

Terrific Explosion at Wilmington, Del.—Garesche's Powder Mills Blown Up.

WILMINGTON, August 3, 1855.

About eight o'clock this morning our citizens were startled by a terrific explosion, which seemed to shake the buildings as by an earthquake...

At the building were literally atomized, and the fragments strewn the ground for a great distance around. A more complete wreck of matter can scarcely be imagined.

The persons killed presented a most horrible spectacle, and could hardly be recognized as human beings, they were so shockingly mutilated.

The amount of damage is considerable, aside from the loss of life. The buildings were old and light, and of no great value.

United States District Court.

Before Judges Hoffman and McAllister. FRENCH'S CLAIM TO TEN LEAGUES SQUARE OF LAND ESTABLISHED—DECREE OF THE COURT.

The United States of America, et al. vs. John C. Fremont, et al. A bill in equity filed by the said John C. Fremont, et al., praying that the said John C. Fremont, et al., be appointed commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California.

Steamboat Explosion on the Ohio River.

THREE KILLED AND FOUR INJURED.

The new Cincinnati and New Richmond packet Lancaster, No. 3, Capt. Conner, left for Neville on Tuesday evening, with an unusually large amount of freight, principally corn, being added to the crew of thirty or thirty-five men.

Interesting from Utah and the Plains.

The last Western Missouri Reporter publishes a letter from a recent traveler across the Plains.

The writer left Salt Lake City on the 29th of May, at which time business was very dull, and the prospect for crops very poor, owing to the dry weather.

Gold signs were seen and particles of gold had been found, but not in quantities satisfactory to seekers.

There is no doubt in my mind but rich deposits of gold will be found in the Sweetwater country.

Gold has also been discovered on the Medicine Bow, a stream about two hundred Archaean Indians were encamped a short distance from Medicine Bow river.

Emigrants were first met at Platte Bridge, about the 9th of June. They were in good health, and getting along well.

Indians were first seen at Deer Creek, where the party met Mr. John Richard, with a number of mountaineers, half breeds and friendly Sioux Indians.

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Suicide of a Young Lady by Poison at Rochester—Another Lady of Disappointed Love.

From the Rochester Union, August 3.

A strange and sad case occurred at the Hotel in this city, yesterday. The circumstances are as follows:—On Wednesday evening a young lady came from Auburn, and took lodgings at the Hotel.

Before her death she stated that her name was Caroline Bayley, and that her father, Abner Bayley, resides at Auburn.

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American Bible Society.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE AMONG THE SLAVES.

The stated meeting of the managers was held on Thursday, the 2d inst., at 4 1/2 P.M., at the Bible House, Astor place.

Sixteen new auxiliaries were recognized; of which four are in Florida, two in Texas, two in South Carolina, two in Iowa, one in each of the States of New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Arkansas, and Michigan.

Letters were presented from agents in different portions of the land, showing the condition and prospects of the Bible work.

Grants of books were made to Sabbath Schools in Rhode Island and in Long Island; to congregations of colored persons in Delaware; books in French and Spanish for San Domingo; Bibles and Testaments for sailors on board United States ship Congress and other vessels in the Mediterranean; to Drew C. B. S. Atk; for distribution among slaves in Tennessee, on a special application; to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Choptank Testaments; to the American Sunday School Union, New York, a quantity of Bibles.

William Whitlock, Esq. was appointed Treasurer of the Society, an office which had for some time been vacant.

Rev. D. F. Robertson will preach in the Westminster chapel, corner of Sixth avenue and Fourth street, this afternoon, at half-past three o'clock.

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