

Terrible Steamboat Explosion.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY PERSONS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

The Louisville Morning Courier of the 21th ult., furnishes the following account of a most heart-rending catastrophe:—

It is with feelings the most acute and painful that we record the following fearful disaster, and the loss of so many valuable lives.

The steamboat Lucy Walker, Capt. Vann, left this place for New Orleans yesterday, crowded with passengers. When about four or five miles below New Albany, and just before sunset, some part of her machinery got out of order, and the engine was stopped in order to repair it.

While engaged in making the necessary repairs, the water in the boilers got too low; and about five minutes after the engine had ceased working, her three boilers exploded with tremendous violence, and a horrible and terrific effect.

The explosion was upwards, and that part of the boat above the boilers was blown into thousands of pieces.

The U. S. snag boat Gopher, Captain L. B. Dunham, was about two hundred yards distant at the time of the explosion. Captain Dunham was immediately on the spot, rescuing those in the water, and with his crew rendering all the aid in his power.

To him we are indebted for most of our particulars. He informs us that the Lucy Walker was in the middle of the river, and such was the force of the explosion, that parts of the boilers and the boat were thrown on shore. Just after the explosion, the air was filled with human beings and fragments of human beings.

One man was blown up fifty yards, and fell with such force as to go entirely through the deck of the boat. Another was cut entirely in two by a piece of the boiler. We have heard of many such heart-rending and sickening incidents.

Before Captain Dunham reached the place where the Lucy Walker was, he saw a number of persons who had been thrown into the river, down. He, however, saved the lives of a large number of persons by throwing them boards and ropes, and pulling them on his boat with hooks.

Immediately after the explosion, the ladies' cabin took fire, and before it had been consumed, she sunk in 12 or 15 feet water.

This is presented the remarkable circumstance of a boat exploding, burning, and sinking, all in the space of a few minutes. The screams and exclamations of the females, and those who were not killed, is represented as having been distressing and awful.

We believe none of the females on board were injured—some however may have been drowned. The books of the boat were destroyed, and of course it will be impossible ever to ascertain the names of or the number of those killed.

There were at least fifty or sixty persons killed and missing, and fifteen or twenty wounded—some seriously. Captain Dunham left the wrecked at New Albany, all of whom were kindly and well cared for by the hospitable and humane citizens of that town.

The following are the names of the dead, missing and wounded, so far as we have been able to learn them:

KILLED AND MISSING.—Gen. J. W. Pegrum, of Richmond, Va.; Samuel M. Brown, Post Office Agent of Lexington, Ky.; J. R. Cornick, of Virginia; Chas. Bonne, of Louisville; Philip Wallis, formerly of Baltimore; Rebecca, daughter of A. J. Foster, of Greenville, Va.; James Vanderberg, of Louisville; Mr. Hughes, formerly of Lexington, Ky.; Mr. Matlock, of New Albany, engineer of the steamboat Mizeppa.

Nicholas Ford, formerly of this city; David Vann, the captain; Moses Kirby, pilot; second mate, second clerk, second engineer, bar-keeper and three deck hands, names unknown. Four negro freemen.

WOUNDED.—W. H. Peebles, very badly hurt; Mr. Raines, of Va., do; the first engineer do; Captain Thompson, pilot, arms fractured; Mr. Roberts, of Philadelphia, slightly hurt.

It is supposed that John N. Johnson and Richard Philips, were on board—if so, they are lost.

The boat was owned by Capt. Vann, of Arkansas, and was insured.

A LITTLE SPECULATION.—General Thomas Thumb is the present rage of England. Multitudes flock to see him. His managers have already made \$50,000 by him.

Maj. Noah, in one of his walks through Broadway lately, met Madame Restell, of infamous notoriety, flaunting in silks and satins. He thus moralizes on the occasion:

"It was very now sentencing that woman to the penitentiary. I had prepared an address, so true, so painful, so impressive, that it would have melted the heart of even a slayer of innocents—but her lawyer stayed proceedings by a bill of exceptions, and now she nearly rides over one of her judges, tosses up her beautiful head, and says in effect, behold the triumph of virtue! Instead of a lincey woolsey petticoat—a boddicer of the same cloth, fitted closely to her beautiful form, her lap filled with oakum, and her tapering fingers tipped with tar—she is gloriously attired in rich silks and laces; towers above her sex in a splendid carriage, snags her fingers at the law and all its pains and penalties, and cries out for new victims and more gold. Can that woman sleep!"

"The day of retribution must arrive, and fearful will be its reckoning."

FORGIVENESS.—A deaf and dumb person being asked "what is forgiveness?" took a pencil and wrote a reply, containing a volume of the most exquisite poetry, as well as deep truth, in these few words: "It is the odour which flowers yield when trampled upon."

AFFECTIONATE.—My dear, you are not the woman I took you to be.

"But my dear, you are the man I took you to be. Go and nurse that child this minute, or I'll"



We have delayed our paper one day, for the purpose of giving the returns of the election.

ELECTION RETURNS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

The following table exhibits the vote of this county, in 1840, for Van Buren and Harrison, and the vote in 1844 for Shunk and Market and Polk and Clay, in parallel columns. It will be useful for reference:—

TOWNSHIPS AND BOROUGHS.	VAN BUREN	HARRISON	SHUNK	MARKET	POLK	CLAY
Sunbury	100	99	132	98	146	100
Augusta	287	127	391	157	299	161
Shamokin	254	77	241	101	296	111
Northumberland	129	69	135	75	133	68
Point	98	42	108	59	105	52
*Turbut	460	274	87	102	79	101
Lewis			211	79	208	72
Delaware			225	155	212	150
Milton	96	164	123	161	117	163
Chillisqueague	130	129	161	125	161	117
Rush	113	48	163	67	164	65
Coal	92	55	100	29	103	25
Up Mahoning	187	6	189	11	297	13
Lower do.	30	177	36	261	60	180
Little do.	19	23	21	25	29	25
Jackson	173	79	162	75	191	87
	2189	1351	2384	1498	2442	1493
	1351		1498		1493	
MAJORITIES	838		886		950	

*Turbut has been divided into three townships since 1840. Lewis and Delaware are the townships taken off Turbut.

† Estimated.

‡ The returns of yesterday's election, for this county, will be found in the last two columns of the above table.

THE ELECTION RETURNS.—We made arrangements to have the returns from all the districts of this county brought to this place, by express, last night, but on account of the length of time required to count off the names of the 60 electors, they did not all reach here until 6 o'clock this morning. Polk's majority in this county is 950, which will not vary ten votes from the official result. In a day or two we shall know the result in the state. The vote will prove to be very close.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.—We have received returns from four townships in this county. Mahoning has given Clay a majority of 3; Valley, Polk, 30; Liberty, Polk, 119; Franklin, Clay, 9. Mahoning, where the whigs have an increased vote since the Governor's election, Polk received Shunk's vote.

Now, as the elections are over, we shall be enabled to give our readers a greater variety of matter than we have been able to do of late. Most of them, no doubt, will be heartily glad of the change. For the last three months the whole country has been agitated from one extreme to the other, with politics.

For the next five or six weeks the principle topic of interest will be the election returns, as they come in from the different states. Pennsylvania and Ohio led off yesterday, Nov. 1st, most of the other States vote on Monday the 4th.

ANOTHER POLE.—A correspondent from the Bear Gap, in a letter to us, dated Oct. 26th, 1844, states that a splendid pole was raised by the young Poke men of that place, in front of the house of Asper Adams, on Tuesday previous, with proper inscriptions on the streamer. Shamokin is always right side up.

We have been informed that an express will be run from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, with the election returns, which will run through Harrisburg on Sunday, and arrive at Philadelphia the same evening. From thence, we presume, it will be carried to New York in six hours, and the result of the election in this State will appear in the New York papers of Monday morning next, the day before the election is held in that state.

The result in this State, whatever it may be, is supposed to have an important effect upon our neighboring states, New York and New Jersey. The election in New Jersey also commences on Tuesday and will last two days.

ARKANSAS ELECTION.—The returns from Arkansas show a decided increase for the democrats. Drew, the regular democratic candidate for Governor, is elected by a maj. 2,909 of over Gibson, (whig,) notwithstanding there were two democratic candidates in the field.

Gideon B. Smith states in the National Intelligencer, that he has discovered a certain cure for the whooping cough. He refuses to make the matter public, but will furnish enough for a patient for \$1.

To Newspaper Delinquents.—The last Madisonian contains the following rather significant announcement. We "go in" for paying printers ourselves:—

"We have a most abusive letter from an ex-subscriber charging us with getting him turned out of office because he would not pay his subscription!" Mr. — is informed that when we detected his purpose to swindle us we did all in our power to have him "turned out"—That he has been "turned out" we are most happy to learn. Gen. Jackson used invariably to "turn out" men, whether high in office or low, for swindling newspaper printers; and we trust every President we shall have, whether Democrat or Whig, will keep up the practice."

THE GREAT BRITAIN STEAMSHIP is on the eve of being relieved from her confinement in the Bristol dock.

THE EFFECTIVE MILITARY FORCE in Ireland on the 1st inst., including cavalry, infantry and artillery, was 26,000 men.

PRICES OF LADIES' SHAWLS.—The Evening Mirror says that at a sale of India Shawls, on Thursday, by Messrs. Foster & Livingston, several shawls sold as high as \$650 and \$600; others at \$400, \$300, &c.

Suspension from the Ministry—Important.

The following document was sent by the House of Bishops to the Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and by him transmitted to our office for publication. It tells its own melancholy story, and needs no comment from us.

The act of discipline which it announces wipes off from the escutcheon of the diocese the stain by which it has of late been sullied. But let us never forget that the individual who is the subject of it was once our Bishop; and we trust that while he lives, prayer will not cease to be offered up that his deep degradation in the Church on earth, may be followed by that repentance which shall prepare him for a home and a brighter destiny in the Church above.

Sentence of Suspension passed upon the Right Reverend Henry Ustie Onderdonk, Doctor in Divinity by the House of Bishops, in General Convention assembled, Oct. 21st, 1844.

The Rt. Reverend Henry Ustie Onderdonk, Doctor in Divinity, having acknowledged himself the cause of reproach and injury to the Church, and having submitted himself to the judgment of the House of Bishops, in General Convention assembled; the said House does hereby adjudge, that the said Henry Ustie Onderdonk, Doctor in Divinity, be suspended from all public exercise of the office and functions of the sacred ministry, and in particular from all exercises whatsoever of the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God; and does accordingly suspend the said Henry Ustie Onderdonk, Doctor in Divinity, and declare him suspended from and after the 21st day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, from all public exercise of the office and functions of the said ministry, and from all exercise whatsoever of the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

AMEN.

PHIL CHASE, Senior Bishop, Episcopal Recorder, Oct. 25.

Another Locomotive Explosion.—The Reading Gazette states that another explosion occurred on the Railroad, near Port Clinton, a few days ago, under precisely similar circumstances with the one which occasioned the disastrous loss of life on the 2nd of September last, and which Dr. Lardner, in a very laborious report attributed to the effect of lightning. The engine had taken in its supply of water, and had a heavy pressure of steam, when the engineer discovered, by a peculiar hissing, that an explosion was about to take place, and at once leaped from it and passed down the embankment. He had scarcely done so, when the engine exploded, scattering the machinery in all directions. Very fortunately, no one was injured. An examination of the cause, attributes the explosion to the weakness of the stays across the fire box, being too light to bear the pressure of steam required. The engine was built by Mr. Baldwin, and had previously worked well. The company have taken measures to examine all their engines, and guard against the future accidents from the same cause.

Shocking Accident.—The Wilkesbarre (Pa.) Advocate has the following account:—

Mr. Jacob Kutz, and Mr. George W. Carmer, both of this borough, were out on a hunting excursion, in the township of Plymouth. In climbing a fence, Mr. Kutz fell and injured his arm. Mr. Joseph Keller repaired to the place with his wagon, for the purpose of removing Mr. Kutz to his home. After placing him in the wagon, Mr. Carmer took hold of the muzzle of a gun that was standing by the side of the wagon, to lift it in, and in pulling it over the wheel, the gun was discharged, the contents entering below his chin and passing up into his head. He instantly fell down in the wagon, a corpse.

A Man Torn to Pieces by a Horse.—A man named Murphy, on Monday, was killed by a stallion near Kill county, Waterford. The man was turning off the high road into the field, to make a short cut, though advised to turn back, or else he might be killed by a wild horse he should have to pass. Fatally for himself he tried the "forbidden ground." In four hours after, his body was found torn to pieces. The horse's hoofs and mouth were encrusted with the blood of his victim.

A Pittsburger Robbed and Nearly Murdered.—The Pittsburg Spirit of the Age says Mr. Hill A. Smith, of that city, was robbed on board the steamboat Fulton that left there on Tuesday last, by Dr. Tappan, of Steubenville, a son of Senator Tappan, of Ohio. Mr. Smith had just written a letter to his wife, and while in the act of sealing it, he observed Tappan in his state room with his money in his possession, and in a struggle to recover it from Tappan, the latter threw it overboard, and shot Smith in the shoulder Mr. Smith bled very much, and is seriously, but not dangerously wounded. Tappan was arrested and is now in Steubenville jail.

An Omnibus in New York, on Tuesday evening, was driven by accident right into a dry-good store. The omnibus was full of passengers, who were thus made "to go shopping" without inquiry. Shocking.

Wanted to Die.—A lunatic in Paris, who had been lately discharged as cured, laid himself in the way of a heavily laden wagon, which passed over him and crushed him to death.

The South Carolina Senators.—The Hamburg (S. C.) Journal says the Hon. Messrs. Geo. McDuffie and D. E. Huger, will continue to hold the seats they fill in the Senate.

U. S. Senator Elected.—Samuel S. Phelps has been re-elected United States Senator for the next six years, by the Legislature of Vermont.

Earthquake in Western New York.

On Tuesday morning last a very perceptible shock of an earthquake was experienced in the town of Alden, Albion, Alexander, Attica, Batavia, Bethany, Darien and Elba.

A gentleman from Albion states that about 8 o'clock in the morning, while he was at breakfast, something seemed to strike the side of the house, jarring it all over, rattling the dishes on the table. The sound then passed on with a deep rumbling noise like a car passing over a railroad.

At the west end of the town, a large brick house was cracked through in the centre, and some of the stones in the abutments of the canal fell out.

Mr. Follett, assistant postmaster at Batavia, says the shock was felt there at 7 minutes past 8, and lasted about two seconds.

A gentleman from Elba estimates the duration of the shock in that place at half a minute, and describes it as hard enough to jar open several doors. It came apparently from the southwest and passed to the northeast.

GERMANS IN TEXAS.—We see it stated that the visit of Prince de Solmes to Texas, as agent of the German emigrating associations, has been attended with the very best results, in giving a very hardy and respectable body of men to that country. One thousand families are daily expected from Germany, and the agent is in New Orleans to purchase one hundred wagons to transport them to the interior.

The associations have collected a capital for the purpose of emigrating, of nine millions of francs, and the Prince de Solmes is about to accompany General Houston, who intends holding a council with the Comanches and other tribes of Indians on the Brazos.

Prairie Laporte.—Two hundred or upwards of German families from Hamilton county, Ohio, says the Dubuque (Iowa) Transcript, have made a purchase of Prairie Laporte, where they are now laying out a city. Prairie Laporte is in Clayton county, Iowa, on the Mississippi.

The site is said to be an excellent one, and the city will be the most northerly one in Iowa. This movement will probably add 1,000 inhabitants to Clayton county.

The deputation by whom the selection was made, report that the soil and climate of Clayton county is well adapted to the cultivation of grapes, and they design to make immediate preparation for extensive vineyards.

The Perfection of Pocket Picking.—A few days ago a lady, travelling by one of the numerous omnibuses between Liverpool and the village of Waterloo, got seated beside a member of the swell mob, equipped for his vocation with a cloak and a false pur of hands, the latter being denourelly folded before him. While he thus appeared to be sitting, as harmless as a lamb, he was busily engaged in cutting through the lady's apparel to get at her pocket, from which he succeeded in extracting her purse, containing six sovereigns.

The contracts for cleansing the streets of New York, for the year, have been given out. They amount to \$45,197.

They can smoke from 700,000 to one million pounds of bacon per month, at the establishments in St. Louis. Genius of Hugarth imagine it!

The Issue of Bibles.—The American Bible Society's Depository has issued for the last five months, upwards of 10,000 copies of the Bible per month. Bibles of smaller size, neatly bound, are now furnished at twenty-five cents, and testaments at six cents.

Slaves Liberated.—Nathaniel H. Booe, of King George county, Va., lately deceased, left by his will nearly all his slaves free, amounting to some 200 or 220, with ample provision to carry them to Liberia. The liberated slaves are to be removed under the direction of the Colonization Society.

The inauguration of Governor of Ohio, in December next, will present a novel scene. The robes of office will be transferred from son to sire—from Democrat to Whig—acting Governor Bartley (the son) will give place to Governor Bartley elect (the father).

Mr. W. Gilmore Simms, the poet and romance writer, is elected to the legislature in South Carolina, from the Barnwell district. Talent will be rewarded.

A Reading City.—St. Louis, which has a population of only 35,000, boasts of twenty-seven newspapers. We cannot say how many are profitable.

Eruption.—Mount Vesuvius is full of lava, and the springs are all dry—an eruption is shortly expected.

Man-of-War Bird.—This rare bird was shot lately on Morris Island, near Charleston, South Carolina. It measured from tip to tip of the wings, seven feet.

An Immense Fortune.—It is said that the late King of Sweden left a private fortune of \$16,000,000. It is well known that after he became Crown Prince of Sweden, he invested his money in every speculation.

Cost of Monopoly.—The Liverpool Economist calculates the extra cost of bread, from monopoly, last week, at £288,100; of sugar, at £58,334; and the total extra cost of both, from January 1st to October 5, at £34,132,316.

Vegetable Food.—A Dr. Lambe, in England, now 80 years old, lived for the last 49 years entirely on vegetable diet. He has certainly given the system a good trial.

A New Comet Discovered.—A comet has been discovered at Charleston College, S. C., which has been moving in company with the earth since June last, both journeying in the same direction, at no greater distance from each other than from 50 to 25 million of miles.

European Intelligence.

REPUTATION AT THE LONDON CLUBS.—Some of the London Clubs have adopted, it is said, at the suggestion of the Rev. Sidney Smith, the plan of rejecting, for complimentary admission or as members, the citizens of the repudiating states in America.

ATMOSPHERIC RAILWAY.—Six miles of atmospheric railway, from the Dartmouth Arms to Croydon, will it is expected, be ready in May next. The engineer is Mr. Cubitt, and the object is, by a double line, to test the principle more satisfactorily than it has yet been tested on the Kingstown and Dalkey line.

At Cork a few days back, the brother of a young lady publicly horsewhipped an officer of a regiment stationed there, for having, after paying the most remarkable attention to his sister, abruptly discontinued his visits.

Dr. Arnott has invented an air pump, with which it is proposed to supply a draught of fumes, superseding the necessity of funnels in steamboats and costly chimneys in engine-houses.

Recently, at Dumtries, an abscess was removed from the neck of a boy during the mesmeric sleep. The operation, though a painful one, was borne without the patient giving the slightest evidence of sensation.

On the 8th inst., Dr. Symons, who was opposed by the Puseyites, was elected Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, by a majority of 582 to 183.

MEXICO.

Advice received at New Orleans from Vera Cruz up to the 20th of September, state that the remaining Texan prisoners confined in the Castle of Perote, numbering in all 194, were released on the 16th ult.

Santa Anna left Mexico on the 12th ult., for his residence of Manga de Clayo, and Gen. Canallizo, who was appointed Provisional President during Santa Anna's absence, entered upon the discharge of the duties of the Presidency of the 20th ult.

A conducta of specie arrived at Vera Cruz on the 17th ult. from the interior, with \$1,210,160.

Losing a Wife and three Children.

Some heart-rending scenes of suffering were enacted at Buffalo during the Friday night's storm. One Mr. Smith who lost a wife and three children that night by a, and saved himself by almost superhuman exertions, gives a thrilling account of the death of his family.

He states that his residence was on Fourth street, on the right hand side of the Black Rock track, above Wilkeson's Entrance. About two o'clock in the morning, the water in the house had risen to such an extent that he was compelled to put his wife and children on a table—he then found it necessary to place chairs on the table, and bidding his family not to stir, he put some matches in his pockets, and kept three candles burning on a clock. A few moments afterwards the house was struck at the south-west end by another house coming in contact with it, which threw it off its foundation, and precipitated Mrs. Smith and the three children into the water. The lights were all put out at the same time, and Mr. Smith found it impossible to catch hold of any of his family, except his little girl, about four years old. He then got up on the window sill, with his child clinging around his neck, and held on to her until he found his strength failed him, and she was dashed out of his arms. He caught at her as she was washed from him, but was too benumbed to keep his hold. The window shutters then burst open, and Mr. Smith was washed out, and succeeded in getting on top of the house, from which he was rescued.—S. Times.

SENDING TROOPS ABROAD.—Petitions are circulated in England against the prevailing practice of sending troops to foreign and colonial countries. It is stated that in the last three years 12,000 soldiers have perished in India, China and Borneo, that in a regiment of 1000 in Jamaica, 139 died. They beg that no appropriations may be voted for sending troops out of the country.

AGRICULTURE IN CHINA.—Agricultural implements have been discovered among the Chinese, which were supposed to be only known to European and American nations, such as ploughs, common harrows, winnowing and even threshing machines. Added to these, there is no considerable field which does not possess its chain-pump for the purpose of watering the crops from the lower levels, with small labor to themselves.

TO DETECT ARSENIC.—A capital idea has been promulgated by a French chemist, and that is that arsenic should never be sold unless mixed with one per cent of sulphate of iron and cyanure of potash, which would cause it to color or change the color of any food or drink with which it was mixed.

BRANDY INSTEAD OF OYSTERS.—A short time since a party of fishermen were scraping for oysters in Kockhran, a Lake in Scotland, where they abound, a large keg of Cognac Brandy covered with shellfish was taken up by the drag.

INTERESTING TO SLEEP TALKERS.—An English paper alleges that Guano, the new popular manure, is extensively used in the adulteration of Snuff.

CLOSE RESEMBLANCE.—There is a Justice in New York, who so closely resembles Father Miller that he cannot be told apart from that worthy prophet. Parson Miller, himself, met the Justice on Monday, and was so struck with the resemblance to himself that he inquired of him what time he intended to kindle up.

BORROWING A KISS.—The N. Y. Sunday Mercury says: "We asked a pretty girl, the other day, to give us a kiss; but she could't afford it. She said however she would lend us one, provided we would return it."

It is needless to add that we borrowed the article—and returned it promptly."