



CARLISLE, PA. WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1850.

The Lancaster Union, one of the ablest Whig papers in the State, has been greatly enlarged and improved in appearance.

John L. Carey, Esq. formerly connected with Dickinson College, has become an associate editor of the Washington Republic.

From Washington.

We have not given this week our usual daily abstract of Congressional proceedings. Our readers will be little by it, however, as they have been altogether uninteresting.

Hon. HUGH M. SMITH, delegate to Congress from New Mexico, has addressed a letter to his constituents, in which he asserts that there is no hope that Congress will do anything for them, owing to the power of the South.

Ex-Gov. RITNER. The administration of Gov. Ritner we presume will never cease to be a standing theme for locofoco abuse and misrepresentation.

We did not commence writing with the view of preparing an eulogy upon our venerable friend Ex-Gov. Ritner. His will robust and firm person, his good humored countenance and equanimity of temper, as we saw him in his visits to town or at his seat in quiet retirement at his West Pennsboro farm show that he is anything but troubled with remorse of conscience, or that he has any disquieting recollections connected with his administration as Governor.

Now is the Time. We observe that there is a disposition evinced in Congress to take at least some notice of the subject of Protection to American Industry, and we think it therefore behooves the friends of that measure, over the country, to speak out at this time their feelings on the subject.

A. I. Russell, Esq. The Lancaster Union says, a friend, who had occasion to go to Harrisburg, in a day's ride, to arrange some matters with the State Department, speaks in glowing terms of its government and most competent head, A. D. Keizer, Esq.

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The British Workshop Business.

What is to be the Result? After mentioning the fact of 5,000 tons of mill iron having been recently purchased in England for the Cleveland, Columbus and Cleveland Rail Roads, the New York Tribune forcibly remarks, "were this an isolated case, it might pass without comment; but when we consider that these five thousand tons of British iron are but a part of the five hundred tons recently purchased, already purchased or about to be contracted for, we bespeak for the subject a thoughtful attention."

At this moment, while our chief staples for export are bringing good prices—Cotton unusually high—and our country is in full possession of all the elements of prosperity, we are rushing swiftly, madly into debt to Europe. National Stocks, State Stocks, Railroad bonds, and other forms of indebtedness, are weekly sent across the Atlantic in reams, to purchase the products of British and Continental industry.

At least one-third of our Iron-Works are now closed, and most of the residue working feebly and subsiding—while we are buying Iron of Great Britain for the five thousand tons at a dash, and giving our note for it. Foreign silks come in upon us by the Twenty Millions worth, but our own Italian Silk factories are fast dying out.

The Pittsburg American states of the 131st furnace—that is, those recently in blast, or capable from resources for stock of again blowing—situated in the counties of Mason, Venango, Clarion, Armstrong, Clarion, Armstrong, Indiana, Cambria, Westmoreland and Fayette, which comprise the Iron regions of Western Pennsylvania, but 59 are now in blast, producing 47,000 tons annually.

We have an amount of loss to those counties of \$1,593,609. Sad as this picture is, still sadder one is in prospect. Of these 59 furnaces stated to be in operation, the American tells us that about two-thirds are making their last blast, and that in the year 1851 but 20 of them, probably not so many, will be at work.

The Locofocos and the Banks. The Volunteer has not yet brought out its annual column denouncing "the democratic traitors" who voted for bank charters the last session, but in a general review of the doings of the Legislature it gives the following side-slice at the erring brethren: "In both Houses there could be found those who had been elected as Democrats, but who voted with the Federalists nearly half the time."

Franklin County. The Whigs of Franklin county assembled at Chambersburg on the 21st instant, and nominated T. W. Cannon, Esq., for State Senator, and John McCray and James K. Davison, Esqs., for Assembly.

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The Galphin Claim.

The Volunteer and Democrat are of course out in full cry against the Administration on account of what is called the "Galphin claim." These pure and virtuous papers can find no other terms to characterize the transaction than that of "vicious robbery."

Now if there has been any infamous robbery about the matter the public will do well to remember that the principal of this claim was paid under the "Folk administration," and that that administration never absolutely refused to pay the interest either, but turned the vexed question over to their Whig successors.

The Attorney General of the United States, who duty is to give legal opinions on points submitted to him by the President or the Departments, gave an opinion upon this case, and he has done, probably, upon hundreds of other cases, since he came into the service of the Government.

Our District. The Democrat avails special praise to Mr. Church of our county, and to Col. Holdeman, of York county, for their unflinching exertions, which were finally successful, in retaining Mother Cumberland her former representation in the Legislature.

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African Colonization.

A gentleman in Virginia lately liberated by some thirty slaves, on condition that funds would be provided to send them to Liberia. The amount required was promptly furnished by some gentlemen in New York who contributed \$100 each to the object, and in this instance the oppressed will go free.

There are 1500 troops at Matanzas, and 800 were dispatched from Havana, at 1 o'clock, A. M. on the 20th, to reinforce them, and 1500 more were ordered to sail on the 21st.

On the 16th, news was received that a large force was collected at "Woman's" Island, near Ciego de Avila. The General of Marines, with several vessels, and about 3000 men, immediately started for that point.

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Arrival of the Steamer Ohio at New York—Important, from Cuba—Landing of General Lopez and his troops—Conflicting Reports.

The Steamer Ohio, Captain Schenck, arrived at New York on Friday from Cardenas and brings the following highly important intelligence of the invasion of Cuba, which we find in the Journal of Commerce:

General Lopez landed at Cardenas, about ninety miles from Havana, on the 17th instant, with several hundred men, and took possession of the town. The garrison consisted of about sixty men, who made but a slight resistance, were driven into a church, and after refusing to surrender, were killed.

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FROM CALIFORNIA.

Three weeks later—Intelligence—One Million of Gold Dust en route to the United States. The steamer Crescent City, from Cardenas, arrived at New York on Sunday afternoon.

The Crescent City brings \$200,000 in gold dust, in the hands of the passengers. The "Alfa Californian" gives the following summary of news:

The election for county officers, which took place upon the 1st of April, exhibited the fact that although party lines have been drawn, they have not been drawn with such strictness as to prevent the people from exercising their own opinion.

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New Advertisements.

Notice to Tax-Payers. UNDER the provisions of the Act of 1844, any county paying into the State Treasury the State Tax levied on each county, prior to the 15th of July in any year, is entitled to an abatement of 5 per cent on the amount so paid.

The undersigned, Commissioners of Cumberland county, in view of the above provisions consider it equitable and proper that those who by their prompt payment of the taxes due on the above date, enable the Treasurer to pay the State Tax, be so to receive the above abatement of 5 per cent on the amount so paid.

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