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Steam Leaving Port To-day.

See Table on Third Page.

The list of Letters will appear in to-morrow's Crescent, as usual.

The steamship Falcon, from Aspinwall, crossed the Bar yesterday afternoon, at half past four o'clock, with one hundred passengers and the California's mails.

We are indebted to the clerk of the steamer Lexington for river favors.

Rally! Rally!! Rally!!—*Sixth Rangers!*—Be up to-night at your hall over the Pearl, and answer bravely to the "rally" call! You have never failed yet in your west, and to-night you must throng in to the rally in your strength.

Mr. Marks, President of the Whig State Central Executive Committee, will, on behalf of that body, present the Rangers with a splendid American Eagle; and Col. J. B. Kenner and Mr. Chas. Derbes, two eloquent and enthusiastic whigs, are expected to address the meeting. Rally! Rally!! Rally!!!

Cerro Gordo Club.—The members of the Cerro Gordo Club are requested to meet at 7 o'clock this evening, at their Hall, Salvador Prats's, corner of Custom-house and Bourbon streets.

The Scott Club of the City of Jefferson meets this evening at their Club-room, on which occasion they will be visited by the Union Scott Club of the Fourth District. Addresses will be delivered by Mr. DeFrance, of New Orleans, and Mr. Young, of Kentucky, *et al.* The public generally, and whigs in particular, are requested to be in attendance.

W. P. Brennan.—We are pleased to note the return of this talented artist to this city. During the summer he has been among the good people of Alabama, in the neighborhood of Bladon Springs, and they exhibited good taste in having many of their faces transferred to canvass by him. Mr. B. is temporarily on Canal street, between St. Charles and Carondelet, (southern side.) We believe some landscape sketches taken during the last summer, may be found in his studio, and we know enough of the merit of his creations, to say that they are well worth a visit.

No. 13 and No. 18.—We have received a communication from our friend, Gruber, in reference to the proposed trial between the above named companies. We would cheerfully publish it, if it did not involve an argument which might create some feeling, and which can be substantially closed by the result of the trial proposed. Let the members of both companies make a test trial, and in that friendly and good humored spirit so honorable to the firemen of New Orleans. As for this or that about one company or the other, we have nothing to do with it. It is sufficient for us that the members of both companies respect one another as gentlemen, and we expect them to meet in the fairest, kindliest, and most gentlemanly spirit. We know Gruber and we know Hubbell, and with two such firemen no challenge trial can eventuate in any discredit to the well-earned reputation of New Orleans firemen for order, celerity, and friendliness. The good behavior of our firemen has so drawn back, and is an honor to our city and a proud contrast with some of our contemporary cities.

Revere House.—The proprietor of this establishment, adjoining the Post-office, and formerly known as "Arm strong's," sends us some very fine brandy and other liquors. Mr. Bird says that the same quality will always be kept on hand, and if so, competent judges declare that there is no better place in the city at which to take a quiet drink. There is an entrance from Royal street, the establishment being, however, known as 12 Exchange Place.

Match Race.—A trotting race for two hundred dollars will come off over the Union Course, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, between the well known pacing horses *John Dorsey* and *Uncle*. Each pony has a host of friends, and considerable sport is anticipated.

Red River.—The San Augustine (Texas) Herald says that Red River is rising, and reports from above speak of a very heavy rise.

Departure of Billy Bowlegs.—Billy Bowlegs, with the Seminole delegation, left Washington on the 22d for New York, where he will receive presents and depart thence for Florida. On his arrival home, the Indians will move off to their new homes west of the Mississippi. Billy makes fair promises, but if he proves false, nothing many cause but war.

Corn.—Corn is now selling in many parts of Texas for twenty-five cents per bushel. This is a favorable year for emigration.

Arkansas River.—The Little Rock (Ark.) Whig, of the 22d, says: "The river is now in good boating order for small boats. It will not remain so, we fear, for many days, as the rise has doubtless been occasioned by the rains of the past week."

Connecticut State Reform School.—The $10,000 to be raised for the foundation of a State Reform School in Connecticut, has been collected and deposited in the State Treasury. This settles the question of the establishment of the school. The State is to contribute $10,000 more to the object.

Another Cuban Expedition.—The Charleston Courier has a dispatch from New York, dated the 24th inst., which says: "The Journal of Commerce intimates that a firm in this city has received orders for ordnance and other munitions of war, to be used in a new expedition that is about to be organized against Cuba."

The Japan Expedition.—It is now understood that the U. S. frigate Princeton is to be the flag ship of Commodore Perry for the Japan expedition.

For Australia.—The clipper ship Dolphin sailed from New York, on Tuesday the 21st inst., for Australia, with two hundred passengers. The Australian fever is beginning to prevail to a great extent in the Northern States, and fears are entertained that it will become epidemic.

Madame Sontag.—Sontag has just recovered a verdict for 100,000 francs against Lumley, the manager, for arrears of pay. The papers say she will get the money—"over the left."

Naval.—The United States steam frigate Powhatan, arrived at New York on the 21st, from Hampton Roads, has been ordered to Africa for the winter, and will join the Mediterranean squadron in the spring.

Fire in St. Louis.—On the night of the 20th inst., Alexander's extensive stable was destroyed, with a large number of buggies and wagons. The stable contained 150 horses, but they were all rescued. The loss was $10,000, and no insurance.

McKean Buchanan.—Mr. McKean Buchanan, the American tragedian, is about to make a professional tour through England, Ireland and Scotland, previous to his return to the United States.

A Vein of Oil.—The San Augustine (Texas) Herald says: We are informed by Capt. William Bateliffe, of this county, that he has discovered, in digging a well in his yard, a vein of dark, rich looking oil, in all respects resembling the American Oil. It accumulates in the well in large quantities.

Holmes' Oyster Saloon.—The re-opening of this old and favorite establishment has, we are pleased to say, been accompanied with that success which the spirited proprietor deserve. We have already spoken of the admirable manner in which the establishment is fitted up, and the manager, Mr. Charles H. Pine, has done every thing in the way of catering to secure the patronage of the public. "Rivalries" of the most delicious kind are always on hand, as also are all the delicacies of the season. The elegant saloon up stairs, for families or private parties, is a fine feature in the establishment. The principal dispenser of the *spiritual* comforts, Mr. Robt. Bartholf, is perfectly *au fait* in his department.

Artful Dodge.—It was announced the other day, among sundry items of European news, that three Englishmen, who had undertaken on a wager to sail from London to Constantinople in an open boat, had arrived at some port in Germany. We now hear that they have got as far as Vienna, on their way down the Danube to the Black Sea. Their boat is three feet wide by twenty-one long, and weighs seventy-four pounds. For crossing the British Channel, this was rather a dangerous conveyance, but the terms of the wager left them no choice; accordingly they remained in the boat for the entire passage, but took care to have it hoisted on the deck of a steamer before leaving London. A similar device will probably give security to their navigation from the mouth of the Danube to Constantinople.

TELEGRAPHED TO THE CRESCENT.

By the National Line.

[Office Corner of St. Charles and Gravier streets.]

The Fisheries.

Boston, Wednesday, September 29.

Captain Bell, the commander of the British frigate Devastation, stationed on the Fishing banks, has written a letter to the Governor of Prince Edward Island stating the American fishermen are flocking in vast numbers to the Fishing Grounds in the neighborhood, and that the greatest exertion of the authorities is required to keep a check upon their intrusion.

Indian Affairs—Japan Expedition.

Washington, Wednesday, September 29.

The Shawnee delegation have concluded their business with the Indian Bureau. The Government pays them $38,000 to be distributed among the people of their tribe. Orders have been issued for the removal of the Menomonies to the new home assigned them in the Western regions of Wisconsin.

The Government is engaged energetically in forwarding the Japan expedition, and it will now proceed with the least possible delay.

Cuban Expedition.

New York, September 29.

The Herald this morning contains a letter from Colonel Gonzales in which the latter denies that the Cuban sympathizers contemplate a "Lopez expedition" against the Island.

NewYork Markets.

New York, September 29.

The Cotton market is yet quiet, and prices unchanged. The steamer's news has had no effect on the market. Flour is firm, with sales of Indiana at $4 50, and Southern at $4 62½ per bbl. Pork is dull and declining. Lard firm and recovered, but quiet.

Ohio River—Markets.

Pittsburgh, September 29.

There is now barely two feet two inches water in the channel, and falling.

Cincinnati, September 29.

The river here is still falling slowly. Markets dull. Flour held at $3 25 per bbl., and Whisky at 17½ cents per gallon.

Sailing of the Niagara.

Boston, September 29.

The Cunard steamer Niagara sailed to-day for Liverpool. She carries out thirty-three passengers, and one hundred and eighteen thousand dollars in American gold.

New Bishop.

Providence, R. I., September 29.

The Rev. Dr. Hawkes has been appointed Bishop of Rhode Island by the Episcopal Convention now in session in this city.

New York Markets.

New York, September 29—Evening.

The sales of Cotton to-day embrace 520 bales, Middling is quoted as before, at 10¼c. per lb. for Orleans, and 10¼c. per lb. for Uplands. Flour firmer, with sales at $4 43¾ per bbl. for State, $4 62½ for Ohio, and $4 62½ a $4 75 per bbl. for Southern brands. Mess Pork has sold at $17 75 a $18 00, and Prime at $15 75 a $16 00 per bbl. Ohio Whisky is quoted at 23½ a 24c. per gallon.

Philadelphia Markets.

Philadelphia, September 29.

The Cotton market has been firmer under the influence of the Canada's accounts. White Corn is scarce, and sales at 70c. and Yellow at 73c. per bushel.

Letter from Thomas F. Meagher.—It will be recollected that the Common Council last month passed resolutions, congratulating Mr. Meagher on his escape from captivity and his arrival in America. Mr. M. thus replies to the Mayor:

New York, September 16, 1852.

Sir—I trust you will kindly forgive my delay in acknowledging the resolutions of the Common Council of New Orleans, which in such complimentary and candid terms you conveyed to me on the 3d of last month.

The incessant attentions and favors of my friends in New York, have been the sole cause of that delay, and whatever blame it deserves must be referred exclusively to them.

Nothing else could have induced me to postpone the duty which I now discharge, in heartily thanking you for the words of welcome you have given me, and the generous sympathies which, in allusion to my country and her cause, you have so nobly expressed.

No amount of language, however brilliant, can add force to the simple expression of gratitude which proceeds from the heart, when the feeling is first evoked. I shall not, therefore, write more than I have already written, except to express the hope, that as I have now taken the oath of allegiance to this Republic, every word and act of mine shall be worthy of the citizenship to which I aspire, and, if some slight degree, at all events, conducive to the prosperity and freedom, with the defence of which the name of your great city is imperishably associated.

With sincere respect, believe me, sir, always to remain your faithful servant,

Thomas Francis Meagher.

To his Honor, the Mayor of New Orleans.

New York Whig State Convention—*Syracuse*, September 22.—The Whig State Convention organized to-day at noon by calling H. L. Pruyn, of Albany, to the Chair. A committee was appointed to report permanent officers, who selected Henry W. Taylor as President. He was conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Brooks and Dickinson, and made an address, strongly urging harmony and concession on all sides. A committee of one from each district was appointed to draft resolutions, after which Washington Hunt was re-nominated for Governor by acclamation—whereupon a salute was fired. Wm. Kent was nominated for Lieutenant Governor on the first ballot, receiving eighty-four votes to twenty-eight for Cook, and the nomination was declared unanimous. This was followed by loud applause and a second salute. Thomas Kempshall, of Monroe county, was nominated for State Prison Inspector, receiving sixty-eight votes. Simeon Draper and George Babcock were appointed Senatorial Electors by acclamation. The President was authorized to appoint a State Central Committee of eleven persons, and the Convention then adjourned till seven o'clock p. m.

Congress of the German Revolutionary League.—The Wheeling Times of Tuesday the 21st, contains the proceedings of a German Revolutionary Congress which assembled in that city on the 20th, at which fourteen States were represented.

Dr. Humphrey, of Indianapolis, was chosen President, and the usual number of Vice Presidents and Secretaries were appointed. Letters were read from Ledru Rollin, Kossuth, Mazzini and others.

After some preliminary business, a lengthy string of resolutions was submitted from the Committee on American Politics, declaring in substance that the hopes of Europe are placed on America, and affirming generally the doctrines of Kossuth. The seventh is as follows:

For the security of American liberty we demand the liberation of our sister nation of Europe; for the fostering of American prosperity we ask the disenthralment of European trade and manufactures; for the preservation of the American Union we demand its extension over the States of Europe, the extension of the American principle of E Pluribus Unum over the European world, which is hopelessly sinking from the absence of its introduction.

An Address from Gen. Gonzales.—The NewYork Herald publishes an address, or manifesto, from Gen. Ambrosia Jose Gonzales, the associate of Gen. Lopez, which occupies an entire page of that paper, and which is characterised by much ability. It gives a condensed but complete history of the different revolutionary movements in Cuba since 1825, and of the operations carried on in the United States. It ably vindicates the character of Lopez, and the cause in which he lost his life. The document, altogether, is one of thrilling interest, and we regret exceedingly that its extreme length prevents us from publishing it. It exposes the interesting fact that the gallant and lamented Gen. Worth had, a considerable time previous to his death, consented to resign his position in the army of the United States, and take command of an army, ready, with him, to peril every thing for Cuban freedom.

Melancholy Occurrence.—The Georgetown (Ky.) Herald relates the following truly melancholy occurrence: "We regret to learn that a young lady, residing in Fayette county, Ky., near the Scott line, was shot through the head by her own brother one night last week. The circumstances, as related to us, are briefly as follows: Miss Fry was engaged to be married to a young man by the name of Johnson, in opposition to the wishes of her friends. It was supposed that Johnson would attempt to run away with her, and, on the night in question, some alarm being given, her brother, taking his gun, went out to investigate the matter. The young lady, supposing her lover to be there, interfered, and, in the effort to prevent his shooting, the gun went off, and the charge of slugs passed through her head, which was dreadfully mangled. We do not vouch for the details of this sad affair, but the fact of the shooting may be relied upon. Johnson and the brother of the young lady were in town on Sunday morning—the latter for the purpose of having a coffin made for his sister."

Yellow Fever at Port-au-Prince.—By the arrival of the schooner Louisa Sears, Capt. Burdett, at New York, we have advices from Port-au-Prince to the 30th of August. The yellow fever was raging at that port, and Captain Vicsor, of the British brig Nile, of Halifax, had died of the disease. It was prevailing among the shipping when Capt. Burdett sailed. The Louisa Sears sailed from Wilmington, N. C., on her outward passage, and lost by death a seamen named Augustus Wm. Blake, a native of England, aged 19 years, and the cook of the vessel, William Parcer, aged 19, belonging to the same place.

Wrecks on the Florida Coast.—The number of vessels wrecked on the Florida coast for the last eight years, is 279. Amount awarded for salvage $789,911 47. Amount of expenses $551,766 65. Total amount of salvage and expenses $1,321,678 03. Value of vessels and cargo $7,918,237 77. The total number of vessels wrecked or injured on the Florida coast and reefs since Key West was first inhabited (in 1822) is ex estimated to exceed 1200; and the value of said vessels their cargoes, etc., not less than $40,000,000.

"Strong's."—This is the name of a new and neat establishment, just opened by Henry Strong, adjoining the St. Charles Theatre. It has been fitted up at great expense, and Mr. S. promises to make it an agreeable resort. His old patrons at the "Crescent," on St. Charles street, are invited to give him a call.

The Phoenix.—Green Turtle Soup will be served at the Phoenix to-day.

"A. Death" is the name of the Superintendent of the Commercial Hospital at Cincinnati.

They can always count upon one death a day.

The NewYork Times.—This valuable paper, we are pleased to see, has come out in double sheet form. This is an evidence of prosperity which we are gratified to note.

Recipe.—To get rid of your wife—send her from New York to Albany by water. [Lantern.

Madame Sontag is recovering from her illness, but is yet unable to fix upon a day for her first concert.

Gov. Seward.—Gov. Seward, it is now stated, is not going on a trip to Europe, but will remain quietly at home till Congress meets.

The Koh-i-Noor.—The Koh-i-Noor diamond is nearly re-cut, and it is said promises to be the most brilliant of all its precious rivals.

Heavy Hotel Robbery.—A gentleman named F. G. Zeplin, who arrived at NewYork in the Pacific, and put up at the Astor House, had his trunk broken open and robbed of jewelry and money to the amount of $2000.

Steamer Launched.—A new steamship, the John L. Stevens, designed for the Pacific trade, was launched at NewYork on the 21st instant. She is expected to be very fast.

Old Citizens Dead.—Four old citizens of NewYork, Hon. John Hunter, Robert Manning, Peter H. Schenck and Jos. Gerard, all over seventy-two years of age, have died within the last week.

Growth of the United States.—Mr. Darby, the well-known geographer and statist, calculates that in 1900, the population of the United States will be 97,526,000, and in 1950, 375,307,000.

The Small Note Law.—On the first of October, a law goes into effect in Maryland, which makes it an offence, punishable with $5 fine, to pass or receive a bank note of a less denomination that $5, issued out of that State.

Connecticut Lead.—The Springfield Republican says mining operations have been renewed in Southampton, Ct., by a company of large means and high character, and that the mines are to be worked by a strong force during the coming winter.

Tunneling the Hudson.—The engineers of the various railroads terminating at Albany, N. Y., have had a meeting to consider the feasibility of the various projects for a tunnel under the Hudson river. No definite action was taken.

Accidentally Shot.—We learn from the Augusta Chronicle and Sentinel, that Nathaniel Polhill Baldy, son of Mr. Wm. H. Baldy, was shot in Richmond county, Ga., in consequence of a loaded gun having been carelessly pointed at him, and accidentally discharged.

Probable Loss of the Schooner Fairy.—We understand that twenty-one barrels of lard, with the same mark as a lot shipped on the schooner Fairy, for Havana, have been washed ashore at Grande Isle, on Mr. J. Y. de Egana's plantation. The Fairy left this port on the 7th inst., and had not arrived at Havana when the Adams Gray left, on the 22d.

Tobacco in the Sandwich Islands.—It is stated in the Sandwich Island papers, that tobacco seed from the Island of Cuba has been planted in those Islands, and the account state that the crop is not only abundant, but that the cigars manufactured from the tobacco are of the finest quality and flavor, equal in every respect to the best regalias in Havana.

Sudden Dispensation.—Last week, says the Rochester Union of the 20th, we recorded the death of the wife of D. R. Rast, furnaceman, residing on Court street. On Saturday evening, Mr. Rast and three of his four children were attacked with cholera, and yesterday all died. Of a family of six, all in apparent health one week since, an infant only survives.

Dinner to Mr. Baring.—On the 22d inst., about two hundred of the leading merchants of Boston provided a sumptuous entertainment at the Revere House, in honor of Mr. Baring. Hon. Samuel A. Elliott presided, who delivered a happy eulogy upon the eminent house of Barings, and concluded by proposing the health of the representative present. Mr. B. responded in appropriate terms.

Shocking Accident.—A horse, with a grocery wagon attached, ran away in Chatham street and up Henry street, in NewYork, on Thursday morning, the 21st inst., dashing out the brains of Miss Ellen Haynes, of No. 84 Henry street, and injuring dangerously two or three persons whose names are not given. The deceased was fifteen years of age. She was walking on the side-walk when she was killed.

India Rubber Bayonets.—A letter from Vienna states that the Austrian War Department has authorized experiments to be made to test the use of a bayonet made of India rubber. It is to be used to instruct the infantry in the bayonet exercise, as the thrusts can be made with it with perfect recklessness and safety. It will be to the musket what the glove is to the hand in sparring.

Desperate Outrage.—The house of Mr. H. P. Schwartz, at Alleghany city, Pa., was entered by a burglar on Monday morning, the 20th ult. After searching the house, without detection, until he reached the third story, he attracted the attention of a hired girl who was sleeping there; and unable to stifle her cries, stabbed her in the body. The villain eluded the officers.

New Rice.—"Messrs. R. Habersham & Co., received on Thursday," says the Savannah Republican of the 24th, "from their plantation, 1000 bushels of rough rice, the first of the new crop that has come into market. This rice is of a fine quality. Six or seven of the last ten days have been pretty favorable for harvesting—the last three days not good. It is probable that from one-eighth to one-quarter of the crop on the Savannah river will be lost. While we write, the weather is by no means settled."

A Valuable Idea.—Lieut. G. Watson of the British Navy has proposed a mixture of cantrihene and sawdust as a lining for the interior of war vessels. The inventor claims that, from its elasticity, it will immediately collapse when penetrated by a ball, and thus prevent the entrance of water. It also deadens concussion, and by its buoyancy will keep a vessel afloat though it should be riddled with shot, and moreover will prevent loss of life by splinters.

Leahy, Again.—The Wisconsin papers contain a letter written by the "Monk of La Trappe," to his wife, dated at Norfolk, Va., in March last. In the letter there is a reference to one he had received from her, in which he had expressed a desire to go to California, "because Manly was going." The Manly referred to, was the man he has murdered. His jealousies are apparent in the letter, as he gives his wife some pious homilies on the subject of chastity; and would have her "keep herself free from the wicked ways of this world."

"Revolutionary Soldiers."—We saw the other day, in a Canadian paper, a pretty fair hit at Yankeedom. It had reference to our Revolutionary chronology; the tendency with us to make our "Soldiers of the Revolution" hold too long. The Canadian editor despaired of ever hearing of the last of them.

Boys were, to be sure, physically men, in those days, earlier than now; but they could not have been very efficient soldiers before they had arrived at the full age of sixteen. The man who was of that age, at the period of the battle of Lexington, must now, if alive, be 98 years old. The man who was of that age, the year of the declaration of Independence, if now alive, must be 91 years old. The man who served during the last year of the war, if 16 years of age then, must now be 87 years old. The man who served the last year of the war, if 21 years old then, must now, if alive, be 91 years old. A man who was born before the close of the war, must now be 70 years old.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Important from Buenos Ayres—New York, Sept 28.—Advices received at Boston from Buenos Ayres, of the 28th August, state that the Constitutional Congress had assembled and was about organizing. All the provinces had given in their adhesion to the National Organization. Gen. Urquiza recognizes the independence of Paraguay, and has concluded a treaty of commerce, guaranteeing the free navigation of the rivers Paraguay, Parana and La Plata.

Later from Hayti.—Advices from Port-au-Prince state that Soulouque intended to make another attack upon the Dominicans.

Wreck of the Archibald.—The bark Archibald, from Bordeaux, bound for New Orleans, was wrecked on the 1st of September near Port-au-Prince. The vessel is a total loss, but part of the cargo has been saved.

Yellow Fever at Norfolk.—The yellow fever has made its appearance at Norfolk, Va.

Death of Judge McFarland.—Accounts from Philadelphia state that Judge McFarland was accidentally killed near Hollidaysburg, Pa. [Eve. Pic.

NewYork Markets—New York, September 28.—The Cotton market remains quiet under the influence of the steamer's accounts, but prices are firm at 10¼c. per lb. for Middling Uplands, and 10½c. for Middling Orleans. To-day's sales embrace about 500 bales. Flour is steady, and in good demand at $4 31½ to $4 50 for State and Ohio brands. Corn is active, and the sales embrace 36,000 sacks at 69 to 70c. per bushel for Mixed Western. Lard is quite depressed, with sales in barrels at 11½ to 11¾c. per lb. Mess Pork $18, and Prime $16 per bbl. Rio Coffee 8¾ to 9c. per lb. for ordinary to prime lots.

Ohio River.—*Pittsburgh*, Sept 28, 8 p. m.—The river here is stationary, with two feet three inches water in the channel.

Louisville, Sept. 28, 8 p. m.—The river here is yet falling slowly. There have been no arrivals or departures since last evening. [Eve. Delta.

Billy Bowlegs in an Indian Picture Gallery.—The Washington correspondent of the NewYork Commercial Advertiser writes an interesting notice of a visit by Billy Bowlegs and his companions to one of the picture galleries in the Smithsonian Institute:

Quite a scene was exhibited on Tuesday at the Smithsonian Institution, not the less interesting because unanticipated. Expectation had not been exhausted upon it. It was the introduction of the Seminole Indians to the beautiful collection of pictures in the Western Gallery. They are chiefly portraits of the various Indian chiefs who have attained celebrity among their tribes—have been been valiant in war or wise and skilful in peace and its negotiations. It is indeed a brilliant collection, convenient in location, happily arranged, and visited by thousands. It is seldom that visitors may not be seen there, with the free explanatory pamphlet in hand, eagerly contemplating these fine specimens, richly colored, and displaying to great advantage those gorgeous hues in which the Indian so much delights to robe himself.

But to see those living savages, dressed in their coats of many colors, gazing on the images of those warriors of different tribes, whose fame had reached their ears, was quite exciting. I call them savages, but the Florida Indians present do not so well answer to the name as the Cannanches, Winnebagoes, and many others that have paid their respects to their great father, surrendered their wild and half-clothed to the trinkles offered them. Though clothed in their native costume, which is absolutely picturesque—their head dresses bordering even more than usual on the oriental style—they have a more civilized air, a less wild expression of countenance, and some of them even speak the English language quite an assimilating trait. Among them are Billy Bowlegs, Abraham the interpreter, and John Jumper. The first, though less lofty in height than any of his companions, is their well known chief, astute, diplomatic, and determined. This was my first view of him. It was sudden and striking. I beheld a swarthy man, of low stature, in the midst of the signs of civilization, surrounded by authors and watchful pale faces, yet so completely absorbed in the study of these savage portraits, as if he had suddenly met with tribes of live warriors. While himself observing these objects so intently, he in fact was "the observed of all observers." Immediately opposite to him, in one his features, but he took no notice of me whatever. When he arrived in the part of the gallery where the portraits of the old Florida Chiefs are suspended, his features kindled, with high enthusiasm; he talked to his comrades with great fluency; his whole person was animated. So when the portrait of any renowned warrior met his eye, it became fired with an expression of martial ardor more safe to look upon in that hall, than amid the everglades of Florida. I felt a rising emotion of pity for the warrior, who was contemplating the shadows of former power, they served but to remind him of the departed sovereignty of the wilderness, and of an empty compliment to the memories of the once mighty men who had bowed to the supremacy of advancing civilization, and retired within the narrow limits prescribed to them by the irresistable government of the whites.

Singular Fact—*Large Trees*.—There is now standing on the premises of John and Mahlon Carver, in Bayberry township, Pennsylvania, an elm tree that measures twenty-five feet in circumference one foot from the ground, and the trunk retains its size, with but little diminution, for over thirty feet, where the limbs branch out. A curious incident is connected with the history of this elm tree, in the fact that the farm on which it stands was taken up by patents from William Penn by John Carver, who came over with him from England, and that the premises have regularly descended from father to son by will and always to "John Carver," of which the seventh of the name is residing thereon at the present time. It is very doubtful whether there is any other property in this county which has never been sold. There are also growing on the premises two pear trees which came from England with the original John Carver, one of which has a plentiful crop of pears at the present time.

There is also standing on the premises of Alfred Worthington, in the same township, a chestnut tree that measures, one foot from the ground, twenty-eight feet in circumference and six feet from the ground, twenty-five feet eight inches. This tree retains its full vigor, and is probably the largest tree in the county. [Germantown Telegraph.

The Cotton Crop.—The Charleston Mercury publishes the following extract from a letter dated Albany, Baker county, Ga., September 18:

"I wrote you on the 23d of August that the cotton caterpillar had made their appearance. I now write to say they have destroyed every young boll and leaf on my plantation, my field looks as naked as in the month of December. I know not how others may estimate the loss. I am certain from the effects of the fall worm and the caterpillar, my crop of cotton will be cut short fully one-half. To give you some idea of their ravages, I have in cultivation 30 negroes, and will be surprised if I make 100 bales, my cotton was later by two weeks than usual, which was one cause, and the other, my cotton was all planted a second year's land, which caused it to mature much slower. All old land that is matured, will not be injured to the same extent."

Valuable Claim in England wanted an Owner.—Mr. J. Bryant, of Washington City, writes as follows:

"In the investigation of some claims of Americans to estates in England, I have become advised of one which has an income of about thirty thousand dollars per annum, with a title of nobility attached to it. The descendants of George Browne, a lieutenant in the British army, who emigrated to this country about the year 1640, and settled at Haverhill, Mass., I am quite certain are the heirs."

Further information may be obtained by addressing Mr. Bryant, at the National Hotel, Washington. If our name was only "Mr. Brown," we certainly should not "give it up so," without looking after this small chance of a fortune.

Something for Every Body.

Dr. Andrew Murphy is the democratic nominee for Congress for Delaware and Chester counties.

The steamship John L. Stephens, of the Pacific mail line, was launched at Newark on the 21st.

Verdi, the composer, has had the cross of the Legion of Honor conferred on him.

J. C. Gallagher, Esq., U. S. Consul at Ponce, Porto Rico, has arrived at NewYork.

Madame Vestris, it is feared, will not recover from her present illness.

Lady Lovelace (Lord Byron's only daughter, Ada) is thought to be dying.

Boston has contributed the sum of $8556 for the relief of sufferers by the fire at Montreal.

The expenses of the NewYork city almshouse for the month of August just, amounted to $42,806 21.

The Spiritualists are to have another convention at Worcester, Mass., on the 20th and 30th inst.

Mr. Clay's wines, stock, etc., were sold at Ashland on the 15th.

The canal tolls of NewYork, so far, this year, show a decrease of $200,000.

A landlord in NewYork threw a poor widow's furniture into the street the other night, because she was in arrears for rent to the amount of one dollar.

Rev. Dr. Humphreys, of Louisville, has declined the professorship tendered to him the Princeton Theological Seminary.

A boy in NewYork, who picked up $400 in the street and returned it to the owner, was rewarded by being told to clear out.

The late Bishop Hedding bequeathed his valuable library to the Biblical Institute at Concord, New Hampshire.

A lightning rod peddler has been doing the people in Germantown, Pennsylvania, with lightning rods furnished with pewter points.

A water-proof mail bag, which may also be used as a life-preserver, has been invented by Mr. H. Allen of Wisconsin.

It is said there are two thousand Mormon converts in Bohemia; but that government has put a stop to them by seizing and confiscating their books.

Mrs. Catharine Sinclair has made an engagement at Niblo's Theatre, N. Y., where she will soon appear, with Mr. Vandenhoff, in a new play.

The towers of the Niagara Suspension Railway bridge are to be sixty feet high and twenty-five feet deep in the ground.

An Israelite in Boston was arrested for working at his trade on Sunday. His defence was that he observed the seventh day, and it was deemed sufficient.

"Always be prepared for death." This was the admonition of a Missouri elder, as he placed in his son's belt two bowie knives and a pair of revolvers.

Verdi has composed two new operas which will this autumn be produced, the one in Rome, the other at Venice.

A large shoal of mackerel struck into Nahant Bay on the 14th instant, and seventy-four small boats were at one time counted in their midst.

The 13th of September, this year, was the completion of a century since the introduction of the "New Style," as it is called in the calendar.

Lucy Randolph, a Dane, has been convicted of the murder of her infant, and sentenced to be executed October 22, at Richmond, Va.

A company with £100,000 is formed to continue Lumley as director of Her Majesty's Theatre, London, and to make the approaching season peculiarly brilliant.

Mr. James Bergen died on board the Winfield Scott on her last passage to San Francisco. Mr. Bergen was one of the Americans who was arrested in Ireland during the troubles of the Young Ireland party.

A Congress of German short-hand writers has just been held at Munich. M. Baumgartner, of Vienna, explained his system of taking down in writing, instantaneously, the notes of any musical piece played.

At Worcester, Mass., in the rooms of the Antiquarian Society, there is a copy of the Bible, printed in Venice in 1497, being forty-five years before the discovery of America.

Charles C. Brodhead, Esq., a well-known citizen of Western NewYork, who accompanied De Witt Clinton on his first survey of the route of the Erie Canal, died at Utica on the 14th.

"Poodle, what does that chap in the street keep yelling fresh 'macker-rel' for?" Poodle contemplated the subject for a moment, and replied, "Doubtless for some *selfish* motive."

Madame Poltevin made a balloon ascension in London recently in the character of "Europa carried off by the Bull." There was a large bull attached to the balloon. The character was nearer "the bull carried off by Europa."

An Syrian gentleman, of fine appearance, and wearing the Oriental costume, is on a tour through the West. He passed through Chicago lately, on his way to St. Paul and Lake Superior. He goes thence to the South, California and finally to the East.

Another infant drummer has started up in Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pa., who is described as a musical wonder, performing difficult military airs with great precision and skill. He is the son of Captain Clouse, and is only three years of age.

Seth Adams, Esq., one of the claimants for French spoliations, by having been extensively engaged with France about fifty years ago, when all her goods were seized by Napoleon, died at Zanesville, Ohio, last week. He was the first man, it is said, to introduce Merino sheep into this country.

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In 1811, says the Poughkeepsie Eagle, J. O. Ward and A. Angel, of Pleasant Valley, then boys, caught a full grown turtle, marked their names upon it, and then let it go. After a lapse of upwards of thirty years, the turtle made its appearance and remained in the door yard for several weeks, then wandered off, since which nothing has been seen of it till very recently, when it was again found in the woods, sprightly as ever, with the same old marks on its shell.

In Dauphin county, Virginia, are probably the smallest specimens of humanity in existence; two brothers perfect in every respect, the older three years old, 17 inches in height, and weighing only seven pounds—the other six months old, weighing only three pounds. The parents are very large persons, the father weighing 234 pounds, and the mother 190 pounds.

City Intelligence.

Inquest.—An inquest was held yesterday by Deputy Coroner Logan on the body of a white boy about fourteen years old, found floating in the river four miles below the city. The boy is supposed to have been drowned while bathing in the river. Verdict, "Found drowned."

Money Stolen.—Zach. Rhodes, who lives at No. 27 Esplanade street, was robbed of $385 on the night before last, by some adroit villain, who took the money from underneath Rhodes' pillow. Zach. saw the chap "frolicking" about the head of his bed, but supposing it to be his wife who was there, quietly dozed off, and suffered the marauder to depart. No clue to the thief has been discovered.

Attempted Robbery.—Charles Tyde and Henry Burrow, who were arrested on Tuesday night in Barracks street, in the act of robbing Edward Coffin, were brought forward to answer before Recorder Genois yesterday. It appeared, on investigation, that they were shipmates on a spree, and that robbing one another was not considered among them as a felony. The accused were discharged.

Beating a Wife.—Mrs. Kuntz appeared yesterday before Recorder Seasseneau, to prosecute her husband, Peter Kuntz, for beating and otherwise maltreating her, at their common residence on Elysian Fields street. Peter was held to answer.

Breach of Trust.—William Vosh, charged before Recorder Genois with appropriating to his own use $17, the property of another person, as hereinfore noticed, yesterday voluntarily surrendered himself, and gave bail to appear for examination.

Larceny.—Nancy Townsend is to be examined on the 21 proximo, before Recorder Winter, on the charge of having, about two weeks since, stolen $120 from the house of Edward King, at the corner of Julia and Tchoupitoulas streets.

Lemon Squeezer.—George Lane was yesterday examined before Recorder Seasseneau, on the charge of having, in February last, at the corner of Mandeville and Morgan streets, attempted to take the life of one Boyer, by striking him on the soft part of the head with a lemon squeezer. Lane has been absent since, and has not recently returned. He was sent before the First District Court, to be tried on the charge of an assault and battery with attempt to kill.

Watch Stealing.—James Marshall and Jas. Sandford were brought up for examination yesterday before Recorder Winter, on the charge of having taken a watch worth $100, from George Wilson, at a house on Philippa street, on the 26th inst.

Edward Waters, a witness on the part of the State, testified that on the night of the robbery, the prosecutor came into the Fashion Coffee-House, on the corner of Philippa and Perdido streets, under the influence of a certain demoralizing beverage called whisky, and treated the persons in the house to a drink of the same villainous distillation. After dozing, the drunken prosecutor pulled out his watch to note the hour, and after putting it back he took a seat in the oyster room adjoining the bar, and then and there fell into a state of somnolence. Witness saw Marshall, one of the prisoners, accosted, and induced Wilson and feel him, but did not know whether he took anything from him or not. Immediately after feeling Wilson, Marshall feigned sickness and left, and Sandford, the other prisoner, who came with him, went out also. Marshall was the only person near Wilson when he was robbed. Fifteen minutes after Marshall and Sandford left, Wilson came, and said he had lost his watch. Witness suspected Marshall had taken the watch, and had asked him what time it was in order to ascertain that he had a watch.

Sandford was discharged, and Marshall was sent before the First District Court to be tried on the charge of larceny.

Attempted Violence.—Mrs. Frances Moriarty made a complaint yesterday before Recorder Winter, that on the previous night, about 12 o'clock, on Girod