



War Movements.

It is stated by a Washington letter writer, that the greatest activity prevails at this time in our army. General Wool is supposed to have reached Monterey with 2500 men. The report is confirmed that General Wool had taken possession of Monclova; the Governor and many of the citizens having formed an escort, on hearing of his approach, and met him four or five miles from the city and welcomed him as a friend. The country through which he had passed, is highly spoken of. General Kearney had taken possession of the city of Chihuahua without resistance. Gen. Worth has been sent to take possession of Saltillo, that city having been evacuated by the Mexican troops. Orders have been sent to General Taylor to garrison the places already taken, and repair with the main body of the army to Point Isabel, whence they will be taken by Commodore Perry's squadron, to Tampico, where they will meet Gen. Scott and the new regiments ordered to that point. Santa Anna is said to have left San Luis Potosi and returned to Mexico. Further reports from the seat of War may be looked for with increased interest.

Sleighting in Maine.

The people of Maine experienced a heavy snow storm prior to the 26th (Thanksgiving in the rest of the world) notwithstanding their prudence in deferring Thanksgiving. We should not wonder if their sleighting was spoilt by a thaw before their late appointed day arrived, after all.

The Portland Depot.

The new Railroad Company have secured about six acres of land on Fore street, embracing the site of old Fort Burrows, (that's the place where we played soldier) for a depot and iron rail manufacturing establishment. It is a first rate location.

Iron Mountain.

We understand, says the St. Louis American, that the new furnace at the iron mountain is again in blast. They are now turning about three tons of cast iron per day, and expect soon to turn out ten tons per day. The success of this enterprise may give a new impulse to the iron business in Missouri.

Is it good to be angry?

It is pretty considerably well known that rum often if not generally, produces irritability; and we have just been reading of a man, who under its influence, got very angry, dashed his jug and its contents against the wall, and declared he would never drink another drop—and he kept his word.

Washington Monument.

William Kennedy is exhibiting at Philadelphia, a design for a Monument to Washington to be erected in that city. The design is a tall column four hundred feet high, with an ascent inside by a winding stair case.

Very Negative.

Caleb says "he don't see no reason to doubt the incorrectness of the contradiction of M. M's denial of the erroneous statement that the motion of the triangular spindle was non-rotary." What is Caleb's opinion of the said motion?

Great Paper Ware-House Burned.

At Chicago, Ill., on the morning of the 25th ult, during a terrible gale of wind, a fire broke out in Pardee's Warehouse, which threatened half the town. The loss will amount to between \$30,000, and \$40,000.

How they do things in Tennessee.

A man in Athens, Tenn., having paid his addresses to two sisters, married one, and recently run away with the other. The Father-in-law pursued and shot the fellow and returned, taking both daughters home.

Emigration.

The Poughkeepsie Eagle says that 150,000 emigrants have been landed at the port of New-York since the 1st of March last. Well, let them come; there's room enough out West.

Americans Welcome in Mexico.

It is now asserted by letter writers from Monterey, that many of the wealthy families in Mexico are desirous that the Americans should retain possession of the country, and establish a permanent government, which would rout the bands of many robbers that infest the different neighborhoods, plundering the inhabitants at every opportunity. Some of the largest and wealthiest families have sent word to General Taylor that they will furnish him with flour, corn or beef, regardless of the threats of the Mexican commandant.

Egypt and America.

Mr. Glidden, in a recent lecture in Philadelphia, exhibited to his audience two earthen jars, one of which had been dug up from an ancient mound in our western country, and the other taken from an ancient tomb in Egypt. They were precisely of the same pattern.—We are confirmed in the long entertained opinion that America was first settled by the crews of some Roman or other fleet from the Mediterranean, which had been providentially driven on the Western coast of this continent.

A Candle-making Candlestick.

We have seen at 117 Fulton st. a new invention called "Drummond's Candle Maker," which consists of a brass or tin candlestick with a reservoir of capacity to hold half a pound of tallow and a quantity of wicking, and so constructed that a new candle can be moulded and drawn up as fast as it is consumed at the top; thus constituting a sort of endless candle.

The Mysterious Stranger.

A gentleman evidently from Mexico, has been for a few days at Washington, but much secluded; but having been seen conversing with Secretaries Walker and Buchanan, it is conjectured, and even reported by the letter writers, that he is on a mission from Northern Mexico, to make important negotiations with our Government, independent of that of Mexico:—cession on one part, and protection, on the other.

Is Your Name Chase?

The Yarmouth Register says that an estate worth £52,000,000 sterling, which had been for years litigated in the High Court of Chancery in England, has recently been adjudged to the heirs of four brothers by the name of Chase, three of whom came to this country some two hundred years ago. One of them—William,—settled in Yarmouth, Mass. and it said that most of his descendants reside within a few miles of that town. William's share is computed at \$65,000,000.

Improved Boot-Jack.

A countryman with an enormous pair of feet, and boots to match, appeared in the bar-room of a village tavern and enquired for a boot-jack. The bar-keeper assured him there was no boot-jack in the house large enough to accommodate him, and advised him to walk back to the fork of the roads and pull them off there.

General Worth.

The hero of Monterey, was a merchant's clerk in Hudson, on the North River, 35 years ago. He entered the army as a private, at the opening of the war of 1812, distinguished himself at Lundy's Lane, where he was wounded, and at the suggestion of Gen. Scott promoted.

Balloon.

On the 22d ult., Mr. Lehmann ascended in a balloon from Algiers, opposite New-Orleans. The ascent was quite handsome, but a stiff North-Easter carried him out of sight and we have not heard of him since.

They have had a three days town meeting at Provincetown, Mass. during which time there were forty unsuccessful ballottings for representatives.

The price for a license to sell intoxicating liquors, in De Soto Co., Miss., has lately been raised to \$500.

A Catholic priest has been imprisoned at Camargo on the charge of using his influence to induce American soldiers to desert.

A person who had been listening to a very dull address, remarked, that every thing "went off well, especially the audience."

RAIL ROAD INTELLIGENCE.

New York and New-Haven Rail Road.

We are gratified to perceive that capitalists are waking up to the importance of this road, of which we have so often expressed the opinion, for years past, that it must eventually become a part of the principal railroad in New England. We learn that about \$2,000,000 of the stock has been taken up already, and that the road is to be completed within one year from the 1st of January next.

Hartford and Springfield Railway.

A large force is employed in rebuilding the bridge over the Connecticut river, at Windsor locks; and the piers, which were uninjured by the storm, are already surmounted with the greater portion of the frame work.

P. S. Since the foregoing was written, we have been informed that the bridge is completed, and the cars pass over it as formerly.

The Pennsylvania Railroad.

The subscription by the city of Philadelphia towards the Pennsylvania Railroad to Pittsburg, is for \$1,500,000, and is made on condition that an equal sum shall be raised by private subscription. Of this latter sum nearly a million has been subscribed, and the Philadelphia North American says it is ascertained that the remaining half million will be obtained without difficulty.

Central Railroad in Michigan.

The Detroit Advertiser states that an immense business has been accomplished on this road for some time past, and mentions an instance within a few days in which flour and wheat equal to five thousand barrels of flour, were brought to that city by the railroad in a single day.

Utica and Schenectady Railroad.

Two companies in New-Jersey have contracted to furnish the Utica and Schenectady railroad association with 6,600 tons of new rails, to weigh 65 lbs. to the yard. The contract is sufficient for the whole road.

Erle Railroad.

Another section of this road, from Middletown to Otisville, has been lately opened for travel, and another section of 11 miles is to be finished early next season, by which time it is expected that contracts will be made for grading 130 miles more.

Sullivan Railroad.

A charter has been procured for the purpose of constructing the Sullivan road from the Cheshire railroad at Bellows Falls on the New-Hampshire side to the Central railroad at or near Windsor Vt. a distance of about 27 miles. The route is reported to be exceedingly favorable, and the grading is expected to be soon put under contract.

Rutland Vt. Railroad.

The friends of this road have been active in their exertions for its advancement, and have announced that the stock has all been subscribed for, and that the road will soon be commenced.

Railroads in Germany.

Germany has now open to public traffic 37 miles of railroad extending a length of 469 1-2 geographical miles. There are at work on those lines 600 locomotive engines, of which 267 are of English construction, 39 American, 46 Belgian, 16 French, and the remainder German.

"Ha, there you are, at your idol again." said a lady to Rev. Dr. Isaac, on discovering him smoking a cigar. "Yes, madam, burning it," was the doctor's cool reply.

A farmer near Milwaukee, Wis. has raised three hundred and sixty bushels of wheat on eight and a half acres of land. 42 1-2 bushels to the acre.

Calloway Hunt, indicted for murder, has been tried at Mobile, and fined by the jury \$100, and recommended to six months imprisonment.

The opinion is rapidly gaining ground in Canada that all the North American British Provinces will soon be united under a Viceroy instead of a Governor General.

Beach nuts are so plentiful in Maine as to be sold for three cents a quart. So says the Norway Advertiser.

Smith the razor strop man is in this city, and has "a few more left." If our readers do not hear more from him soon, others will.



LATE FROM EUROPE.

The Steamship Caledonia arrived at Boston on the morning of Saturday last, 16 days from Liverpool. The news by this arrival is of ordinary interest, but nothing exciting.—Money is plenty; the rate of interest has been reduced to 3 per cent, and bullion was being extensively exported. Flour was selling at about \$8. American soda biscuit is in brisk demand.

The damage occasioned by the late inundations in France is immense. It is estimated to require \$13,000,000 to repair and replace the bridges destroyed.

The Duke of Nassau has advanced 200,000 florins to aid German emigrants in going to Texas. Eight hundred were at Bremen, waiting for a passage to the United States.

Dr. Hebla, of Vienna, has prepared tow which is more powerful in its explosion than gun cotton.

Queen Christina, of Spain, is about to visit, and make a temporary residence in France.

An English newspaper has been established at Rome, under the title of the *Roman Advertiser*. The policy of the Pope appears to be to conciliate protestants by liberal measures—for the present.

A company has been formed in Belgium, for uniting the Pacific and Atlantic oceans at the lake of Nicaragua. There is no great risk however, in predicting that no enterprise of this kind will ever be carried through.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"P. M. of Albany."—We have on hand, and nearly finished, a machine for driving machinery by galvanic power:—will be in operation next week. Several machines for this purpose have been invented, but we have no certain knowledge that any of them have been patented.

"W. Q. of C."—We can send one or more plumb and level indicators to Cleveland by express if required. The fence making machinery has been delayed on account of a press of other new inventions, of which we have several engravings on hand. We may find room for it soon.

"T. D. S."—Your answer to the problem was nearly correct but not received in season. Your theory about the differences of momentum produced by the earth's motion on its axis, would be deranged by the motion of the earth in its orbit.

"Subscriber."—The curve in a screw thread is a *spiral curve*: but no metal plate can be cut into a shape to conform to it without extension of the metal.

"E. C. of P."—The quaint dissertation on nothing in particular, sent by you is very ingenious, but not exactly within our range.

"H. C. C."—Ascensions by steam power, with either wings or spirals, without hydrogen is impracticable. The kind of shells you mention, have been proposed by several different persons, but have not been adopted by Government.

"S. E."—Mr. A French, of this city is the inventor of the machine of which you enquire, but the proprietors of the patent will not sell them,—preferring a monopoly in the business.

"D. D. D."—We have not yet obtained the intelligence you require, but shall probably inform you next week.

"L. A."—So much depends on various circumstances connected with the construction and relative motion of different kind of water wheels, that their powers are not reducible to definite scales, even where the quantity and fall of water is given. We can readily give the amount of the available power of water, having the quantity and fall given, but neither undershot nor re-action wheels usually work more than one half of this available power.

The Mexican force ordered on Chihuahua, to cut off Gen. Wool has been remanded and ordered to San Luis.

Miss Nancy Hayes of Louisville, Ky. has recovered \$6000. in a suite for 'breach of promise.' 'O, Barney leave the girls alone.'