



ALEXANDRIA: TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 31, 1859.

A gentleman in an adjoining county, who is interested not in partisan politics, but only in that which concerns the honor and welfare of his native state...

Messrs. Burton and Speke, the African travellers, have arrived at Aden from Zanzibar. They penetrated into the country about 700 miles from the coast...

Mr. Smith O'Brien left New York on Saturday on the Vigo, for Ireland, but not before he received an ovation exceeding all former demonstrations on the part of his admiring fellow-countrymen...

The trial of Captain Townsend, the master of the slave brig Echo, or Putnam, which was captured by Lieutenant Moffat off the coast of Cuba...

Enough is known, whatever may be the result, to show how wise and politic, as well as how gallant and honorable, was the conduct of the Whigs in determining to contest the further domination of the Democratic party in this state...

Senator Douglas has authorized one of his friends to state that he has had no meeting with President Buchanan, and that "he repudiated and denounced all propositions for a compromise by which he would have to concede an iota of the principles he had all along avowed."

Still we have no accounts of battles in Europe. The muskets "hang fire," yet awhile. But the French Emperor is now on the ground, and the war expenses are going on...

News of the Day. "To show the very age and body of the times." A severe storm passed over Doniphan and Atchison, in Kansas, on Sunday, the 15th instant...

The late flood of the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers has been almost unexampled in the damage it has done to the cotton planters. Many thousands of acres of the best cotton lands are overflowed and rendered unproductive during the season...

Mrs. Rosanna Underwood has just been divorced from her husband in Boston, last week. One reason urged was neglect to provide properly for her support. She also proved that during the first year of their marriage they have resided in nine different houses and during the second year in eleven.

Five steamships sailed from New York for Europe during the week ending Saturday, and took out 984 passengers, distributed as follows:—Patria, 235; Adelaide, 183; Vigo, 154; Arago, 231, and Weser, 181. The three last named sailed on Saturday.

Richard Arnalde, the well-known animal painter of London, proposes to visit this country during the present season, for the purpose of studying the buffalo of our western prairies.

Washington, May 29.—General Jerez the Minister from Nicaragua, has been officially advised of the ratification of the Bello contract, but with such amendments as avoid complications or impediments to its fulfillment...

Gen. Jerez, who will leave Washington for New York to-morrow, and return to Nicaragua in the steamer of the 5th of June, is confident that when this fact is communicated, an extra session of Congress will be forthwith called to act upon the subject...

The Virginia Election. There are 151 counties in the State; the same ratio of gain in the counties yet to hear from would elect Goggin by about 1,000 majority. Many of the returns, however, are merely reported, and in some cases incomplete, and cannot be relied upon.

Arrival of the Steamer New York. THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE. NEW YORK, May 29.—The steamer New York, from Bremen, arrived here this forenoon, bringing Liverpool dates to the 16th—three days later than the previous arrivals.

The steamer Saxonia and Jura had arrived out. No battle had been fought up to the latest advices from Italy. The Austrians were raising a loan of £75,000,000 sterling.

It was rumored that arms had been sent from France to Hungary, and that Hungarians abroad are actively engaged in fermenting insurrection in their country. It was reported that the Emperor Napoleon, before leaving Paris, addressed a letter to Queen Victoria, repeating his promise to take no step during the war to compromise the interests of England.

LEWISBURG, Ky., May 27.—B. C. Blansett, jailer of Fayette county, was called up after retiring last night by his abductor, who had been kept in the jail for some time, and was found by the jailer, who had just returned from his duty.

NEW ORLEANS, May 27.—The steamer Arizona has arrived from Brazos 23d inst., with \$200,000 in specie. SAVANNAH, May 28.—Captain Townsend, of the slave Echo, charged with participating in the slave trade, has been acquitted.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The steamer Northern Light with 728 passengers from California, brought down by the steamer Orizaba, has arrived from Aspinwall. The United States sloop-of-war Jamestown was at Aspinwall. The frigate Itasca sailed on the 20th for Carthage, having Hon. G. W. Jones on board.

NEW YORK, May 29.—Advices from Maranhao to the 8th inst. have been received. The Castle of San Carlos pronounced April 23d, and was in the possession of the insurgents for four days, when it surrendered. Four hundred and fifty revolutionists were arrested April 16th at Barcelona.

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TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES. BOSTON, May 28.—Paul Morphy arrived here at 6 o'clock, A. M. The Boston Chess Club escorted him to the Rensselaer House, where he was visited this morning by several distinguished strangers, including Longfellow, Agassiz, and many of the literary savants of Boston.

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Morphy and the Chess-Playing Mania. Excitement of some sort or the other is as necessary for the people of New York as military drills and exhibitions are to the citizens of Paris. To gratify this devouring and consuming appetite for novelties and exhibitions, the mercenary Godhams avail themselves of every unusual event, and flout every transient notoriety.

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The Pike's Peak Delusion. The letter of Captain Marcy which we published yesterday must convince every rational mind of the delusiveness of the prospects which are attracting such an immense number of emigrants to the Kansas and Nebraska "gold fields."

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The Austrian Minister's Diplomacy. The New York Tribune speculates upon the retirement of Count Buol-Schauenstein and the appointment of Count Rechberg as the Austrian minister of Foreign Affairs, as a natural consequence of events.

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