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The Lake Trade

A recent number of the Buffalo *Democracy* contained a [illegible] statement of the tonnage of the Lakes, which, as a matter of reference and comparison, is very valuable. From it figures can be readily calculate the value and [illegible] of the commerce of our great chain of inland seas. [illegible] the facts embraced in this exhibit could be [illegible] for the eye of the capitalists and "merchant [illegible] of our metropolis, Philadelphia. Could they [illegible] read the Sunbury and Erie railroad would [illegible] looking for means. But to a brief abstract [illegible] most important of these facts and figures [illegible] an exhibit of the total tonnage of each [illegible] District on the Lakes

	Tonnage
Districts of Buffalo Creek	66,042,87
" Presque Isle—Erie,	6,085,00
" Oswego,	27,782,25
" Sandusky,	5,222 78
" Miami,	2,430 00
" Detroit,	41,016,59
" Chicago,	25 721,92
" Milwaukee	11,646,00
" Michilimackinac,	4 462,62
" Niagara,	86 82
" Genesee,	913,62
" Sandusky,	24,611,00
" Cuyahoga,	4 209 94
" St. Vincent,	3 145 48
" Saginaw Harbor	1,816 79
" Grand,	5 021 6
" Dunn's, &c.	1 336 21
Total,	257,830,00

[illegible] that out of the seventeen collection districts [illegible] a greater tonnage than Erie, while ten [illegible] fall [illegible] Sunbury and Erie road,—and [illegible] the iron mines, and the Lumber and [illegible] are resources of the country, between this point [illegible] Susquehanna,—and Erie, in five years, instead of [illegible] it will be second in point of commercial importance. But let us look a little farther. The tonnage of different classes upon the Lakes in 1854 [illegible] as will be seen by the following

	Volume of Tonnage.
Steamers,	$3,093,000
Propellers,	1,868,000
Barques,	1,045,
Brigs,	21,330,
Schooners,	71,618,
Sloops and Scows,	5 484,
	$ 588 000
	163 656
	$7 666 000

Comparison of Vessels built in 1854—

Number of Vessels	276
Tonnage	94,376
Value	$2,317,000

During the year there were built on the Lakes 6 [illegible] 13 barques 11 brigs, and 88 [illegible] Their tonnage is as follows

Steamer,	6 448 39
Propeller	5,165,47
Barque	3 729,90
Brig	3,950 00
Schooner	19,169 00
Total	40,739,98

[illegible] of the vast trade these facts and figures [illegible] the city of Philadelphia get? And how much will it contribute towards the wealth and resources [illegible] Philadelphia gets not one dollar! This [illegible] tonnage might as well exist in the interior of [illegible] for all the benefit it does Philadelphia. It will soon [illegible] commercial importance and supremacy of [illegible] Philadelphia has but to rouse [illegible] and be, in many [illegible] second to none other [illegible] Let her but [illegible] to direct to some other [illegible] And Pennsylvania, too, great in resources [illegible] be able to her great advantages, could, [illegible] control this vast commerce, and make it [illegible] her wealth and prosperity. But no, with [illegible] heretofore as dishonest as they were imbecile, [illegible] Court, the majority of which has not the [illegible] to carry out the law as it has explained it, she is in [illegible] of remaining as she always been—a well [illegible] for other States, and corporations of other [illegible]

[illegible] the *Herald* of second ult. Egan [illegible] first rate notice," he set forth in a crowded [illegible] things at Gerard and Long [illegible] [illegible] at fault, his performances there received [illegible] ment of more merit. The Know Nothings [illegible] in the county. In this we [illegible] [illegible], superstition and fear are natives of [illegible] people and be put by such designing knaves [illegible] pretext to operate upon Catholicism. We hear a [illegible] about Jesuits in our Homes," but we have never seen one of 'em. We have, however, seen many [illegible] powers admitted to the "Homes and hearths" [illegible] and all upon the strength of that sectarian [illegible] so many professors of the religion of [illegible] for religion pure and undefiled.

[illegible] Reverend "Hope and joy" Know Nothingism [illegible]

A RARE TOP.—A fellow by the name of *Lord* pre[illegible] himself a Catholic Priest, has been on eight[illegible] Chautauque county, in regard to the aw[illegible] the Catholic Clergy were guilty of, and discant[illegible] the Sons of Know Nothingism. He appoint[illegible] village of Ashville, town of Harmony [illegible] but when the day and hour arrived, [illegible] was not on hand. It was afterwards ascer[illegible] had got on a spree with a stage driver, and [illegible] the entire time until a very late hour at [illegible] *Republican Era.*

[illegible] Reverend Inventurer made his [illegible] place, where he was hardly fed and feasted [illegible] Christian friends, who were delighted in [illegible] charming revelations about the Catholics, [illegible] clergy &c. From the bungling manner in [illegible] he may, in a week, many were fully convinced that [illegible] sister; but his *tolerant* christian friends see [illegible] in the pattern of a reformer. He left here and [illegible] Alden, where he succeeded in swindling one [illegible] Know Nothing friends out of a bill of Clothing to [illegible] about $30, giving as a reference the name [illegible] respectable Clergyman of Buffalo. He soon [illegible] booty, leaving the clothing merchant to [illegible] nice as to the prospects of getting his pay. [illegible] applied to, the Reverend gentleman of Buffalo [illegible] know Lord, as a miserable imposter! And [illegible] that we heard of the poor devil, until we [illegible] the notice of his whereabouts. The next [illegible] of them, will no doubt be on his way to Au[illegible]—*Buffalo Advocate.*

A meeting of the people took place at the Court [illegible] Tuesday evening to take action upon the nomi[illegible] two persons for Mayor, an Other municipal [illegible] A motion was submitted for the appointment of [illegible] men in each Ward to report a Municipal Ticket [illegible] subsequent approval and ratification. The motion was [illegible] and the following gentlemen named by the Chair: [illegible] Ward, Carson Graham, Thomas Evans, David Ken[illegible] Dante Dobbins, Henry Hechtman Jacob Knipe;—[illegible] Capt. Lemar Tibbitt, James Williams, Sherburn [illegible] Messrs. Dr. James Roskinson, C. Kolb. The [illegible] A. K. [illegible] was subsequently added. Ad[illegible] Monday evening next for the purpose of [illegible] report of the Committee.

CARP PRACTICE.—This is the last case of "carp practice" [illegible] day a sob red man stole a dog from a gentleman [illegible] N. City, and after painting him a different color, [illegible] owner for $10. The gentleman soon found [illegible] and laughed pretty well at the joke, but [illegible] compel the joker to return half the money.

We hear that one of the bands in Liddle, Kepler [illegible] has drawn a prize of $5 000 in one of the [illegible] Lotteries. We do not know whether it is a fact [illegible] or hell take our advice he'll never in [illegible] to draw in lotteries—lighting don't strike [illegible] same spot.

The Erie *Democracy* says Reed's line of [illegible] will [illegible] coming season, between Collingwood, on [illegible] Chicago. This route will be one of the [illegible] other trips—across by railroad from To[illegible] the Bay, thence into Lake Huron, [illegible] straits of Mackanaw, and up Lake Michigan [illegible] Or take the route, and go up to the Sue to [illegible]

[illegible] Big [illegible] once upon a time," conferred the parch[illegible] Colonel upon our friend *McFarland*, [illegible] Democrat, and now we see that Gov. Pol[illegible] has gone and done it" to *Hayes*, of the *Journal*—[illegible] "more easily in Mondville. May the new [illegible] never want a uniform, or a ration!

We return our obligations to Hon. C. B. Curtis, of [illegible] and Hon. Rich. Broadhead, of the Senate, for [illegible] Congressional favors.

[illegible] week or a week has upon several occasions, [illegible] symptoms of spring.

Those interested in the Bounty Land act, just pass[illegible] Congress, will do well to look at the Card of Benja[illegible] Esq., in another column. Mr. Grant has [illegible] experience in this kind of business, and will [illegible] give every attention to claims entrusted to him.

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Buffaloism on a "buffet"—Another Chapter of Scrambling—Gen. Houston—George Law and the Presidency—News items, &c.

When Buffaloism "goes to buffet" with itself, peaceful citizens do not feel inclined to weep over its self inflicted wounds, and a general Kilkenny catfight among the gangs of rowdies who infest our city, would be rather desirable than otherwise, provided no lives more valuable than those of professional bullies were imperilled in the affray. The late desperate fracas at Stanning Hall, in Broadway, in which Turner, the Californian, shattered his own right arm by mistake, and the notorious Bill Poole, and ex-policeman Baker were severely wounded, has not, therefore, created much sorrow beyond the select circle to which the parties belong. It is of course a subject of regret that the public peace has been violated, and some sympathy is felt for Pool, who was beset in a cowardly manner by a band of assassins, but all the principals in the affair are so well known as reckless desperadoes, that to the community at large, the injuries they have received seem something like just retribution. The row between the two factions of bruisers headed respectively by Mr. Morrissey, the Irish pugilist and Bill Poole, is now to be [illegible] that every available member and fire arms have been [illegible] that once by the belligerents during its progress. At the time Tom Hyer was mixed up in the quarrel, and a few weeks ago he barely escaped with life from a squad of Morrissey's adherents. He has of late, however, like a sensible man, avoided the haunts of his enemies, and professed his determination to have nothing to do with them if it can possibly be avoided. The latter has not yet [illegible] Turner bears to Pool, grows out of a political row which took place between the two last summer, very much by appointment one morning bright and early, on the [illegible] North River wharves, in the presence of a few hundreds of "Short Boys," in the absence of all the police. Morrissey, who is a heavier man than Poole, by some forty pounds, was on that occasion pretty severely [illegible] After the upper arched each other Pooleish [illegible] in most wild cat fashion, occasionally [illegible] and [illegible] kicked, and gouged him until he [illegible] enough, and the right it admirable [illegible] Morrissey is entitled to the credit of the best fight of the evening, if the late affray [illegible] has been carried on between the Poole [illegible] of Morrissey, a fight must probably taking place [illegible] the two gangs met in force.

Poole was under bail in [illegible] [illegible] should recover he keep [illegible] Assemblyman [illegible] the house," and will probably [illegible] give evidence against his assailants before the Grand Jury of the city and courts next week. Turner was on the use of his left arm, and Baker, who was shot by Turner, accidently during the *melee* is said to be [illegible] mortally wounded. He has has not yet been arrested. That none of the principals were slain outright is wonderful, for I am well prepared to say that their escape was pre-destined.

In mentioning last week, the financial exploits of Curtis I. North, the notorious Banker, I [illegible] half the story. He played a dearer game than I had supposed, and it is said that during his brief career in the [illegible] he "cleared" more than $100 000. He did not [illegible] to the parts of mammon, but actually [illegible] his own church and paid $1,000 [illegible] to be erected in [illegible] Fifth Avenue. His workmen, among the congregation in question, are said to have amounted to over $11,000. Fr them it was [illegible] the other about $7 000. [illegible] a costly pew. But what is still more surprising than his exploits in the church he positively [illegible] his professional adviser, who it is presumed had his full confidence, and who could hardly fail to know the character of man he was. Report says that North made [illegible] the "California ride" without paying the lawyer a cent, but contrived to [illegible] crow of him about $15 000.

The passage of the Clams Loue appropriation bill, has given the most lively satisfaction here. Telegraphic report to Washington intimate that it will be vetoed on [illegible] the Pre dent, but he says is not [illegible] [illegible] Paul R. George, (formerly whipper in for [illegible] Tyler) is reported to be missing here, in Washington, that it will be so disposed of.

The arrival of the Comander, St. Louis, at Boston, furnishes no war news of importance. It is probable however, that by this time the ships have commenced bombarding Sebastopol in earnest if they have not been anticipated in their offensive demonstrations by a general and simultaneous attack from the Russian forces in garrison and in the field. I believe the prevailing opinion among military men in this country is that the [illegible] army will be compelled to raise the siege.

General Houston appears to be winning golden opinions [illegible] in the [illegible] Young American about one eye, but [illegible] has come to mention, which one [illegible] he is "native candidate for [illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] At the "reasonable" [illegible] [illegible] Broadway, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]