

Value of Newspapers.

It is said that the father of an interesting family near Detroit, Mich., not long since stopped the only newspaper which he allowed himself or family, and solely on the ground that he could not afford the expense.

Exchange paper.

No wonder then he is stupid enough to discontinue his newspaper. His torpid tobacco ridden brain, must leathe intellectual ailment as much as a sea sick man does pork.

Parents are not aware of the vast importance of a newspaper in a family of children. We have made the remark before, and we repeat it, that take two families of children equally smart, and both going to the same school.

Harrisburg Telegraph.

PRINTERS' OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.—A thousand such accounts, at ten dollars each, amount to ten thousand dollars—a handsome sum these times, were it all collected.

PERPETUAL MOTION.—There is a clock maker in Charleston, Mr. Stein, who has almost discovered perpetual motion. He some time since constructed a clock that ran for one year, without winding up.

MR. STEIN IS WORKING AT PRESENT at a clock, which is moved by a spring and can also be propelled by weight; it has only four wheels and its mechanism is very simple.

THE PROPHET IN A NEW CHARACTER.—Joe Smith the Mormon leader, has opened a Hotel at Nauvoo. The following odd resolutions, among others, were passed at the opening, on the 3d ult.

Resolved, Gen. Joseph Smith, whether we view him as a Prophet at the head of the Church, as General at the head of the Legion, a Mayor at the head of the City Council, or as a Landlord at the head of his table, he has few equals and no superior.

Resolved, Nauvoo, the great Emporium of the West, the centre of all centres; a city of three years' growth, a population of 18,000 souls, (!) congregated from the four quarters of the Globe, (!!) embracing all the intelligence of all nations, (!!!) with industry, frugality, economy, virtue, and brotherly love, unsurpassed in any age of the world, a suitable home for the saints (!!!)

THE CONDITION OF PARIS.—A French anti-Ministerial Journal thus describes the condition of Paris:—"The following is the aspect of the capital of the civilized world at the approach of a winter which may become disastrous.

OSTERS AND OSTRICHES.—It is true; most veritable. A friend tells us that in passing through the archade a few evenings since, he overheard the following conversation between two individuals, one of whom was evidently a stranger from the woods.

STRONG INDUCEMENT.—An individual whose trade is office-begging, writes to a friend of the same profession the following letter:—"You had better come out to Sangamon county, Ill., for almighty mean men get offices here."

LOOK ALOFT.—Some years ago, Dr. Goodman of Philadelphia, (now deceased,) related that in a voyage to sea in early life, he had seen a lad who had just begun to be a sailor, going out to some projecting part of the rigging. His arms were supported by a spar, and he was looking below him for a rope which ran across, on which his feet, should be.

STRANGE IF TRUE.—A party of gentlemen from the Southern settlements, a short time since, on their way to this place, were short of provisions, and fortunately discovered two bears with their cubs. A fire was commenced upon the younger branches, and they were both wounded—but the old ones assisted them off, running by their sides, and stopping occasionally at pine trees, from whence they were seen to tear off some bark.

REVERSING THE SEASONS.—A company with a capital of 25,000,000 francs, is about being established in Paris for the purpose of forming a very large and extensive covered garden. The plants, shrubs and flowers of the temperate and torrid zones will be introduced, and the air of the garden heated in such a manner as to allow them to bloom and blossom the whole year.

OREGON INDIANS.—The Oregon Indians believe in the doctrine of metempsychosis. The present race of beasts, birds reptiles and fish were men who once inhabited this earth. These they suppose still to retain their peculiar language which they can impart to those people into whom they may pass.

WOODEN CLOCKS.—With all the many cute tricks of the Yankee pedlar of small notions, whoever was cheated in the purchase of a real Connecticut wooden clock! In what country or climate, from the Rocky Mountains to the Himalayah, not forgetting the celestial empire, do not their whiz and chime proclaim the greatness of these United States?

CURRAN HAD A SAYING, which seems to us the key of much of our political speaking:—"When you cannot talk sense, talk metaphor."



THE AMERICAN. Saturday, Nov. 18, 1843.

FOR SALE.—A fresh supply of printing paper, viz: 100 reams similar in size and quality to the sheet on which this is printed.

V. B. PALMER, Esq., at his Real Estate and Coal office, No. 59 Pine Street, Philadelphia, authorized to act as Agent, and to receive and receipt for all monies due this office, for subscription or advertising.

There will be preaching in the Methodist Church, in this place, on Sunday evening the 19th inst., by the Rev. Mr. BALDWIN, agent of the Bible Society.

THE ELECTIC AND MUSEUM OF FOREIGN LITERATURE.—The November number of this excellent periodical contains a rich variety of selections from the Foreign periodicals.

MR. WEBSTER made another of his great speeches at Andover, Mass., last week. He declares himself in favor of a National Bank, and Protection. The speech is rather a tame affair made up in great part of extracts from his former speeches, and smoothes down some of the unpalatable things in his Faneuil Hall speech.

MICHAEL WALSH, the Subterranean leader, has been sentenced, in the city of New York, on four indictments for libel, on one of which he is sent to the Penitentiary for two months.

GLAD TO SEE IT.—The publication of HAZARD'S UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL AND STATISTICAL REGISTER, will be resumed on the first of January next. It is a very valuable and useful work, and should not, we think, be permitted to languish for the want of support.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.—The law requires that members of the House of Representatives shall be elected by single districts, yet New Hampshire, Missouri, Georgia, and Mississippi have elected their several delegations by general ticket.

DEATH WARRANT.—Gov. Thomas has signed the death warrant of William S. Christie, convicted of murder in Allegany county court, Md. He is to be executed on Friday the 24th inst., at 2 o'clock.

DEATH OF CLEVELAND, THE SCULPTOR.—This promising young Artist died on his homeward passage, at sea, the 28th of September, on board the ship Duc d'Orleans, while coming from Leghorn to New York. He was an American by birth, and had left this country for the purpose of studying the old masters and perfecting himself in his profession.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PASS.—Lieutenant Tremont, of the U. S. Army, in his recent explorations under the orders of the Government, has discovered a pass in the Rocky Mountains, almost in a direct line from the North Western angle of Missouri to the valley of the Columbia River. It can be approached from the mouth of the Sweet Water.

FATHER MATTHEW.—This celebrated Advocate of Temperance, lately stated in London, that he had received letters from the Magistracy of Liverpool and Manchester, where 140,000 persons had taken the pledge, stating that already an immense diminution of crime had taken place.

EMPEROR NICHOLAS.—As the Emperor was passing through Posen, on the 19th of September last, a shot was fired through the carriage containing the aide-de-camp, without doing any injury. It was supposed to have been an attempt upon the Emperor's life, but it was not ascertained whether the shot was by accident or design.

GEOGRAPHY OF PENNSYLVANIA, by Charles B. Trego, Esq., &c.—We have perused this most excellent work with pleasure, as well as profit. It is a vast storehouse of useful information, admirably arranged; and ought to be in the hands of every citizen, and made a text book in our common schools.

Perhaps, of all subjects, our citizens neglect none so much, as an intimate acquaintance with the statistics of their own State. How few among us know the extent of our manufacturing industry—or the value of our quarries, our mines, and other mineral resources, that stamp Pennsylvania with the character of wealth, for ages to come!

The Newark Advertiser says—"It is confidently said that letters have been received at Washington from our charge (Gen. Murphy,) representing that he has in his hands copies of the alleged correspondence between President Houston and certain British representatives.

The New Orleans papers of the 21st inst. also have a rumour of an angry interview between the British Minister and the American Consul at Galveston, in relation to British projects.

A singular case has been trying lately in the New York Court of Chancery. A gay young heiress, just passed the joyous age of away sixteen, falls in love with a young limb of the law, a student whom she met at a ball, and is persuaded by him to pay a visit to a neighboring parson.

EMIGRANTS TO LIBERIA.—Alluding to the embarkation of 80 colored emigrants to Liberia, the Baltimore Clipper says that of the number, 30 were manumitted by the Rev'd. Henry Goodwin, a Protestant Episcopal clergyman, residing in Charles county. This gentleman was present on the occasion, and manifested the greatest interest in their behalf.

SHANTELL.—The militia law of Rhode Island does not except females from performing militia duty, and several have been arrested and confined for disobeying said law. In this respect Rhode Island is some centuries behind the enlightened spirit of the age.

MISCELLANY. Editorial, Condensed and Selected. A shock of an earthquake was felt in Maysville, Ky., on Sunday night week, about 10 o'clock.

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The Iron Trade of Pennsylvania. Mr. Editor.—As Pennsylvania possesses, in the greatest abundance, all the elements for becoming the chief seat of the iron trade of America, it is greatly to be regretted that a want of due enterprise is but too perceptible among the manufacturers of that great staple.

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