

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP BRITANNIA.

Opening of the British Parliament—Great Advance in Cotton—Decline in the Grain Markets.

The steamship Britannia arrived at Boston on Saturday morning, after a protracted passage of 21 days.

The news is altogether favorable. The aspect of business abroad has improved, and money continues plenty.

There is a decline in the corn market, caused by the large supplies of home produce and increased importations.

The cotton market has improved in prices, owing to the diminished receipts.

The retaliatory system of postage on foreign letters, adopted by the American Postmaster General, has produced an effect abroad; and as they are beginning to feel its inconveniences, they of course also begin to condemn Mr. Johnson for what they call his illiberality.

We augur from this a speedy settlement of the difficulty on fair terms of reciprocity.

Scotch has been successful in its revolution. The people have triumphed over the king.

A form of constitution has been agreed to, founding a liberal legislative representation. The Roman Catholic religion alone will be tolerated.

Accounts from Ireland are distressing. Deaths from starvation are said to have taken place throughout the land.

Political strife runs high between the three national parties here; the subdivided party from the Young Ireland are vehement in their incitements for an immediate appeal to arms against England.

The venerable Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England, died on the 11th, in the 82d year of his age.

The inquiry into the state of the national defenses has ended in the determination of Government to double the artillery force and embody 150,000 militia.

The Pope's rescript has been received in Ireland, demanding to know from the Bishops whether the charges of altar denunciations and political intermeddling by the priesthood are true.

Lord Palmerston has signified to the Austrian Court, that any further armed intervention with the Papal States will be considered by Great Britain as a declaration of war.

France is in a somewhat more tranquil condition than heretofore, but angry discussions continue to take place in the Chamber of Deputies.

Reform banquets have been denounced as illegal, and are to be prohibited for the future.

The news from Switzerland does not possess much interest. The Diet is firmly resolved to maintain the rights of the country, as a free and independent State.

Later from Mexico.

SANTA ANNA APPLIED FOR A PASSPORT.

The steamship Edith, at New Orleans, sailed from Vera Cruz on the 19th ult., and brought letters and papers.

From the New Orleans Picayune.

The U. S. steamer Edith, Capt. Couillard, arrived yesterday morning from Vera Cruz, whence she sailed on the 19th inst., bringing papers from that city of that date.

We have letters from our correspondents in Mexico as late as the 7th inst., but they are not so late as intelligence received by the Dece, although containing interesting matter.

A rumor prevailed in Vera Cruz, when the Edith left, that Santa Anna had made an application to Gen. Scott for a passport to Vera Cruz and permission to leave the country.

The treaty has not yet been finally disposed of. Its ratification is, however, now deemed certain, and will take place in a day or two, at the farthest.

THE UNION MAGAZINE.

The March number of this elegant Magazine is before us. We have only room enough to say, that it is one of the best periodicals published.

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THE AMERICAN.

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E. W. CARR, corner of Third and Dock Streets, Sun Buildings, opposite Merchants' Exchange, Philadelphia, is also authorized to act as our Agent.

FOR PRESIDENT. Gen. ZACHARY TAYLOR.

By the late arrivals from Europe, the news of which will be found in another column, it will be seen that breadstuffs have again declined, and that cotton has advanced.

The weather, after some 8 or 10 days of a cold and freezing nature, has again assumed the appearance of spring. The roads are muddy, but not so deep as during the previous thaw.

The Supreme Court.—The Miltonian of last week has an article in very bad taste, in relation to the removal of the Supreme Court from this place.

The Five Million loan has been taken at a premium of about 2 per cent. above par. The greater part has been taken by the Rothschilds, of London.

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JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.—The remains of this distinguished man, on their way home, were received in Philadelphia on Tuesday last.

The flag that surmounts the Custom House, with those displayed upon the various Armories, the shipping at our wharves, and at the various Newspaper offices, were all displayed at half-mast, or festooned with the emblems of mourning.

The National Artillery corps, Captain John K. Murphy, were stationed in Broadstreet, near Market, and fired minute guns for an hour previous to the arrival of the remains.

The special train containing the honored remains of the deceased, left Wilmington at half past 2 o'clock, and arrived at Broad and South streets about 4 o'clock.

The coffin was then placed in a hearse, drawn by six white horses with black plumes.

The Hon. John B. Gibson, Richard Willing, Samuel Brock, Hon. John K. Kane, John M. Scott, Dr. R. M. Patterson, Horace Binney, Dr. N. Chapman, Wm. J. Dunning, B. W. Richards, Isaac Rouch, and James Page, officiating as pall bearers, wore white scarfs, with rosettes upon their right shoulder.

The procession passed along Broad st., and down Walnut, the vast concourse of spectators occupying the sidewalks and doorsteps, maintaining their position with a respectful silence.

As soon as the head of the procession entered the gate on Walnut street, the band commenced playing a solemn dirge, by Beethoven, in which performance a gong accompaniment was very effective.

The coffin is very neat and plain. It is made of metal, perfectly air-tight, with a flat top, in accordance with the style adopted in the Eastern States.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

HARRISBURG, PA.

The gentlemen from the different counties of the Commonwealth elected delegates to the fourth of March Convention, assembled in the Court House at Harrisburg, at ten o'clock.

On motion of R. H. Kerr, Esq., David Lynch was appointed Chairman of the Convention, for temporary organization.

Alfred Gilmore and E. A. Penniman were appointed Secretaries to the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Fráley, the counties were called over.

When Crawford county was called, Mr. McFarland, one of the delegates, being absent, Mr. Lowry substituted Mr. Krick. Mr. Lamberton, the Senatorial delegate, objected to Krick, and moved to substitute Mr. Brawley. The question was then postponed for the present.

Mr. Lowry moved that a committee of one from each Congressional district be appointed to nominate officers for the permanent organization of the Convention, which was agreed to.

Mr. Orr moved the appointment of a committee of the delegates from Dauphin, to see if a better room for the meeting of the Convention could not be obtained; which was agreed to.

Mr. Lowry then moved that Mr. Krick be admitted as a delegate, which was agreed to.

Mr. Krick was admitted.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Convention adjourn until 2 1/2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half past two o'clock, the temporary chairman called the convention to order.

Mr. Lowry, from the committee to report officers for the permanent organization of the Convention, reported the following officers, which report was adopted:

President—Hon. CHARLES FRALEY, Schuylkill.

Vice Presidents—R. Frazer, Lancaster, Hon. James Thompson, Erie. John A. Bender, Philadelphia county. John Stallman, da. G. Ryall, Berks county. John C. Evans, Berks. Col. Joseph Levers, Columbia. Samuel Taggart, Susquehanna. John A. Gamble, Lycoming. A. Smith McKinney, Cumberland. A. Parker, Juniata. J. L. Dawson, Fayette. Robert Love, Washington. Gen. Robert Orr, Armstrong. Dr. J. Atkins, Delaware.

SECRETARIES—W. Jack, Westmoreland county, David Small, York county, Jos. L. Smith, Philadelphia county. O. H. Mott, Pike county. D. W. C. Brooks, Dauphin county. John Coyle, Allegheny county. Jas. G. Gibson, Philadelphia city. Jas. Galloway, Mercer county.

On taking the chair, the President returned thanks in a neat and appropriate address.

Mr. Stambaugh moved a resolution that the rules of the House of Representatives be the rules for the government of the proceedings of this Convention. Agreed to.

Mr. Stambaugh then submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, the Democratic citizens of Pennsylvania, in accordance with established usages of the party, have delegated to this Convention the important trust of electing delegates to the National Convention, to be held in Baltimore, on the 4th Monday of May, next, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President, and also to nominate Electors, equal in number to the Senators and Representatives of this State, in Congress, who shall be required to give a written pledge to the Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Correspondence, that they will vote for the nominees of this Convention, for President and Vice President of the United States:

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