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DAILY PAPER IN READING.—Mr. J. Lawrence Getz, of the Reading Gazette, has commenced the publication of a daily in Reading, Pa.

We strolled up to the Basin on Wednesday, and were agreeably surprised to find business still so brisk in that neighborhood.

Hearing the busy rattle of mechanics' tools, we crossed over to FRAY'S BOAT YARD, where we found a staunch-looking Section Boat in progress.

"WALNUT FRONT."—We observe that our enterprising friend, Mr. Philip Schreiner, has completed the repairs of the property recently purchased by him on Front street, and the building now presents a handsome appearance.

Speaking of Front street, whoever passes along the vicinity of Capt. Fremantle's clothing store, will be struck with the alteration that has been made—in the store—not in the Captain—he presents the same front as of yore.

PROGRESSING RAPIDLY.—The large brick building which is being erected on the north-west corner of Front and Locust street, by Peter Haldeman, is progressing rapidly to completion.

IMPORTANT TELEGRAPHIC IMPROVEMENT.—Mr. J. D. Reid, the indefatigable Superintendent of the Atlantic and Ohio Telegraphic Company has invented an improvement in telegraphing which will prove to be a great importance.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.—We learn from the Lancaster Intelligencer that on Thursday last a most distressing casualty happened to Mr. H. G. Guetter, of Bethlehem, in this state, as he was proceeding in his carriage, with his wife and daughter, on the road towards Litz.

Got HIS FOOT IN IT.—As some boys were bathing in the Miami Canal, under the Twelfth st. bridge recently, one of them got his foot into a nest of silver and other kinds of watches.

A LONG-WINDED ORATION.—Abby Folsom preached a Fourth of July Oration, of two days' length, from her chamber window in Boston—commencing on Sunday and getting through on Monday night.

Car, THE CALCULATOR.—This prodigy is a negro, and one of the greatest wonders of the age. He can calculate with ease, and without the use of a slate, any amount of numbers.

MAGNETIC BALLOON.—The Philadelphia Sun publishes a well written communication, entitled, "Brief account of some novel experiments upon Gravitation, and also a narrative of two Voyages into empty space, by Orrin Lindsay."

The first relevant experiment which I made worth while here to relate, was by confining a young bull terrier dog, weighing about fifteen pounds, in the square box before mentioned, attaching a twine to the box, and allowing it to ascend in the air.

Delighted with the success of this experiment, the inventor set to work to devise the kind of machine, upon this principle, in which he might venture to make an aerial voyage, and to assist him in carrying his plan into execution, he employed Mr. Abner Josslin, a skillful philosophical instrument maker of Cincinnati.

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After exploring the upper regions to his own satisfaction, he prepared for a descent, which was done by opening one or more of the valves under the balloon so as to allow the attraction of the earth a chance to exercise its power.

A second voyage was made on the last day of February, with two persons in the balloon—Lindsay, and Josslin, the instrument maker, which was attended with like results, only this time they made the circuit of the moon, and were up six days.

SPURIOUS NOTES.—We saw yesterday two one dollar notes of the Merchants' Bank of Baltimore which had been altered to tens, and so ingeniously was it done as to require close scrutiny to detect the fraud.

The Telegraphic wires were put up through Steubenville on the 29th ult, and the line is going ahead to completion to Cincinnati, to be completed, as is hoped, in the course of thirty or forty days.

POLICE AFFAIRS. Before Justice Spear.

Jacob Mourer was arrested on complaint of Joseph Lundy, charged with abandoning his wife and children in March last, and enticing Mary Lundy to abscond with him.

George Taylor, on complaint made by a number of citizens, was convicted of vagrancy and sentenced to twenty days' imprisonment at hard labor.

Mary Winebrenner, assaulting and threatening Cornelia Davis. Held to bail to keep the peace.

Adam Kline, obtaining goods under false pretences, with a fraudulent intention, from A. B. Landis, a merchant in Washington, to the amount of \$27.76.

John Jollins, attempting to defraud A. Seiver out of \$18, by using artificial devices to avoid payment, he being fully able to pay.

CANAL TOLLS.—The subjoined statement of tolls received on the public works up to the 1st inst., shows a handsome increase over last year for the month of June, being \$41,774 06, and a total increase up to July 1st, of \$270,261 82.

OFFICES.

Table with 4 columns: Location, For, Total since, and Date. Includes entries for Easton, New Hope, Bristol, Philadelphia, Paoli, Parkersburg, Lancaster, Columbia, Portsmouth, Harrisburg, Newport, Lewistown, Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg, Johnstown, Blairsville, Freepport, Pittsburg, Dannsburg, Williamsport, Northumberland, Berwick, Liverpool, Schuylkill Viaduct, Pottsville Outlet Lock, Swatara Aqueduct Bridge, and Sunter Island Bridge.

A FEMALE SAILOR.—A girl of about twenty years of age, named Julia Bieckford, was examined at the Police Court, this forenoon, on the charge of being a vagrant, and, at her own request, was sent to the House of Correction for three months.

THE LETHWENS.—The Vera Cruz Eagle of the 23d ult., says:—"We had the pleasure of enjoying an invitation to be present on the occasion of an amputation of two legs, above the knee, on Saturday last, where that great assistant in surgical cases, the Lethwen, was used.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A few days since Mr. Cyrus Munson, of Manchester, Vt., having removed a pump from a barnyard well for the purpose of repairing it, placed a flour barrel in the mouth of the well, bottom up, to secure it against accidents.

At a recent meeting of the Farmer's Club, in New York, the secretary read from the Belgian Horticulturist, that an onion found in the hand of an Egyptian female mummy, which had been entombed more than two thousand years, on being planted in a garden, vegetated with great strength.

It is said if chestnuts are roasted and ground with the coffee beans, in the proportion of one part chestnuts to six of coffee, that an exceeding fine flavor, like Mocha, is imparted.

FROM SANTA FE.

ANOTHER BATTLE.—The St. Louis Republican of July 7 contains Santa Fe news of the 27th May. Major Edmundson, when about 150 miles south-east of Santa Fe, with a force of 70 men, met some 400 Mexicans and Indians.

A battle ensued, and the Americans were compelled to retreat with the loss of two killed and three wounded, besides losing all the horses belonging to the party.

Another government train has been attacked by the Indians, and one hundred and fifty head of cattle taken. This train was commanded by Capt. Bell.

Col. W. H. Russell, bearer of despatches from Col. Fremont, at California, has reached St. Louis.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM GEN. TAYLOR.—The Troy Daily Post publishes the following letter from Gen. Taylor, addressed to a citizen of Lansingburg.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Camp near Monterey, May 29, 1847.

Dear Sir—It is with much pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your most interesting letter of the 1st inst., and to which I desire to reply in terms more expressive of my thanks to you for your kind consideration for myself, and yet more so of my high appreciation of the upright and patriotic sentiments which are the principal tenor of your letter; but I am burdened with official duties, and at this moment with many letters from distant sources, which require attention, and will necessarily oblige me to reply to you in a few lines.

The Presidential office presents no inducements to me to seek its honor or responsibilities; the tranquility of private life, on the contrary, is the great object of my aspiration on the conclusion of the war—but I am not insensible to the persuasion that my services are yet due to the country, as the country shall see fit to command them; if still as a soldier, I am satisfied; if in higher and more responsible duties, I desire not to oppose the manifest wish of the people, but I will not be the candidate of any party or clique, and should the Nation at large seek to place me in the chair of the Chief Magistracy, the good of all parties and National good would be my great and absorbing aim.

Sentiments such as these have been the burden of my replies to all who have addressed me on this subject, expressing the assurance that by the spontaneous and unanimous voice of the people alone, and from no agency of my own can I be withdrawn from the cherished hopes of private retirement and tranquility when peace shall return.

Please accept, with this, my brief reply, the warm appreciation and high consideration of Yours, most sincerely, Z. TAYLOR, Maj. Gen. U. S. Army.

GEN. PILLOW—MORE GENERALSHIP.—The New Orleans Picayune is assured by a gentleman who came passenger in the New Orleans, and one who had done good service to his country, that Gen. Pillow, who left Vera Cruz with a large force to join Gen. Scott, selected the middle of the day for marching a part of the road, which is the dread of even old soldiers.

LITTLE PHILOSOPHERS.—Haying and harvesting will soon be ready for the scythe and the cradle, and in a cloudy morning it is a matter of importance to the farmer to know whether it will be sunshine or showers in the afternoon.

AN INFANT MURDERED BY A FORTUNE-TELLER.—The Williams county (Ohio) Northwestern states that the greatest excitement prevails in that county, caused by the wanton murder of a child, under the following circumstances:

On Sunday morning last a child of Mr. Scamp, a farmer of Jefferson township, and was scarcely five years of age, was seen going away from the house with a young man, (D. Heckerthorn) eighteen years old. A little brother of the child came back, and said that his brother, calling him by name, "had gone to the big woods with Uncle Dan."

No less a number of steerage immigrant passengers than 84,218 arrived at New York during the first six months of the present year, and of these 74,428 had been landed since the 1st of April, giving a monthly average since the latter date of nearly 25,000.

DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE TELEGRAPH.—We understand that the Telegraph is going forward with an earnestness that insures its rapid completion. The Agent, yesterday, ordered the necessary wire, (132, 300 lbs.) registers, batteries, glass cups, insulations, &c. for the line from Detroit to Milwaukee.

BATHING IN MEXICO.—The following is an extract from a letter from the camp of the Massachusetts volunteers, published in the Boston Transcript: "You would be charmed with our encampment, on account of the bathing, if nothing else. All the Matamoros females, high and low, bathe at least once each day—generally in the evening, soon after sunset—and as the current is too strong for their delicate limbs to contend against in the river, they resort to the lakes in the vicinity of the city, our lake being especially favored by them.

The Mexican men and women bathe all together and it is laughable to see the women take hold of a love-child swain and duck him till he is nearly dead. I should consider that a perfect cure for the most obstinate case imaginable."

One scarcely wonders that the writer of the letter was "charmed with their encampment." That must have been a rare thing to see eight officers of the Massachusetts volunteers swimming after one Mexican woman.

THE MESSENGER AND THE EXPRESS MAN.—A few years ago, before the railroad companies between Albany and Buffalo, I provided the long and comfortable and Wells' Express, the messenger of the latter rode in the passenger cars, "just like any body," and of course encountered all sorts of characters.

"Last week I was going through one of the streets of this very city, (Rochester) and saw a man just ahead to whom I was anxious to speak. He walked too fast for me to overtake him without running, so I just straightened out my arm, concentrated my will, made a pass at him—thus—and he stopped quicker than lightning."

"Oh, c-c-c-certainly. Y-y-you see, I h-h-happened to be up here to B-Batavia once, in the winter. G-g-going down to the c-c-cars I saw a man on t-t-top of a building, sh-sh-oveling off snow, p-pr-etty soon his f-foot slipped and d-d-d-down he came; wh-wh-wh'en he had got about half way down, I just made a p-pass at him, and it s-stopped him quicker than powder. I c-c-came off with out-th-out-thing a-a-anything more about it. If you arr go-o-o-ing to Batavia, I wish y-y-you would just let him down, for I p-p-pr-sume he is h-h-hanging there yet!"

"Wh-wh-wh-why mister, y-y-you don't call that m-m-m-'uch of a t-t-trick, do you?"

"Yes, sir, I rather flatter myself sir, that it was a pretty strong demonstration."

"W-w-w-well it don't b-b-b-g-in with wh-wh-wh-what I once did."

"Then you are familiar with the science, sir, I presume."

"S-s-s-some."

"Might I enquire what was the case you spoke of?"

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Mr. Polk travelled through four States on the 5th as follows:—Maine, New Hampshire, and passing down the sound was bounded on either side by two others, viz: New York and Connecticut.

NEW CLUSTER OF STARS.—The Cincinnati Herald states that Professor Mitchell has discovered a new cluster of stars, 330 thousand in number, to which he has given the name of Bechoiche. Their appearance is singular. They are of a blue tinge, and emit an unsteady light. They seem to revolve in a spiral orbit.

BOWEL COMPLAINTS occur more frequently during the summer months than at any other period, because at this season of the year, the system being debilitated, digestion is not sufficiently active to dispose of the food before it becomes putrid; hence a peculiar acid is generated in the stomach, which is the cause of those horrid diseases called dysentery, cholera morbus, inflammation of the bowels, &c. Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills are a natural remedy, and therefore are a certain cure for all kinds of bowel complaints; because they cleanse the stomach and bowels from those putrid humors which are the cause of the above distressing complaints. They also aid and improve digestion and purify the blood, consequently, as they remove the cause of every disease, it is absolutely impossible for them to fail in making a perfect cure of dysentery, cholera morbus, inflammation of the bowels, &c. Beware of Counterfeiters of all kinds! Some are coated with sugar; others are made to resemble in outward appearance the original medicine. The safest course is, to purchase from the regular agents only, one or more of whom may be found in every village and town in the State.

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DIAMETER OF THE STARS.—Great diversity of opinion now exists among astronomers as to the diameter of the stars. If, says M. Arago, we should take for their discs such as they appear to the naked eye, certain stars would be 900 leagues in diameter—equal to 27,000 times greater diameter than the sun; and at the most moderate calculation would be 1700 millions. Herschel's last calculation was that Arcturus had a diameter of nearly four millions of leagues, twelve millions of miles. If the apparent diameter of two seconds and a half, assigned by Herschel to the Goat, was real, the mass of that star must be more than fourteen millions times greater than that of our sun. But there is no certainty in this, nor anything to question that our sun is a star. The sublime idea in the Holy Scriptures that the Creator had made all with number, weight and measure, is followed by Plato, who called it the geometry of the heavens. Halley, the friend of Newton, believed that all stars were of the same magnitude—that of our sun; and that difference of distance only caused the apparent difference of size. The number of stars visible by means of a telescope of twenty feet of focal distance may be more than five hundred millions. It is affirmed by M. Arago that there are certainly stars in the firmament whose distance from the earth is 844 and even 900 times greater than that of the stars visible to the naked eye. See what a conclusion this leads to! It is admitted that light, with the velocity of 77,000 leagues a second, takes three years to reach us from the nearest star. And there are stars 344, and even 900 times more remote! Then there are stars whose light does not reach us until after two thousand seven hundred years—an infinity in distance as it is in numbers.

VALUABLE FOR HOT CLIMATES.—A gentleman in Brooklyn has discovered a plan by which the temperature inside of a dwelling may be reduced twenty or thirty degrees below that of the outside. He proposes to construct barracks upon this plan for the U. S. Army at Vera Cruz; and by having the soldiers live in a temperature below that in which the yellow fever and other tropical diseases become contagious, he hopes to save hundreds of valuable lives. From his successful experiments, made during the warmest day this season, we are favorably impressed with its utility. The invention can be applied to new dwellings at a very small expense. This is another aid to proper ventilation. We are happy to see attention paid to such important subjects.

The inventor is Mr. Thomas G. Boone, and his method is simple and equally applicable to vessels as well as buildings.—Sci. American.

ANOTHER RAILROAD IN NEW JERSEY.—We learn with great pleasure that a Railroad for the vicinity of New Brunswick to Easton (Penn.) is now in contemplation. It is thought that a grade of less than twenty feet to the mile can be obtained through the richest part of the State of New Jersey, opening at the same time a direct communication with the coal region of Pennsylvania.

This subject is now in the hands of capitalists, who appear determined to prosecute it with vigor. They have the best wishes of the public for the speedy accomplishment of this great work.—N. Y. Express.

THE TELEGRAPH.—The Telegraph, says the Nationalist of Monday, has been completed up to this date, seventy miles from Mobile, this way—and beyond Mobile twenty miles. Also, twenty-eight miles from New Orleans to the Rigolets. If wire can be procured, the line between here and Mobile will be in operation by the 1st of August.—Delta.

A most singular fish was caught yesterday at one of the wharves. It was nearly five feet in length and two and a half feet broad; the mouth, one foot from corner to corner, with two rows of small sharp teeth. Under the belly were two claws shaped something like the human hand. On the back part of the head were several horns. None of the large number of persons who saw it, knew of what species or by what name it was called, and but two or three persons ever before saw a fish of the kind. Whatever may be its name it is the ugliest looking customer we ever saw, and should we come in contact with such a monster while in the act of bathing, we should paddle for the shore as quick as possible. It could swallow a good sized boy without much inconvenience.—Bristol (R. I.) Phenix.

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