracts.

The Sheriff of New York has, it is stated, been announced to appear before the Governor on the 6th inst., and show cause why he should not be removed for malfeasance in office.

The Supreme Court is now in session at Harrisburg. Among the important questions which are likely to come up, is a rule on the State Treasurer, to show cause why he does not pay Judge Hephurn, of Carlisle, his salary under the law of 1840, increasing the salaries of Judges, and one upon the Canal Commissioners, to show by what authority they possess the right to grant an exclusive monopoly in the carriage of passengers over the Philadelphia and Columbia rail road.

Sat. Museum.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—We have authority which we deem unquestionable for the fact that England and France, as well as the United States, have recognized the independence of the Sandwich Islands. The late capture of them, therefore, is a thing to be taken back as fast as possible.

N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

DEATH IN A COURT ROOM.—Mr. Tupper a lawyer in Mississippi, killed a man named Elliston in the court house of Madison county, in that State—the judge being at the time on the bench, and the court in session. It appears that Tupper was counsel in a case in which Elliston was a witness for the opposing party. Tupper in his cross-examination gave offence to Elliston, who left the court house, swearing he would kill Tupper if he mentioned his name. The witness returned to the court room with a hickory stick, cut short, so as to be convenient. Mr. Tupper commenced the argument of the case, and whilst alluding to the testimony, Elliston, who had taken a seat immediately behind him, struck him several severe blows on the head. Tupper fell forward, and as he recovered laid hold of a sword-cane, which he had placed in front of him. He recovered sufficiently to lay hold of his assailant by the collar, and plunged the sword into his heart, which killed him almost instantly. Tupper has since been tried and acquitted by an examining court.—Public Ledger.

From the Phil. Ledger. LATEST FROM TEXAS.

The New Orleans papers of the 26th ult. have intelligence from Galveston to the 24th ult. A meeting of the citizens of Galveston was held on the 20th ult., at which resolutions were adopted, lauding the conduct of Commodore Moore for obeying his government, as a chivalrous, and almost reckless devotion to his country; that his recent action with the Mexicans is equal, in importance, to the victory of San Jacinto; that Col. James Morgan, by giving his previously avowed sanction to the naval expedition, by way of Yucatan, has acted nobly for his country, honorably for himself, justly towards a brave and meritorious officer, and deserves the lasting gratitude of his country. The meeting also deplores the unfortunate misconception of facts, and misrepresentation of circumstances which prompted to the issue of the late proclamation; and expresses a respectful hope that the Executive will find reason to revoke it.

The tone of the Texan press is somewhat more moderate in its remarks upon the Executive proclamation against Com. Moore. Many of the war journals concur in regarding the proclamation as ill-judged, but none attempt to justify the disobedience of orders which produced it.

By the arrival of one of the Campeachy gun-boats at Galveston on the 17th ult, with despatches for the Government, the Civilian has been put in possession of private letters from both Col. Morgan and the Commodore, dated the 10th ult. The latter says, in his own justification, he had pledged himself and his government to appear off Campeachy and attack the Mexican squadron at the earliest possible day. It was his determination to have appeared off Galveston, and reported the condition of the vessels to the Department, and the reason of his not having done so, is, that Col. Morgan, who is one of the commissioners to carry out the secret act of Congress, (not one section or word of which Moore says he had himself seen,) informed him that he had the power, as commissioner, to take the responsibility. He also says he had assumed tremendous responsibilities to keep inviolate, so far as the Navy was concerned, the faith of Texas, and that the orders he had received it was impossible to execute.

Col. Morgan, in his letter, takes all the responsibility of Moore's act. He says—

"If I have swerved from my orders or duty in any way, by taking the Mexican coast on our way to Galveston, it was for the benefit of my adopted country—for which I have risked my life and am perfectly willing to lose it provided I can only see her free and at peace with the world. Com. Moore could not and would not have proceeded to this coast without any sanction; indeed, we were bound direct to Galveston, but for the information we received at the Balize on our way out, which was of such a character as to cause me to believe that the Government would have reflected upon me, under all the circumstances, if I had not done so.

"The fact is, that we have done more to humble the pride of Mexico in this expedition, and have caused her more real injury, than any and every expedition sent against her before—besides breaking the charm of the great humbug Pahlaxians! That Ampudia was arranging to concentrate all the Mexican forces in Yucatan, and transport them direct to Texas, there can be no doubt. They had about 6,000 troops in Yucatan—2,000 of whom had capitulated, under Barragan and Lemus, near Merida, and Ampudia was disposed to treat with the Yucatecos, finding that he could not subdue them. Then, with the troops that were to join him at Vera Cruz and Tampico—some 700 or 800—he might have given Texas some trouble on the coast, while troops might be marched in by land to annoy our border again—all of which our expedition has frustrated beyond doubt, for Barragan and Lemus cannot now get away according to capitulation and will have to surrender at discretion. Ampudia's troops are deserting every hour as fast as they can get off: I see them coming in constantly; and every one (of Lemus and Barragan's party) that can make his peace with the Indians, is likewise deserting—so that you may put down the 5,000 troops at Yucatan as nothing—their fleet worse than useless, and if we catch one or both the steamers, you shall soon hear something more pleasing."

The Texas papers are still urging arguments in favor of the mediation of foreign powers, for the establishment of peace between Texas and Mexico.

A STRANGE PREDICTION.—The Lancaster Examiner says "the June snow is said to have been lying upon the prophesy, some years since, of Lorenzo Dow, who said that in 1843 the e would be no King in England, no President in the United States, and snow in June!" If Lorenze made such a prediction, events since his death have proved him to be a much better prophet than Father Miller, and the latter will have to yield the palm of honor. If the prediction was made, it is a "singular coincidence," that just at this time Queen should be upon the throne of England, Vice President should be performing the duties of President, and that it should snow in June, though it has frequently done so before.

IMPORTANT CANAL MOVEMENT.—We hear by the Erie (Pa.) Observer that the citizens of that place had a meeting on Thursday of last week, and subscribed sufficiently to the stock of the Company chartered to complete the Canal from Pittsburg to that place to secure the prosecution of the work. This is a decisive step, and right heartily do we rejoice therefor. For fifteen years the State has been fitfully engaged in constructing this work, has expended enough to complete it, and yet it is half done. Now the State, despairing of raising the funds to complete it, has relinquished the Canal to the citizens of the West on condition that they finish it. We trust they will speedily do so. Erie, especially, has waited for this work, until 'hope deferred' has made 'the heart sick.' Let it be completed, and it will rapidly take rank among the large commercial marts of the Western Lakes. Saturday Museum.