



ALEXANDRIA: FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 31, 1860.

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We have news from San Francisco to the 3d inst., brought to New York, by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s overland express. The litigation in the case of the new Almaden quick-silver mines, which have long been inoperative in consequence of a legal dispute as to ownership, is about receiving its quietus...

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The Norfolk Argus says that "the Hon. Henry A. Wise, not having resided in the county of Princess Anne one year, is not entitled to vote for President under the constitution of Virginia, and for that reason will not vote for Breckinridge and Lane."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the times." As the Prince of Wales drove along the route at Montreal, he passed the Boston Fusiliers, who were drawn up in a line, and who saluted him, while the Germania band played "God Save the Queen."

Recently a Wheeling paper published a statement that Ex-Gov. Francis Thomas, of Md., who resides a few miles from Oakland, Allegany county, Md., was living the life of a hermit in the mountains, and had for years manifested symptoms of insanity...

The Cedar Keys, "Telegraph," in its description of a tremendous storm which prevailed in that vicinity on the 5th inst. says:—"But the most extraordinary feature in the storm, as before intimated, was the almost fabulous quantity of water that fell in the short period of 2 1/2 hours."

The Cleveland Plaindealer, speaking of the inauguration of the Perry monument, to take place in that city, on the 10th of September says that the Hon. George Bancroft and family will arrive on the Buffalo steamer on Friday morning, preceding the 10th.

The Rochester Union gives an account of an affray at Niagara Falls, in which James Gordon Bennett, jr., of New York, and a friend, and the colored Thomas, had been participated. One of the servants of a hotel, was knocked down in the hotel, on Friday night, by Bennett. On Saturday six of them attacked him and his friend near the bridge, when quite a little ensued, during which B. was prostrated with a blow from a stone. No serious injury, however, was done.

The Ohio State Reporter says the announcements of accidents from lightning have been numerous beyond precedent this year. Iowa seems to be the greatest sufferer. A vast amount of property has been destroyed. Stacks of wheat and oats, buildings of all kinds, horses and cattle, and human lives have been ruinously assailed by the winged shaft. It is computed that nearly fifty human lives have been killed this season in Iowa.

There will be, during this month of August, the rare occurrence of two full moons within the same month. The revolution of moon around the earth being performed in a fraction over twenty-nine days, there are always two full moons within thirty days of each other; the rarity consists in their falling within two fixed dates, like the 1st and 21st of a month. The last previous occurrence was in December 1857.

A Saratoga correspondent of the Troy Times says that two Boston men are the largest winners of the gambling season at the favorite watering place referred to. One of them is a man nearly sixty years of age, who formerly kept a hotel in Albany, and failing in the business, in a moment of desperation, at the age of forty, took up the profession of a gambler.

The San Francisco Bulletin gives an account of a Mr. Woodward, of Pennsylvania, who was killed in California on the 25th of June by a grizzly bear. Having in his rambles, come upon the track of the bear, he followed him up and fired, but failed to dispatch the beast; whereupon the bear threw him to the ground, and chewed his head and face nearly to pieces.

There will be a grand picnic and fair held on the farm of Mrs. Araminta Brooke, in Prince George's county, Md., on Wednesday the 12th of September next, near the new Church of the Most Holy Rosary. The proceeds are to be appropriated for the erection of a cottage on the church lot, and enclosing the ancient burial ground of Boon's Chapel.

Several days since the dwelling of Prof. A. J. Cleveland, Baltimore, was entered and robbed of a number of rare coins. The professor had spent several years in collecting the coins, and his collection now numbers over 1,200 pieces, many of them of great antiquity, and valuable because it is believed a duplicate of some of them is unknown.

The Essex County Horse Fair, at North Andover, Massachusetts, and the race of the slowest horses, came off as advertised. If horses were to be made of our agriculturists, we see no reason why the directors should not make them as entertaining as possible.

It appears that the Catholic clergy in New York as a body, have followed the example of Bishop Hughes, and decline to make a return of marriages. Mr. Delavan, the City Inspector, will be obliged to test the question whether the civil law or clerical dictum is to prevail.

The Port Tobacco Times says:—"Waverly" Farm, containing 322 1/2 acres, situated on Nanjemoy creek, 1st Election District of this county, was sold, on Tuesday last, by Dr. A. H. Robertson, trustee, for \$7,705.—Gen. Walter Mitchell purchaser.

POLITICAL.

GENERAL HONSTON FOR BELL AND EVERETT.—Gen. Houston has written another letter on the Presidency, in which he says he "has no aspirations for the Presidency, beyond a desire to be useful; but if the part I have assumed in the past years has contributed to bring before the people the question of union or disunion (for such is now the issue), and to inspire a determination to settle the question, I shall not shrink from the Presidency could afford."

For the information of those who may desire to know, and we have heard inquiries made on this subject, we would state that the Mr. A. B. Caldwell, of Ohio county, our Elector for the Wheeling District, is not Mr. Alfred Caldwell, the Republican Senator from Wheeling.

The Decatur Times says that it has the best assurance that Mr. Cobb, the able representative of the Sixth district, is for Douglas. The Hon. G. S. Houston declared for Douglas and Johnson immediately after his return from Washington.

The Hon. Wm. Smith, of Fauquier, will, by invitation of the Breckinridge and Lane Club, address the people of Augusta, in Staunton, this day, upon the issues of the pending canvass.

Judge Douglas will address the people of Richmond to-night. It is understood that he will speak in Staunton on Saturday, in Woodstock, Shenandoah county, on Monday, and in Winchester, on Tuesday.

Private advices from New York encourage the belief that the anti-Union men of all political denominations will cordially unite upon a common electoral ticket.

Hon. Albert Pike of Arkansas, has written a defence of the Breckinridge platform, and announced himself for Breckinridge and Lane.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY. M. Jobard, a French savant, has astounded the scientific world. He has discovered a way of suspending animation, and also of bringing the dead back to life. He professes to be able to restore a drowned man after two days' immersion, and a frozen subject after ten years' obdormancy.

The ex-Queen of Naples and the reigning Queen, lately had a stand-up encounter, just after a family council. The Queen accused the widow of being the cause of all Neapolitan troubles; the widow retorted sharply, and finally slapped the younger woman's face. For insulting the memory of the late King, she says the Paris correspondent of the London Morning Post, who calls the affair a Battle Royal, but does not say which whipped.

The Asiatic Telegraph has now been carried down to Deshrah, on the Tigris, a hundred miles north of Mosul. As the works along the river, between the Kurdish and Mesopotamian capitals are being rapidly pushed on, it is expected that before the end of this month, messages will be transmitted direct from Stamboul to Nineveh. "Shades of Jonas and Sardanapalus," says the Levant Herald, "what an advance on the slow couriers of three thousand years ago!"

It is difficult to imagine a state of things affording wider field for speculation than that which now prevails in Italy. Garibaldi's last object has been proclaimed. He has at nothing less than the complete liberation of Italy, including Venice.

The Hog Trade in the West.—It is yet too early in the season to give any correct opinion in regard to the amount of the hog crop of 1860 and 1861. We have seen and conversed with many intelligent gentlemen who have travelled extensively in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, and have taken great pains to inform themselves in regard to the amount of hogs in the country, and from all we can learn we think the crop will be fully equal in number if it does not exceed that of 1859 and '60. In Illinois hogs are represented as being scarce, but the large amount of old corn in the country, together with the crop, will enable farmers to put their hogs in better condition than usual. We also learn that a large number of hogs are being driven from Missouri to this State to be fed.

This will, of course, help to swell the number of hogs which will find a market in Chicago, while it will decrease the receipts at St. Louis and other points in Missouri.

AN IMPORTANT MAIL CONTRACT CLOSED.—We hear that yesterday the Postmaster General closed a contract with Mr. E. S. Alford, the superintendent and general agent of the well-known Baltimore overland-mail contracting company, for the transportation of letters of the Denver City mail to and from Kansas City, which service had been discontinued through the failure of the late contractors to meet their engagements to the government, it will be remembered. The Denver City settlements already contain a population of about 40,000 souls, who for some time past, had been without any government mail facilities whatever.—Wash. Star.

PROPERTY SALES IN LOUDON.—The property of James Hatcher, heretofore advertised by B. F. Taylor and Wm. Tavenner, esq., was sold on Wednesday and Thursday last week. The personal we learn all sold well. The "Home Farm," containing 256 acres, was sold to Wm. F. Hampton at \$50 per acre. The tract of Woodland, containing 50 acres, was purchased by Wm. Otley, for \$60 per acre.

DAVID DIXON, esq., under an order of Court, last week sold the "Weaverton Mills," in this county, with about ten acres of land attached, to Mr. Samuel Preston, of Maryland, for \$1055.

A portion of the "Farmwell" tract, belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Geo. Lee, was sold on Tuesday, as follows: 286 acres, without improvement, to John M. Orr, for \$8.05 per acre; 133 acres, also without improvement, to J. M. Orr, at \$7.05 per acre, and 28 acres, lying on the Old Ox Road, and on the line of the A. L. & H. R. R., at \$15.10 per acre.—R. G. Althoff, purchaser.—Loudon Mirror.

THE LOUDON FAIR.—Of the Loudon Agricultural Society on the 5th, 6th and 7th of September, promises to be one of unusual interest. Extensive arrangements are making by the Society for the accommodation of exhibitors, the number of which is likely to be quite large. The A. L. & H. Railroad Co., have also decided to issue round trip tickets from Alexandria for half price, which we hope will induce many of our Alexandria friends to pay us a visit, and behold with their own eyes the rich products of our soil—the perfection of our stock—the enterprise and intelligence of our men, and the beauty and handiwork of our fair daughters, which latter all creation can't beat.

Mr. Noah Halterman, of Hardy, was drowned, near Orkney Springs, whilst attempting to cross a run that had been swollen by previous rains, on Monday last week.

During a thunder storm on Saturday night, the 18th inst., five valuable horses, belonging to Mr. Peter B. Bower, in the lower end of Fairfax county, were struck and killed by lightning. He has now only two left.

James Chapman, esq., of Orange County, died recently at the White Sulphur Springs, of apoplexy. He was an educated gentleman, of fine talents, and much esteemed by all who knew him.

Richard Payne, esq., the worthy Presiding Justice of the County Court of Fauquier, was at the August term of the Court re-elected unanimously.

Garrett Scott, the former presiding justice of Orange county, has been re-elected unanimously.

The Fauquier County Court have adopted the new Road Law passed by the General Assembly in March last.

SEEDING WHEAT.—The wheat grower will now of course use all dispatch to have his ground put in readiness for the seed. The preparation of the fallow will be pushed forward until the whole is well broken. The longer it can be after breaking, the better; but if by reason of drought or other hindrance, it is not yet done, the proper time of seeding is not of course to be deferred, but the seed must be well packed by harrowing and rolling. Early seeding is of so much importance upon every consideration, but that we can but advise it strenuously.

Sown in this latitude before the 5th of October, it is liable to the ravages of the fall fly. This is a serious evil and may be a fatal one. On the other hand, we run the risk from late sowing, first of a light crop from an inadequate supply of roots; second, the winter killing, third, spring fly and joint worm, for want of a vigorous growth; fourth, weevil or midge; fifth, rust.

May we compromise upon a time which will steer us between Seylla on the one hand and Charybdis on the other? We are willing to admit that on well prepared clover fallow it is safe to sow from the 5th to the 15th of October. In doing so everything should be well prepared in advance to despatch the seedling without delay, and we should use fifty to a hundred pounds of Peruvian guano in the drill. With any preparation inferior to this we would take the chances of the fly and sow as early as possible after the 15th of September. Recollect that the amount of guano mentioned insures earlier ripening by about a week, and for this reason is worth the cost. We mean that much of Peruvian guano, whether alone or in combination with other things.

FERTILIZERS.—We should use, when any fertilizer is required, some Peruvian guano fifty to a hundred pounds, as the case may require. Beyond this, if your land requires it, use either more Peruvian, or phosphate guano, or super-phosphate, as your own or the judgment of your most discreet neighbors may determine from past experience in your neighborhood.

LIME AND FARM MANURES.—Get and apply lime when you can. It is very well for the wheat crop to put on even a few bushels to the acre, and especially well for the clover and grasses which may succeed it. A dressing of twenty-five to fifty bushels may be put on as convenience suggests; the smaller quantity to be repeated in a few years.—Farm manures are always good for wheat, but should be used as a top-dressing after sowing unless well rotted, when it may be put with the seed, or with the surface working, before seeding.

PUTTING IN SEED.—For doing the work well and for economy of seed and manure, the drill is almost essential to the wheat grower. There are few who farm to any extent who are now willing to dispense with it. In the absence of the drill, put in with a light furrow, using the seed plough, and cover seed and manure at the same time.—Neither corn nor tobacco land should be broken before seeding. If the corn ground be covered with stubble with grass as to interfere with putting in the seed, the barrow will clear it sufficiently by running over, and back in the same track.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Getting in Wheat in Wisconsin. A gentleman of this city, a few weeks ago went out into Walworth county to transact some business. At that time the country was almost entirely in the securing of the harvest, and in finding anybody had a great deal of trouble in finding anybody to "home."

"I stopped at the house of my friend B., and knocked all the skin off my knuckles at his front door, but could not start anybody, and just as I was going away, a passer-by, answer to my inquiry, said that 'B.' was getting in his wheat." "I then went over to another part of the town, to where an old school-mate, Squire C., resided. I walked in at the open door, sat down in the parlor for a few minutes, and no one appearing, I walked upstairs and down stairs, but could not find a soul."

"When I got around on the porch again, the same fellow came along and had answered my question before, and I hailed him: 'Is the Squire in town?' 'No, he is not.' 'Well, where is he?' 'I reckon.' 'Well, where is his lady?' 'She's helping the Squire.' 'And the young ladies?' 'Getting in the wheat, stranger—you'll find 'em all down in the field; about a mile from here.'"

"I then concluded I would try the hotel, and carried my carpet bag back to the public house. There was a notice on the door saying that the house was closed for a week, as the proprietor was getting in his wheat. 'Things began to look desperate now. I had carried my carpet-bag about five miles already, in the hot sun, and it was growing momentarily heavier. So when I saw a boy coming towards the house, I made up my mind to give him a dollar to carry it for me. I was somewhat surprised, however, when, in reply to my offer, he gazed his digits at the extremity of his nasal projection, and 'gessed I'd have to wait till his dad got his wheat in.'"

"At this stage of the proceedings I resolved to walk to the first house I saw, and indeed, in the name of civilization, the hospitality due to a traveller. As the house happened to be a boarding school for young ladies, I was fortunate enough to secure a night's rest; and the next day, not being able to see anybody but young ladies, as everybody was getting in their wheat, I left for home, resolved to return there when people were harvesting.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

SURGICAL OPERATION.—Affecting Scene.—About a year since a young man named Erambaut, living in Wilmington, N. C., was assaulted at night by ruffians and severely cut on the head with a knife, besides nearly having his arm separated from the body in two places. The wound in the head proved the most disastrous, as it left a punctured and depressed fracture, and paralysis, epilepsy and idioty succeeded. There was, nevertheless, a powerful and intelligent man, the father of the most pitiable in the list of human casualties—semi-paralyzed epileptic idiot. After being subjected to the experience of nine surgeons of Wilmington, two of whom most judiciously advised trepanning, and the remaining seven opposed the operation, the father of the young man, (who, by the way, was in the Theatre in this city on that luckless night in the year 1811, when so many lives were lost by the burning of that edifice,) resolved to do something more effectual than what he had left for him to do. He should have done long before, brought him on to Richmond to consult Professor C. B. Gibson, who performed the operation of trepanning on Monday, assisted by Dr. Culen, and in the presence of one or two other assistants.

Now, before the operation commences, imagine the condition of the patient—the idiotic expression of the eye, unvarying condition of the pupil; the palsied, nerveless hand; the shrunken features; the pale and hollow cheek—evincing to the beholder only an intensity of suffering. The operation begins. The bone is laid bare by a crucial incision, and after very little loss of time, the bone is raised, and is easily applied, down until it goes until it touches the dura mater, and—blessed result!—on the withdrawal of the instrument, reason has again resumed her seat of empire, the idiotic stare has fled, the palsied hand resumed its "cunning," and facial expression is varying but conscious again!

Dr. Gibson having a keen appreciation for the feelings of the young man's father, went and brought him into the room, and on his approach a flood of tears poured down the cheeks of the son on recognizing his father, which he did by an eager grasp of the hand, and a look of intense joy and gladness. The low intelligent eye, the old man could not speak for joy—tears of thankfulness relieved him, but words could not express his gratitude. The brain was relieved the moment the depressed portion of the inner table was removed. Professor Gibson is long and justly celebrated as one of the most delicate and skillful operative surgeons in the United States.—Richmond Examiner.

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