



MOUNTAIN SENTINEL.

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THE "SENTINEL" has much the largest circulation of any paper published in this county...

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, JAMES BUCHANAN, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The dwelling house of John Crouse, Esq., of Johnstown, was burned to the ground on Friday night last.

THE LATE NEWS.

The exciting news from France, of another revolution, will be found in to-day's paper...

The Mails—Again.

Our citizens universally complain of the manner in which papers arrive from the east...

The Democrats of Pittsburg held their delegate elections for a candidate for Mayor on Saturday...

CHAPLAINS TO CONGRESS—The Rev. C. M. Butler, of the Protestant Episcopal Church...

Death of the Hon. J. R. Poinsett.

The Hon. Joel R. Poinsett departed this life on the 12th inst., at Statesburg, S. C. He was the 73d year of his age...

The Doylestown Democrat announces the death of Joshua Dungan Esq., late Whig candidate for Canal Commissioner...

Hon. John Freedly, an old citizen of Montgomery county, died in Philada., on the 9th inst.

The Bank Power.

We recommend this article from Hunt's Magazine to the attention of thinkers—That the banks are the authors of the present prevailing panic in the money market...

Mr. John S. Thrasher.

Mr. Thrasher, who has been so honorably mentioned in connection with the unfortunate Cuba expeditionists...

I solemnly affirm that I have never had any connection with the parties who invaded this island, and that the only ground of hatred to me, on the part of the government and Spanish portion of the population here...

Flogging in the Navy.

In the Report of the Secretary of the Navy, the question of corporeal punishment is commented upon at considerable length...

We hope there may be no return to the re-application of the detested 'cat-o'-nine-tails' on the backs of the poor sailors.

Severe Storm on Lake Erie.

GIBBARD, Penna., Dec. 17th—1 P.M.—The steamer May Flower went ashore last night five miles below Conaut, during one of the most awful gales ever experienced on Lake Erie...

BUFFALO, Dec. 17th, 1851.—The storm here has been one of the worst we ever experienced, and it has not yet abated.

BUFFALO, Dec. 19.—The storm has at last abated. The steamer Empire State got in during the night, having come down during the violent gale. Last night the creek was frozen over...

Interesting from the South.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19th.—The Southern mail was received this morning, bringing dates from New Orleans as late as due.

Dear reader, we wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and send you this as our "GIFT."

The Right Course.

In some remarks on the first week of the session of Congress, the National Intelligencer of yesterday says: "If the proceedings of the week that has passed have afforded no other indications of importance...

The editors of the Intelligencer have an opportunity to ascertain the sentiments of members of Congress on the subject referred to above, and we have no doubt state correctly the course that will be pursued.

The Intelligencer refers to the reception given to Lafayette, on his arrival in Washington. On that occasion there was no combined action of the two houses of Congress—no resolutions passed—no addresses made by authority.

We feel as much disposed as others, to join in the shout of welcome to Governor Kossuth; but whatever we may do individually, we would not have the entire policy of our Government changed, because of his arrival amongst us.

HENRY CLAY.

This great old man, of mighty intellect and indomitable will, says the Pittsburg Chronicle, has resigned his seat in the U. S. Senate...

Mr. Clay will be seventy-five years old the 12th day of next April; more than two thirds of that period he has devoted to the service of his country, and has made a greater and more significant mark upon the history of the U. S. Senate than any other man to whom our country has given birth.

But, his public course is run; approaching dissolution has admonished him to fly from the excitement and turmoil of legislative strife. He who so often, not only raised the political tempest and guided the storm, but rode triumphantly upon the surge which swallowed up so many contemporaries...

From Washington.

The Intelligencer of Decem. 18th, expresses surprise that no toast was drunk to the President at the Press dinner in New York to Kossuth, and adds that Mr. Webster's letter was received with hisses.

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There are rumors at Washington of another secret Cuban expedition being arranged, and it is said that a million of dollars have already been contributed.

ARRIVAL OF THE EUROPA. REVOLUTION IN FRANCE!

HALIFAX, Dec. 20, 1851. The steamer Europa, from Liverpool, arrived here this morning, having experienced a constant succession of heavy gales, and lost a man overboard during the passage.

FRANCE. Affairs had reached the crisis long dreaded. The coup d'etat had been made on the 1st inst. The President had seized the reins of government, and dissolved the Assembly and declared Paris in a state of siege...

At daylight, Tuesday morning, the President's proclamation had been posted throughout the city, in which he ordered the dispersion of the Assembly, and the restoration of universal suffrage, and also proposing a new system of government—the instant election by the people and army of a President, to hold office ten years...

Barricades were erected in different quarters of Paris, but were speedily broken down by the troops. At one of these, two members of the Assembly who occupied prominent places, were killed in the conflict.

On Tuesday, a section of the Assembly contrived to meet, and decided on the deposition of the President and his impeachment for high treason. The meeting was dispersed by the troops, and the decree was ridiculed on all hands.

London advices of Friday do not materially vary the prospect, but new events are constantly transpiring.

Later From California.

New York, Dec. 19. The steamship Daniel Webster, from San Juan de Nicaragua, arrived this morning at 11 o'clock, bringing dates from San Francisco to the 16th inst.

The accounts from the mining districts continue highly favourable. Sheriff Buchanan has been shot at the Seneca camp, near Sacramento, by a party consisting chiefly of Mexican marauders.

The excitement in regard to Capt. Waterman has somewhat subsided at San Francisco. His friends have come forward and stated that as soon as they could be assured of his safety from the dangers of mob law, he would give himself up and demand the investigation of a court martial.

A large number of miners have been driven from the mines and compelled to winter in San Francisco, in consequence of the heavy rains. The stores and cellars of San Francisco, in the lower part of the city are filled with water.

Adams & Co's. Express has \$600,000 in gold on the way to New York, via Panama

The New York State Canal Contracts are not yet awarded. A question, it appears has arisen, and is still pending, which is first to be decided, and which is sufficiently explained by the following resolution, now on the table of the board, offered by Treasurer Hunt:

DIED:

At his residence, on Coal Hill, near Pittsburg, on Sunday evening, 21st inst., JAMES C. MARGURIE, Esq., aged 85 years and 5 days.

CLEANINGS.

Compiled from the New York HOME JOURNAL, the best Literary Paper in the United States. *** The present length of the railways of different countries would exactly encircle the globe!

*** In the printing-office of the Harpers—New York, are employed four hundred hands—most of them young girls.

*** Alcohol was first invented and used to stain the cheeks of the ladies of Arabia—950 years ago. It still reddens portions of the human face.

*** The number of copies of newspapers printed in the United States in one year, is (prepare to swallow, dear reader!) 422,600,000! So says the Government census.

*** The Baroness Arden, who lately died in England, left a provision of \$500 in her will, in trust to two of her nieces, that a black horse, long a favorite of her deceased husband, should be honorably buried when he should die, and not become the food of dogs.

*** A coffee-cup holder, which is much in the hand during visits, is an article of great luxury in the East. The Sultan has given a beautiful and costly one to an American gentleman, Mr. Wright, the inventor of a machine for making percussion caps.

*** A lecturer on "Ventilation" mentions that Sir Humphrey Davy invented a plan of introducing air, by numberless gimlet holes, to the Houses of Parliament, so as to obviate the danger from strong draughts.

For boring twenty thousand holes, The Lords paid nothing, d— their souls! *** A droll picture of an African king at breakfast is given by Smith, in his "Trade and Travels in the Gulf of Guinea."

*** The transactions of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, during the first week of the present month, were of unprecedented magnitude. The receipts of gold were within eighty-four thousand of three million dollars.

*** Our readers probably remember the story, copied from Household Words, some weeks ago, of a booby-constructor in the Zoological Gardens of London swallowing, entire, a large double blanket, which had been placed in its cage for a bed.

*** A carrot, forty-five inches in length, and a turnip, three feet and a half in circumference, (weighing twenty-two pounds,) are among the latest agricultural achievements of the English farmers.

*** The Bank of England having caused one of Hobbs's famous American locks to be applied to a safe, no one in the establishment was able to open it, and Mr. Hobbs had to be sent for before the business of the department could begin.

*** During Father Matthew's stay in America he visited twenty-five states, advocated temperance in three hundred towns and cities, travelled thirty-seven thousand miles, and administered the pledge to six hundred thousand persons.

*** The average number of weekly deaths in London is about one thousand; of births, fourteen hundred. In New York, last week, the deaths were three hundred and seventy-five; in Boston only sixty-seven.

*** John O'Connell, a son of the great liberator; is about to emigrate with his family to Australia. Mr. O'Connell was the late M. P. for Limerick.

*** In Peru, says a London paper, horses and rats are so plentiful, and cats so scarce, that a horse is often given in exchange for a cat.

*** Kossuth is forty-five years of age. His mother, who is said to be a woman of great worth and talent, is still living.

*** The marriage of G. Hoyt, Esq., and Miss Camilla Scott, daughter of Gen. Scott, was recently solemnized at Washington.

*** It is positively asserted in a late Australian paper, that one hundred and six pounds of virgin gold were taken from the Australian diggings "at one time." There were two lumps, among the rest, each of which weighed over six pounds.

*** There is likely to be a mania for "Great Exhibitions" in Europe. We see one announced to take place soon in Vienna, and another proposed for Cork, in Ireland.

From Our Exchanges.

The Cincinnati Nonpartisan says: "There are now fifty-six coal boats sunk between Cincinnati and Pittsburg; they are all heavily laden, and we fear the immense loss will have the effect to advance the price of coal during the winter."

Rev. Mr. Taylor, writing from San Francisco says: "Every Sunday I preach on Long Wharf, Pacific Wharf, and on the Plaza. Last Sunday, on Pacific Wharf, I occupied a barrel of whiskey for a pulpit."

B. C. Sawyer, Esq., has been nominated as the Whig and Anti-Masonic candidate for Mayor of Pittsburg.

MATERNAL INFLUENCE.—"I believe," said John Randolph, "I should have been swept away by the flood of French infidelity, if it had not been for one thing, the remembrance of the time when my sainted mother used to make me kneel by her bedside, taking my little hands folded in hers, and causing me to repeat the Lord's Prayer."

SCOTCH WIT.—A meeting of the elders of a certain kirk had assembled for the purpose of determining about the position of a stove, which was to be erected for the purpose of warming the building on Sundays. After considerable discussion, an old man, who had hitherto said but little was asked for his opinion.

The Harrisburg Typographical Society have elected Col. William Bigler an honorary member. At a recent meeting a letter from the Governor elect was read, acknowledging the compliment, and stating that, after locating himself at the Capitol, he would be pleased to attend the meetings of the Society.

FIRST GUN.—A boy got his grandfather's gun and loading it, but was afraid to fire; he however liked the fun of loading, and so put in another charge, but still was afraid to fire. He kept on charging, but without firing, until he had got six charges in the old piece.

Lola Montez is preparing for her appearance on the stage at New York. Her maiden name was Rosanna Gilbert, and she is the daughter of a poor shop-keeper in one of the British Islands.

The Republic publishes a letter from the Spanish minister to Mr. Webster, communicating the pardon of James M. Wilson, one of the Cuban prisoners, in consequence of the affecting appeal in his behalf, from his mother, to the President, which was forwarded to the Queen of Spain—who liberated and sent him home, with funds from her private purse.

An old fellow, who had become weary of his life, thought that he might as well commit suicide, but he didn't wish to go off without forgiving all his enemies. So at the last moment, he removed the noose from his neck, saying to himself, "I never can or will forgive old Noah for letting the copperhead snake into the Ark. They have killed \$2,000 worth of my cattle; when he and I meet there'll be a general fuss."

The Blue Ridge Tunnel, in Virginia, will be 4,200 feet long, and about 800 feet will be penetrated. The rock is of the hardest kind, being solid trap or green stone, with veins of flint—and the work is progressing at the rate of about 100 feet per month from the two ends of the mountain.

The proverb that curses, like young chickens, come home to roost, is exemplified in South Africa, where the Hottentots and Kafirs have taken to hunting the British troops with blood-hounds.

About the year 1684, the Legislature of Pennsylvania passed a resolution that "no member thereof should come to the house barefoot, or eat his bread and cheese on the steps."

The real object of education is to give children resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that will ameliorate, not destroy, occupation that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, life more dignified and useful, and death less terrible.

In the 23,000,000 of the United States population there are more persons who habitually read and write than can be found in 150,000,000 in Europe in one area, marked off in any shape you please.

Girls who rise early and walk apace, steal roses from Aurora's face; but when they yawn in bed till ten, Aurora steals them back again.

A clergyman named Williams, just now a resident of Green Bay, Wisconsin, is supposed to be the Dauphin of France. It is said the Prince De Joinville, having paid him a visit, is satisfied that Mr. Williams is a son of Louis XVI. Louis Philippe, also, during his life manifested a strong interest in him.

The Baltimoreans are enraptured with Catherine Hayes. The Republican speaking of her first concert and her says— "She is undeniably handsome, and possesses that softness and winning grace of manner which at once secures a corner in the hardest heart of the most perverse critic that ever dipped his pen into an inkstand to murder a reputation; while from the first bars which she sung of the "Ah mon fils," from Meyerbeer's Prophete, we felt that her reputation scarcely did her justice."