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Our Washington Letter.

THE WHITE HOUSE—NO "AX TO GRIND"—THE FAMOUS EAST ROOM—MOTLEY THRONING OF VISITORS—THE MARTYR PRESIDENT—COSTLY BANQUETS—MALFEASANCE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR—VOTERS WATCH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—KEEP HONEST MEN IN CONGRESS.

For our visit to the White House we tried to choose a day, and an hour when there would not, in all probability, be a rush of callers. We had no official favors to ask for ourselves or our friends, no "ax to grind" in fact, and we went up to the place of the Chief Magistrate with a serenity of soul that no mere place-hunter can ever feel.

The White House stands in the westward part of the city, on Pennsylvania Avenue; between the Treasury on one side, and the War and Navy Department on the other. It stands on rising ground, the lawn in front is handsomely laid out, and ornamented with walks, drives, and noble old trees.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 9.—The Bath County News of this date says: "On last Friday a shower of meat fell near the house of Allen Crouch, who lives some two or three miles from the Olympian Springs, in the southern portion of this county, covering a strip of ground about one hundred yards in length, and fifty wide. Mrs. Crouch was out in the yard at the time, engaged in making soap, when meat which looked like beef began to fall around her. The sky was perfectly clear at the time, and she said it fell like large snow flakes, the pieces as a general thing not much larger. One piece fell near her which was three or four inches square. Mr. Harrison Gill, whose veracity is unquestionable, and from whom we obtained the above facts, hearing of the occurrence visited the locality the next day, and says he saw particles of meat sticking to the fences and scattered over the ground. The meat when it first fell appeared to be perfectly fresh.

The correspondent of the Louisville Commercial, writing from Mount Sterling, corroborates the above, and says the pieces of flesh were of various size and shapes, some of them being two inches square. Two gentlemen, who tasted the meat, express the opinion that is neither mutton or venison.

at the full of one who was supposed to be invincible in political purity. The one thought uppermost in the minds of the committee, seemed to be a sense of shame and regret that they had found corruption and fraud when they looked only for absolute official honesty.

There are men in positions of trust who are of incorruptible integrity, keep them there. When you find that they make their positions only the means of ministering to their own selfish aggrandizement, then replace them by men whose upright course in the past is a sufficient voucher for their future honesty.

Flesh Descending in a Shower. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 9.—The Bath County News of this date says: "On last Friday a shower of meat fell near the house of Allen Crouch, who lives some two or three miles from the Olympian Springs, in the southern portion of this county, covering a strip of ground about one hundred yards in length, and fifty wide. Mrs. Crouch was out in the yard at the time, engaged in making soap, when meat which looked like beef began to fall around her. The sky was perfectly clear at the time, and she said it fell like large snow flakes, the pieces as a general thing not much larger. One piece fell near her which was three or four inches square. Mr. Harrison Gill, whose veracity is unquestionable, and from whom we obtained the above facts, hearing of the occurrence visited the locality the next day, and says he saw particles of meat sticking to the fences and scattered over the ground. The meat when it first fell appeared to be perfectly fresh.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 10.—Captain J. M. Bent, of Sterling, Ky., and a gentleman well known for reliability arrived in Louisville to-night, with specimens of the flesh that fell last Friday in Bath county. The flesh covered two acres of ground, and resembled mutton, and left traces of blood on the trees and fences which were touched by the falling flakes. Chickens and hogs devoured it with evident relish. The Heavens were clear, the sun shone and only floating clouds were visible at the time, which was 2 p. m. March 3d. Quantities of flesh have been preserved, and was brought to Louisville's well known scientist who says he has no doubt that it is animal flesh. He purposes making an examination to-morrow. A hundred persons are willing to attest with affidavits to the truthfulness of the entire matter.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 11.—In regard to the shower of flesh in Bath county, Prof. Lawrence Smith, scientist, says in his analysis of specimens examined: "In my mind this matter gives every indication of being the dried spawn of of Batrachina reptiles, doubtless that of the frog. They have been transported from the ponds and swampy grounds by currents of wind and have ultimately fallen on the spot where they were found. This is no isolated occurrence of the kind, I having come across the mention of several in the course of my reading, the only one I can now fix date of is recorded by Musconbroeck, as occurring in Ireland in 1675.

Prospect of War. BERLIN, March 12.—Prince Bismarck is determined to exact the fullest satisfaction from China, for the plunder of the schooner Anna at Fochow. The Chinese pirates, after murdering the captain and pilot, being protected by the legal authorities. The American and British government support the German claims. The British Admiral Ryder, has ordered armed assistance. The Germans will be shortly demanding the ultimatum of the Pekin government, and have reinforced their squadron in British waters, consisting of four corvettes, mounting fifty-four guns, and two gunboats mounting twelve guns.

A Bureau of Fraud. CHICAGO, March 9.—It has been ascertained, through the affidavits of numerous persons in this city that there is an organized company which has its headquarters in Buffalo, N. Y., gotten up expressly for furnishing witnesses and professional juries in any part of the country to run cases and give such testimony as is desired to bring about a certain end. It is also said that this association has its ramifications through Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cincinnati and other cities where there are regular agencies, and that there are a certain class of lawyers and private and

public detectives connected with them. It is understood that the matter will be presented to the grand jury here to-day.

State's Evidence Offered. CHICAGO, March 12.—It is reported that Jacob Rehm, seeing no other way out of his impending doom, has agreed to go before the Grand Jury Tuesday and expose ex-Congressman J. D. Ward, ex-Revenue Collector Phil. Wadsworth, ex-Supervisor Daniel Munn, Simon Brydges, and J. T. Hoyt, by showing their connection with the whiskey ring. In consideration of this testimony, which has been hitherto inaccessible, he expects to escape with a slight penalty. Attorney Bangs does not deny, and will not confirm this report.

Terrible Inundation. BUDA, Pesti, March 12.—In five small villages along the river Danube, 521 houses collapsed from the 7th to the 9th inst., in consequence of the foundations being damaged by floods. In Pesti and its suburbs, it is impossible to count the houses that have been ruined. If the inundation continues, huge blocks of houses in this city must fall. On the 8th inst. the large island of Czepele, below Pesti containing five villages, was submerged, and all the houses except 5 swept away.

Miscellaneous. BILLINGS STROUD, GENERAL FIRE, LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE AGENT, Montrose, Pa.

Table listing various insurance companies and their capital assets, including Fire Association of Phil., Capital & Assets, \$3,500,000; Penn. Fire, Phil., 1,000,000; etc.

Capital Represented, \$100,000,000! FIRE, LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE AGENT, Montrose, Pa.

Best Calico 7 1/2 cents per yard at Cheap John's.

H. & W. T. DICKERMAN'S NEW FURNITURE ROOMS. New Mtford, Pa.

Classification of Venders of Merchandise. Sales less than \$5,000, class 14; Sales \$5,000 less than \$10,000, class 13; etc.

H. & W. T. DICKERMAN. Feb. 16, 1876.—4m.

A NEW STEAM MILL. Plaster, Feed, and Lumber!

A Rare Chance. The undersigned, having just completed a new STEAM MILL, at MILLER'S CORNERS, will keep on hand a good supply of Fresh Ground Cayuga Plaster, sufficient to meet the demands of all who desire it in this section.

FARM For Sale! The subscriber offers his farm for sale, in Silver Lake Township, containing SIXTY ACREs, one half improved.

Legal Notices.

MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENTS.

Dealers in merchandise, etc., in Susquehanna County, take notice, that, in pursuance of the several Acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth to provide revenue to meet the demands upon the Treasury and for other purposes, the undersigned, Appraiser of Mercantile taxes for said County, has prepared a list of traders in said County, and placed each in that class which to him appears just and right according to the Acts of Assembly, to wit:

Table listing mercantile appraisements for various locations including Auburn, Liberty, Ararat, Bridgewater, Brooklyn, Dunderburg, etc., with names and amounts.

Classification of Patent Medicine Dealers. Sales \$100, and not exceeding \$250, class 4; Sales \$200, and not exceeding \$500, class 3; Sales \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000, class 2.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. In the estate of Jane Shipman, late of Middletown dec'd, Letters of Administration in the said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons owing said estate are requested to make immediate payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—IN the estate of Nathan B. Hart late of Springville dec'd, Letters of Administration in the said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons owing said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay.

AUDITORS NOTICE.—The undersigned appointed by the Hon. the Orphan's Court of Susquehanna County an Auditor to make distribution of the fund remaining in the hands of the administrator of the estate of Bridget McLoone, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Montrose on Tuesday, March 31, at 1 o'clock p. m., at which time and place all persons having claims will present them or be forever barred from coming in on said fund.

TO THE PEOPLE OF SUSQUEHANNA CO.

OUR NEXT PRESIDENT, CHEAP JOHN, is not of as much importance to you as the fact that of Montrose, is selling his entire stock of goods consisting in part of Mens' and Boys' Ready-Made Clothing, Foots and Shoes, Hats and Caps.

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS AND HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR LADIES' CLOAKS, FELT SKIRTS, TRIMMED HATS, AND BONNETS, SHAWLS, SHOES, WATER-PROOF, TIES, RUBBER-FLEES, &c., etc.

At 10 per cent less than first cost, (the proof of the pudding is in the eating) therefore, for you can find out the truth of this by giving him a call at his store in Poole's Building.

Our reasons for the above enormous reduction are several, 1st, our large and well assorted stock wants reducing. 2nd, we are making preparations to remove into Scarles.

New Brick Store, now being built next door to the NEW BANK, and we do not want to move any more good than we can help. Third, we want your custom for the future and the only way for us to gain and retain the same is to convince you that it is to your interest to purchase now and let the future, from very respectfully yours, S. PILLMAN & CO., (Cheap John.)

OMNIBUS LINE. The undersigned has an omnibus line running to every train on the D. L. & W., and Erie Railways.

Shipping or Re-Shipping Baggage at either depot will be promptly attended to.

CARRIAGES always on hand to convey passengers to any point in the surrounding country. U. BUCHANAN, Prop'r. Great Bend, Aug. 19, 1874.—17.

Closing out Overcoats for cost at Cheap John's.

PARKEVALE MILLS RE-OPENED. I have rented the above Mills, and fitted them up in first-class order. I have also stocked the mill with ALL KINDS OF GRAIN, including Western White Wheat.

WHEAT, RYE, AND BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, CORN MEAL. Feed, Buckwheat Bran, etc., which I offer to the public at the lowest prices. All kinds of Milling Business done.

SOMETHING NEW. A BOOT & SHOE SHOP has just been opened over E. B. Chandler's store. All kinds of work made to order. Repairing done on short notice. After having nearly 15 years experience in the business I feel confident I can please all who may give me a call.

ONE DOLLAR WILL BUY 3 1/2 pounds TEA or 11 pounds PRUNES or 4 CANS PEACHES or 7 pounds RAISINS or 8 LONG BARS SOAP or 13 pounds CRACKERS or 14 pounds SALERATUS or 2 GALLONS MOLLASSES or 4 pounds GREEN COFFEE or 8 1/2 pounds ROASTED COFFEE or 5 CANS PEACHES, CORN or TOMATOES.

Chromo with it. Fresh goods constantly arriving and as they are very low. Graham Biscuit and Oat Meal Crackers, a new lot and very nice. LYONS & DRAKE. March 8, 1876.—4w.

Closing out Overcoats for cost at Cheap John's.

Marble and Granite Works, ESTABLISHED IN 1840. MANUFACTURERS OF ALL KINDS OF MARBLE AND GRANITE MONUMENTS, MANTLES, &c.

IMPORTERS OF SCOTCH GRANITE, 26 Chenango St., Near Depot, March 6, 1876. BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

AUDITORS NOTICE.—The undersigned having been appointed an Auditor, by the Orphan's Court of Susquehanna County, to distribute the funds in the hands of R. and A. L. Millard, administrators of the estate of Abigail Millard, dec'd, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Montrose, on Saturday, March 25, 1876, at 10 o'clock, p. m., at which time and place all persons having claims will present them or be forever barred from coming in on said fund. FRANKLIN FRASER, Auditor. Montrose, Feb. 15, 1876.—4w.