

Three Days Later from Europe.
The Royal Mail steamship Africa, Capt. Harrison, from Liverpool, on Saturday morning, the 28th ult., came Monday eve, and anchored at the South West Spit, owing to the prevalence of a very thick fog.

There is no news of importance from France or England.

The British fleet in the Tagus is ordered to sea.

The Russian Japan squadron had returned from Nangashki to Hong Kong on the 11th of December.

There is but little news as to the Turkish war by this arrival.

The Czar's conduct is still evasive.—He does not regard the entry of the allied fleets into the Black Sea as a declaration of war, and is not now expected to send a reply to the Vienna note until the middle of February. He has, however, appointed Count Orloff to visit the courts of Vienna, Berlin, Paris and London, to explain on what terms he really will treat. It is thought by all that his object is to gain time.

There is a doubtful rumor that Count Panin has succeeded Nesselrode as Minister of Foreign Affairs in Russia. A quiet tone is observable in the Russian organs, but the appearances of peace are no clearer.

On the Danube, ostentatious preparations were making by the Russians to attack Kafrelat, although they admit it will cost them ten thousand men.

Omer Pasha continues to fall on the Russians whenever opportunity occurs; his tactics being to put it out of the Russians' power to fight a great battle.

There have been several skirmishes, but no action of importance.

In Asia, a report had prevailed that the Russians had taken the City of Kars, but a Russian bulletin says that the troops are in winter cantonments.

The allied fleets in the Black Sea were last seen, part at Sinope and part near Batum, but are reported to have since sailed for Varna.

The Russian Squadron was off the Sea of Azoff.

Servia is much agitated by the intrigues of the Russian Consul General, and Izzet Pasha of Belgrade has resolved to arrest him.

The Austrian Government, in great haste, has ordered forty thousand troops to Hungary. It is not yet known what is going on there.

The Genoese intended to welcome Captain Ingraham with a public reception.

British ships are blockading the Persian port of Bushire, in the Persian Gulf.

Dost Mahomed was at Gaudshar.

Atmospheric Telegraph, Saturday morning.—Nothing of real news comes to hand this morning by mail or telegraph.

A Vienna dispatch hints mysteriously that good news has reached the Austrian Government at St. Petersburg. (This is doubtful.)

The Shah of Persia has definitely promised to act amicably towards Turkey.

MASON AND DIXON'S LINE.—What is meant by Mason and Dixon's line? I asked a bright blue eyed girl of twelve years of age, when sitting at her father's table, a few days ago. The answer was, "it is the phrase usually employed to describe the boundary between the free and slave States." But why do they describe it in that way? It was her inquiry. The answer may be worth giving to some of our young readers.

In the seventeenth century, James II. of England, then the Duke of York, gave certain lands to Lord Baltimore and to William Penn, and a difficulty soon sprang up as to the proper owner of these lands on the Delaware. Again and again was the affair carried into the Courts, till in the year 1760, when George the III. came to the crown, the Lord Chancellor of England made a decision, but new difficulties sprang up in drawing the boundary lines. The Commissioners finally employed Messrs. Mason & Dixon, who had just returned from the Cape of Good Hope, where they had been to observe the transit of Venus. They succeeded in establishing the line between Delaware and Maryland, which has ever since been called "Mason and Dixon's line." [Watchman & Reflector.]

BAYARD TAYLOR.—The N. Y. Sunday Times says—"If 'Young America' should ever stand in need of a candidate for the Presidency who is a thorough specimen of their kind, we nominate to the party Bayard Taylor. The man who travelled over Europe afoot, who has hunted through Africa for the source of the Nile; who has crossed the earth in two years; who has seen the genuine Japanese ware; who has taken notes of the China question; who has then returned to crack jokes with a Tribune newsboy, (as we saw him yesterday,) is a leading sample of a man of progress. Let Judge Douglas look out for his laurels—notwithstanding his recent tour to Europe!"

In all truth, Taylor is a man of more ability, of wider and better quality of reputation, and more worthy in every respect of the distinction of the Presidency, than was Franklin Pierce. If "Young America" take him for a candidate, it will show better sense than some of the older parties have done.

THE COAL FIELDS OF AMERICA.—Hancock's Elementary Geology gives the area of the coal fields of America as follows:—The great Appalachian coal field, extending from New York to Alabama, covers nearly 100,000 square miles; the Indiana field 35,000. Add to these fields Michigan, Rhode Island, Missouri, Iowa, and Virginia, and we shall have a surface more than 27 times as large as Massachusetts. If we suppose the average thickness of all the beds over this surface to be only 25 feet, then the whole amount of coal in solid measure, in this country, would not be far from 1,100 cubic miles. Estimating the yearly consumption of coal in this country to be 7,000,000 tons, this immense body of fuel would keep the hearths bright and the furnaces a glow, for more than a million of years.

A Wondrous Wison Cur.—The Sandy Hook Register says the Plaindealer over the knuckles for attempting to pass off the likeness of Dr. Hobsonack on its readers for Omer Pacha, the Turkish generalissimo. The same picture was painted off not long since as the fac-simile of Napoleon the first, subsequently as Kossof, then as the patriot O'Brien, next as Mazini, afterward as the Czar of all the Russias. It originally appeared in one of the Eastern neutrals as the picture of a popular love sick novel writer. It was published in the Plaindealer last spring.

as the cut of President Pierce, and secured to the Editor the Post Office. It is now paraded as the front piece of Mercer Pacha. The magic bottle of McAllister could not produce as many sorts of liquor from one office, as the mystic wood cut can likenesses.—*True Democrat.*

Pigeon Roost.

In Franklin county, Indiana, north of the town of Brookville, the pigeons congregate now-a-night in prodigious numbers. The woods, over a space of ten miles in length by five in breadth, are nightly filled by countless multitudes of these birds, that light upon the branches and pile upon each other in such enormous masses, that the stoutest live give way, killing in their fall thousands of their destroyers. Mornings and evenings the air is darkened by swarms of myriads upon myriads of pigeons. The flocks are miles in extent, and speed over the heavens like thunder clouds. The roar of the innumerable wings during the hours of arrival and departure at the roost, is tremendous. The ground in the vicinity of the roost is covered in places to the depth of several inches by pigeon guano.—Hundreds of hogs are engaged in devouring the birds which are killed by various casualties. The people in that vicinity are tired of shooting among the aerial hosts.

A person who desires to kill a few thousand in the course of the night, takes his gun and ammunition, enters the roost, sits down and fires as often as he can load, upward and downward, and his game turns down around him. It has been remarked, facetiously perhaps, that some sportsmen have been overwhelmed and nearly crushed in the fall of birds following a shot.

A genuine sportsman would not enjoy such murderous operations as these, but men who are fond of shedding blood—even if it be that of birds—should snatch them, take the stage and away to the roosts.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

Notices.

Notice.

Rev. A. O. Warren will preach in the school house near Alfred Pratt's in Lanesboro, February 22d, at early candle light.

Card of thanks.

Genoese friends, we thank you for your favors shown to us on the 14th. That you may never want a temporal bounty, or a heavenly grace and blessing, is the constant prayer of the subscribers.

A. O. WARREN.

S. U. WARREN.

Rough and Ready Note.

The semi-annual meeting for the election of Foreman, &c., of the Rough and Ready Fire Engine Company, will be held on Monday the 6th of March next, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Company's rooms.

T. A. LROSS, Secy.

Courts of Appeal.

The County Commissioners have fixed upon the following days and dates respectively, for hearing Appeals from the Assessment for the year 1854—at the Commissioners Office in Monroeville:—

Montrose, Wednesday, Feb. 18.
Bridgewater, Wednesday, Feb. 25.
Friendship, J. S. Houghton, Monday, March 10.
Latrone, Monday, Feb. 27.

Friendville, Middlebury, Apolocca & Clemont, Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Forest Lake, Thursday, Feb. 29.
Franklin, New Milford, Friday, Feb. 24.
Glenwood, Monday, Feb. 27.
Jackson, Thompson and Aarau, Monday, Feb. 27.
Lenox, Clifford & Dunfield, Tuesday, Feb. 28.
Brooklyn and Harford, Wednesday, Feb. 29.
Herrick and Gilson, Thursday, Feb. 20.
By order of the Commissioners.

J. A. CROSSMAN, Clerk.

Commissioners Office, Montrose, January 27, 1854.

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Notices.

At Friendsville Pa. on the 5th inst. by Rev. Thomas, Mr. Wm. G. Smith to Miss Parke Ann Lincoln.

By the same, at the same place, on the 25th ult. Mr. Aaron Sutris to Miss Sarah Jane Darr.

By the same, at the house of Mr. Michael Hill in Silver Lake, on the 12th ult. Mr. Isaac Meeker to Miss Eliza H. Hill.

By the same, on the 25th of November last, at Friendsville, Mr. William A. Jones to Miss Elizabeth McCarty.

By the same, at the house of Mr. St. John, in St. John, on the 1st of October last, Mr. Volney N. Young to Miss Mary A. Leonard.

At Hartford, on the 7th instant, by Rev. A. Miller, Mr. Elton S. Shepard of Binghamton, to Miss Adeline E. Read, of Hartford.

At Great Bend, on the 18th inst., by Rev. J. J. McCreary, Mr. Peter Gavitt and Mrs. Eliza Jane Rosencrans, both of Dunock, Susq. Co., Pa.

In Monroe, Feb. 2d, by Rev. A. O. Warren, Mr. Geo. B. Wurton, to Miss Anna A. Tewsbury both of Brooklyn.

At Friendsville, Feb. 2d, by Rev. A. O. Warren, Mr. Charles Avery, Executor.

CHARLES AVERY, Executor.

Montrose, Feb. 2d, 1854.

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EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the Estate of Doct. A. Am Park, late of Bridgewater, dood're, are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate, will present them duly authenticated for settlement.

CHARLES AVERY, Executor.

Montrose, Feb. 2d, 1854.

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PUBLIC SALE.

WILL be sold at public salat the late reidence of Ichabod Scott, deceased, in Great Bend town ship, on Wednesday the 18th day of March next, at one o'clock p.m., the following described property, to pay the estate of the said John Scott, deceased.

The real estate consists of 177 acres more or less, situated in the town of Great Bend, Susquehanna County, Pa. 14 miles from the above named town, and 10 miles from the New York & Erie Railroad, adjoining lands of Nathaniel Irvin, John Holmes and others. The improvements consist of 60 acres cleared, divided into convenient lots, well watered by living springs—a variety of fruit, consisting of apple, plum trees, &c.—comfortable dwelling house, barn, &c.

Also for sale, 6 cows, 2 Heifers, 1 Hog, 2 two-horse wagons, 1 Cutter, and other things too numerous to mention.

TRANSACTIONS.—All sums of \$5 and under, cash down; all over, 6 months credit with approved security.

C. SCOTTEN, Ex'r.

JOHN SCOTTEN, Ex'r.

Great Bend, February 13, 1854.

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FRUIT TREES.

At Very Low Prices.

THE subscribers being obliged to remove a portion of their stock, other Apple trees, three to five years old, including the following, of excellent standard varieties, fifteen dollars per hundred, or one hundred and twenty-five dollars per thousand.

Also Pear and other fruit and ornamental trees at greatly reduced prices.

For Catalogue, address,

PASSEY & CO.

Flushing, near New York.

12m.

Lanesboro Sash, Blind, and Door FACTORY.

THE subscriber will furnish at the Shop, of Novelty Bridge, Doors, Sash, and Blinds, Turned and fitted and required to order. Lumber for doors and blinds to order.

Orders addressed to me will receive prompt attention. Good price and country produce taken in exchange for the above Terms, ready pay.

B. A. LYONS.

Lanesboro, February 4.

1854.

One Almanac gratis, for every family in Susquehanna County.

Please call and get one at Trans.

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEED.

A large assortment of the CHODDERS kind, for sale at the ISAAC L. POST & CO.

Montrose, Feb. 13, 1854.

TIME CHANGED.

Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western RAILROAD.

ON and after Monday, Feb. 25, 1854, the Mail Passenger train will leave Scranton at 11 A.M.

Arrived at Great Bend at 1:30 p.m.

Connecting with the day express trains East and West on the N.Y. & E.R.R.

Return, will leave Great Bend on the arrival of the Day Express from New York and Dunkirk, and arrive at Scranton at 5:30 p.m.

Freight Train will leave Passenger Car attached, will leave Great Bend at 5:30 p.m. Arrive at Great Bend at 9:30 a.m., connecting with the Main Engineer Train bound East on the N.Y. & E.R.R.

Returning, will leave Great Bend at 1:00 p.m. and arrive at Scranton at 5:10 p.m. Passenger taking the train will arrive in New York early in the evening.

Stage will be in waiting on the arrival of passenger train to Scranton, to convey passengers to Canfield, Wilkes-Barre, Philadelphia, the Reading Railroad, Easton, and all other intermediate places.

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