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THE NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

Saturday Morning, February 17, 1855.

☞A bill to build a U. S. Court House and Post Office in the City of Baltimore has passed Congress, and only requires the signature of the President.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—The Steamer Northern Light arrived at New York on Wednesday last, with dates to the 24th ult. She brings 200 passengers and $47,600 in gold.

SALE OF NEGROES.—Two negroe men, aged about 27 years, belonging to the estate of the late Eben T. Massey, were sold at public sale, in this place, on last Thursday for $1000 each. B. H. C. Massey purchaser.

THE MAILS.—The northern mail, due here Thursday evening, did not arrive until one o'clock yesterday, owowing to tho bad condition of the horses. We would advise Messrs. Norcross & Brewer to give up the contract, or furnish the drivers with horses, which are able to carry the mails.

CELEBRATION.—The Mount Vernon Society of Washington College, will celebrate the 22nd February at the Court House in Chestertown. Washington's Farewell Address will be read by JAS. T. LASSELL, and the Oration delivered by W. J. STONE, Esq.

CONCERT.—The young ladies attached to Wentworth Seminary, will give a Concert on Thursday evening next, 22nd inst., commencing at 7 o'clock, at the Court House, for the benefit of the poor. The object is a laudable one, and we hope to see a crowded house upon the occasion.

DEATH OF REV. J. S. REESE.—We are pained to record the death of this well known and distinguished minister of the Gospel, which took place at his residence in Baltimore county, on Wednesday evening last. Dr. Reese had been confined to his room for some months, but was not considered dangerously ill, until a few days before his death, when pneumonia appeared and terminated his illness. He was President of the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church. Few men have occupied high position in the Church with greater acceptability and usefulness, and few die who are more lamented than he will be by his numerous friends and acquaintances.

AN AMERICAN TRIUMPH!

THE MAYOR'S NOMINATIONS—REFORM IN EARNEST!

The nominations of Mayor Hinks were made on Monday last. The Baltimore Patriot in speaking of them, says:

Of D. H. Blanchard, Secretary to the Mayoralty, we have spoken fully and favorably, when first chosen.

G. L. Dulany, City Counsellor. This gentleman is fully competent to discharge the duties of his appointment.

Geo. W. Richardson, City Collector. We have had a personal acquaintance with Mr. R. for many years and served with him in the City Council, where he could always be relied upon to vote *right* when the interests of the city were concerned. He may be too amiable for the post, but this is no fault, and, for ourselves, we are willing to try him, with the belief that he will do his duty well and faithfully.

Geo. A. Davis, City Commissioner. No better man could be found—and as a proof, we refer to his management of the House of Refuge. He has, contrary to all precedents, kept the expenses inside the contract, and the building has gone up steadily from its commencement, and will be a monument to the good management of Mr. Davis while it stands. We thank the Mayor for this nomination.

Lewis A. Slicer, Assistant City Commissioner.—This, too, is a capital appointment, and will insure this department of the city to be most ably conducted.

The Commissioners for Opening Sts. are N. T. Dushane, Edw. Needles, and Nath'l Hall. The first two we know, and they are very good. Mr. Hall we do not know, but learn that he is first-rate.

Assessor of Tax—Edw. Kenly and Robert Betts. Mr. K. we know, and are satisfied that he will perform the duties very well.

B. W. Herring. High Constable—This gentleman held this office under [illegible], and so efficient, that almost every body spoke in favor of his capacity and expressed a wish for his continuance. He happened to be a whig, however, and this unfitted him in the eyes of the democratic powers, to be continued. The deputy, George B. Hamilton, we do not know, and of course cannot speak of his fitness.

The health department is committed to men who are every way competent, and will, we believe, be generally acceptable.

We cannot, of course, go into details in noting all the nominations of his Honor, because they are legion; but, in looking carefully over the list, we discover the names of many we know personally as being among our most estimable fellow citizens, and their selection for the places designated, reflects great credit upon the discrimination, sound judgement and fidelity of Mayor Hinks.

Our time and space will only allow us to-day to glance at a few of the principal and more responsible nominees, and if we may conclude that the rest of the list corresponds favorably with those we have named, and the others known to us, we are frank to say that, in our opinion, a better set of officers have never before been nominated to the Councils of Baltimore. There is one feature in the character of these gentlemen which cannot fail to strike every one with pleasure, and that is there moral worth and reputable standing in the community.

(Correspondence of the 'Kent News.')

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, '55.

Congress.—Since my last letter, both Houses of Congress have passed the "French Spoliation Bill," and it is now before the President of the United States for his consideration. Rumor says that he will *veto* it; but as it passed by pretty good majorities in both branches of Congress, it is reasonable to suppose that it will meet with the approval of the Chief Magistrate. This measure has been a long while before Congress, and has never been lost sight of by those immediately interested.

The House of Representatives yesterday passed the Senate bill conferring the rank of *Lieutenant General* on Gen. SCOTT.

Minister to Spain.—Mr. Breckenridge has declined the honor of going as minister to Spain, and Gen. H. A. Dodge, at present a Senator from Iowa, has been appointed and accepts. So I presume this matter is settled at last. Mr. Dodge is not a man of the highest genius, but is of fair talent, and no doubt will make a good minister. The papers are very dumb on the Cuba question at present, and seem disposed to let it rest. It appears now that the great *Kinny* expedition is to be stopped by the Government, because it has the appearance of a "fillibustering" expedition. I understand they were on the eve of embarking for Central America, and had made up their compliment of men; but if they can show that their object is of a peaceable nature—that they go for the purpose of engaging in Agricultural pursuits—they may get off, and finally land upon that garden spot of the world.—Any number of young men can be got at the present time to join this Company of adventurers, and some of the very best of the Country; but they should not engage in any dishonorable calling, but should have an eye to justice and their own good names.

Great interest is manifested at this time in the Virginia Elections. They come off I believe in May. The Democracy have put on the Gubernatorial track one of their fleetest nags—known by the name of *Henry A. Wise*—and are firm in the belief that he will go over the course without spurs! The oppsition are training their *racer* in some *secret enclosure* and although they have *named* him, they prefer nubbing him down and keeping his limbs in good running order until the final day of the *Race!* The *unknown* racer is very popular in "these diggins," and the *outsiders* are ready to stake their *all* upon him. *I* may take a bet upon the *Unknown*.

Mr. Seward has been returned to the Senate, which has caused much murmuring from certain sources, and great rejoicing from others. I believe the *Union* is *still* safe; and after William H Seward has done serving his party, and gone down to his last resting place, and *forgotten*, these thirty-odd States of our glorious Confederacy will *still* remain as they are—*united, prosperous* and *law abiding*.

A move was made in the House of Representatives a few days ago by Mr. *Witte* of Pennsylvania, to suspend the rules, to allow him to introduce a series of resolutions, which were intended to develop the *true* feeling of honorable gentlemen on "Americanism" in the House; but the motion was rejected—104 voting in the affirmative, and 78 voting in the negative—two-thirds being necessary to suspend the rules. From this movement it seems that there are *several* members in the lower branch of the National Legislature who have some sympathy for the American Reform Party. "Sam" is in their midst.

Gen. *Shields* has been defeated, but intends, I believe, to run as a candidate for a seat in the lower branch. These are ticklish times in the Political world, to-day *in* office, to-morrow *out!* So wags the world!

We have had Winter during the last few days upon us in all its aspects—cold, snow, sleet, rain, and ice! The Potomac is now frozen over for the *fourth* time, and the skating is better than I have ever known it for many years. The *poor* have been great sufferers this winter in our midst, and I have never known such *universal* suffering. Our sleighing folks are "down in the mouth," because of the hoemopathic doses of snow that have been administered to them this winter!

The *Cabinet* is still a *unit*, notwithstanding the letter-writers have had it torn to pieces a thousand times! I would not be surprised if they stick together to the *end*. Why not?

Washington has been very gay this winter, and *balls* have been all the rage. The city at present is filled with strangers. The "Mechanics' Fair" is *now* in full blast, and is very attractive.

WASHINGTON.

NIAGARA FALLS IN WINTER COSTUME—Those who wish to see Niagara Falls in their majestic winter robe, and in terrific sublimity, should now improve the opportunity. Probably there is no sight in the whole world so impressively grand as the Falls presents at this time. The unprecedented duration of extreme cold weather has allowed the spray, which winter and summer falls in an unceasing shower, gradually to accumulate in huge cones upon the rocks at the foot and in front of the Falls, to an immense size and height. The trees on Goat Island and on the Canada side present an aspect of being chisselled from alabaster or Parian marble—everything within the influence of the spray from the cataract presents this singularly beautiful appearance—indeed so immense has been the accumulation of the frozen spray upon the trees, as in some instances to break down trees with trunks over a foot in diameter.—The streams which ever percolate thro' overhanging rocks on each side of the Falls, are gradually congealed into the semblance of immense stalactites; and in some instances present the appearance of regular colonades.—*Buffalo Commercial.*

ANOTHER FATAL FLUID EXPLOSION—On Saturday evening, as Mrs. Washington Castle, residing in Albany, N. Y., was in the act of trimming a glass lamp filled with burning fluid, it being lighted at the time, she accidentally let it fall re the floor, when it exploded. The blazing fluid was scattered over her clothes, and in a moment she was completely enveloped in flames. In her fright she ran down stairs, shouting in agonized tones, and finally sank down to the floor completely exhausted. Before assistance could be rendered the unfortunate female, her clothes were entirely consumed; her face being so horribly burned, swollen, blackened and disfigued, as to leave no trace of its being that of a human being, and indeed over the whole body the deep burns had left their truculent rages. Death resulted at 11½ o'clock.

A gentleman residing in the neighborhood, on hearing of the accident, went home and broke all the fluid lamps ig his house, expressing his determination of having no more of the "cussed stuff" about him.—*Atlas.*

HON. GARRETT DAVIS AND THD PRESIDENCY.—A letter from Paris, Ken., which appears in the Louisville Courier, says:

Col. Schouler, editor of the Cincinnati Gazette, R. M. Corwin, of Ohio, John W. Finnell, of Covington, and other politicians, have been here since Saturday, on a visit to Hon. Garrett Davis. It is supposed that "Sam" was in the crowd, and some Know Nothing wire working going on. Mr. Davis' friends are daily in receipt of letters from all parts of the Union, urging his claims, and they claim to have almost positive assurance that he will receive the Know Nothing nomination for President.

RUSSIAN LOSS IN THE CRIMEA.—According to accounts from Odessa, stated to be derived from official sources and documents, the total number of men put hors de combat, from the 28th of September, (exclusive consequently of the defeat of the Alma) to the 27th of December, does not exceed 26,763, including prisoners taken, and deaths from diseases or other causes not resulting from wounds. The following are the details:

Killed or died of wounds,	7 304
Wounded	13,896
Prisoners	1,617
Died of disease, &c.	4,019
Total	26,763

COLDEST WEATHER IN FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS.—Hon. George Geddes, Fairmount, near Syracuse, says Feb 6th:—"This is the coldest day of 58 years.—that my mother has observed the thermometer. The lowest mark before this day in that time was 18 degrees below zero. Last night at nine the mercury stood at 10 degrees below; at 2 this morning 19 degrees; at 6 o'clock 28 degrees! and the highest it has been to-day was 16 degrees below zero; and now, 9 o'clock, evening, it is 26 degrees below. The thermometer is a standard one—known to be correct"

DEATH OF A QUEEN.—Her Majesty Maria Adelaide, Queen of Sardinia, breathed her last at Turin on the 20th of January, after an illness of a few weeks, consequent upon her confinement, and aggravated by the sudden death of her mother-in-law, the Queen Dowager, Queen Maria Adelaide was only in her 33d year, having been born in June, 1822 She married his majesty Victor Emmanuel, in April, 1842, and by him had seven children, six of whom survive. She was the daughter of Ranier, Archduke of Austria. As wife and mother she is said to have been most exemplary.

Arrival of the Steamer Asia.

ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

Important and interesting Intelligence—Total disruption of the British Cabinet—Great anxiety in England—Position of Affairs in the Crimea unchanged, &c.

HALIFAX, Feb. 14.—The Royal mail steamer Asia arrived here this morning, with dates to Feb. 3d, being one week later than privious advices.

The news by this arrival is quite interesting, and politically highly important.

As predicted by the last arrival, the resignation of Lord John Russell has been followed by that of the entire ministry, and up to the latest moment prior to the sailing of the steamer, no new cabinet had been constructed. Lord Derby had been sent for and invited to form a new ministry, but he was unsuccessful.

Lords Palmerston, Russel and Lansdowne are all spoken of in connection with the formation of the new cabinet. The greatest anxiety prevailed in reference to the matter.

From the Crimea the accounts represent that no fighting of importance had taken place, but supplies were arriving and the condition of the troops improving.

England has made a loan of £1,000,000 to Sardina.

Prussia refuses to permit the French army to march through her territory.

The French force to guard the Austrian frontier is composed of 80,000 men.

Reports from Spain represents Mr. Soule the American minister as being seriously ill.

ENGLAND.

This has been a week of intense anxiety for England. On the evening of the 30th of January, Mr. Roebuck's motion expressing a want of confidence in the ministry was resumed in the House of Commons. The resolution proposed that a select committee be appointed to inquire into the condition of the British army before Sebastopol, and into the conduct of the departments of government whose duty it has been to administer to the wants of the army.

Sir Stafford and D'Israeli addressed the House, when the House divided, and there appeared 305 for the motion, and 148 against it. The majority against the government 157, whereupon the ministry at once resigned.

The resignations of the ministers were accepted, and Lord Aberdeen and the Cabinet only hold office until the new ministry is formed.

The same evening of the action in the House the Queen sent for the Earl of Derby, the leader of the conservatives and on Wednesday Earl Derby waited on the Queen, and after an interview of two hours he drove to the residence of Lord Palmerston, when a lengthened conference took place. The general rumor was that Lord Palmerston would not assent to the terms proposed and consequently the former would not be able to form a sufficiently strong cabinet. Various rumors followed, pointing to Lords Palmerston, Russell, and Lendowne, as those who would probably be placed at the head of the ministry.

Lord Derby informed the House that he had been invited by the Queen to form a Cabinet, but he could not do so.

The friends of the Aberdeen ministry are dead against Russell for breaking up the coalition.

The Queen is reported to have written Lord Russell an autograph letter censuring his conduct, but this is doubted.

The English Baltic fleet has been ordered to assemble in the Downes ready for sea by the first week in March. Rumor says that Admirals Seymour and Martin will command.

DIPLOMACY AND NEGOTIATIONS.

There is no fighting of consequence to record, but important diplomatic scenes are going on which has checkmated Austria. In the session of the general committee of the Germanic Diet, the proposition of Austria for the general mobilization of the federal army was rejected, and that of Prussia to place the contingents only on the war footing was carried against Austria.

Some anxiety was felt as to what course Austria will pursue, as this check prevents the Emperor of Austria from having the expected command of the Federal army. Propably no step will be taken until after the formation of the new English ministry. This Austrian defeat has caused a dullness in the funds.

Prussia is preparing for action. An important dispatch dated Berlin, Jan. 31st, says that the Prussian government has decreed the immediately mobization of her own army, and the fourth and sixth corps are ordered to occupy the Provinces of Saxony and Silecia.

A MAN'S EYE SHUT UP BY THE FROST.—We don't intend to brag about the weather, says the 'Dayton Journal,' but we never recollect hearing of an instance in which a man's eye was frozen shut, except which we now refer. The driver of a sleigh coming from Jamestown to Xenia, on Sunday morning, just as he was entering Xenia, exhibited to his passengers an icicle about as large as a buck-shot, pendant from the upper lid of his right eye. The eye was entirely closed—literally frozen shut. His left eye was chilled, so that it was with difficulty that he kept the lids in motion. A raw wind was blowing, and the passengers in the sleigh kept their faces covered.

Almost a Duel Between Pugilists.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Tom Hyer and Morissey, the well known pugilists, were to have fought a duel yesterday, but did not. The difficulty originated in the refusal of a party named Hughes to pay over a sum of money alleged to have been forfeited, in consequence of Hyer's backing out of an engagement to fight Morrissey. Morrissy was the challenging party, and was on the ground bright and early.—Neither Hyer nor Hughes turned up, however, and of course there was no duel. The police were early on the scent, and were all ready to put a stop to the exhibition, if the actors had appeared on the stage. As it is, the Morrissey party are terribly indignant against the Hyer gentry, and the expected result is another effort to settle the mater 'a la fist' on the part of the former.

A CENTENARIAN ATTENDING CHURCH. On Sunday last, Mrs. Mary Farra, of Petersham, celebrated her one hundredth birthday by attending meeting at the Unitarian Church. She appear in good health—rose and stood unsupported during the singing, and after the congregation was dismissed, remained to join in the communion service. The thermometer stood in stood in the morning only two degrees above zero, and a strong wind blew from the northwest through the day.

MEDALS FROM FRANCE FOR AMERICANS.—In July, last, it will be remembered, the French steamer Chimere put into Norfolk having a great many of her crew suffering from yellow fever, where every attention was paid to the patients by the chief surgeon of the naval hospital, Dr. T. Williamson, and also by Dr. J. Harrison. The French government having been made aware of their praiseworthy conduct, Dr Williamson has been rewarded with a gold medal of the largest size, and Dr. Harrison with another gold medal of honor, of first class.

California U. S. Senator.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13th.—The following is the result of the 22d ballot in the California Legislature for U S. Senator. The ballots were all nearly with the same result: Gwin, dem, 37; Edwards, whig, 36; McCorkle, dem., 13; Broderick, dem. 12; McDugall, dem. 5; Nathan, dem. 4; Burnet, dem. 1. On the 24th, after the result of the 22d ballot had been announced, a motion was made to postpone further ballotings until the following Saturday, but it was voted down.

SERIOUS MUTINY ON BOARD THE SHIP MEDFORD.—The ship Carrington, at N York, from China, reports: Dec 17, lat. 36 15, S., long. 35 39 east, fell in with ship Medford of Boston, from Manilla, for New York, with signals of distress flying; hove the ship to and boarded her, when we learned that the captain and first and second mates had been stabbed by one of the crew; put the first officer of the Carrington on board to take the ship into the Cape of Good Hope for medical assistance for the wounded men.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SCOTT.—It is stated that the resolution passed by Congress, conferring the rank of Lieutenant-General, will give General Scott about $30,000 back pay, and about $1,600 additional yearly. The veteran hero is said to have been deeply affected on hearing that the resolution had passed, and in reply to his informant, is said to have exclaimed:—"Let no man say, hereafter, that his country is ungrateful to one who has served her faithfully." Gen. Shields and Judge Douglas took an active part in securing the adoption of the resolution.

TEMPERANCE IN LOUISIANA.—In the house of Representatives of Louisiana, a few days since, Mr. Nixon submitted a bill, which was passed, in relation to the liquor law. It provides that the question shall not be put to the vote every year, but the police juries and municipal authorities shall order a vote upon the subject whenever it may be deemed expedient.

TAKING IT EASY.—The Mayor of Trenton, N. J., who has devoted a great share of his time to relieving the wants of the poor, states that in one or two cases, where apparent poverty was relieved, the recipients were, upon visitation, found enjoying a dance and supper party, with the luxuries of hired music, to soften the asperity of hard times and the severity of winter.

Excitement at Albany.

ALBANY, Feb. 13th.—The Speaker of the House, the Hon. Mr. Littlejohn, was burnt in effigy in front of the Capitol last night. Dr. Thompson was treated in the same style in front of the Evening Journal office. The parties named voted for Mr. Seward, and hence the excitement.

TROUBLE AT CINCINNATI.—Quite a "flare up" has occured at Cincinnati in consequence of a schoolmistress (who is from South Carolina) refusing to admit a colored boy into a school over which she presides. The trustees took sides with boy, but the lady still refusing, legal measures, it is said, are to be resorted to.

A REPORTED MOB.—A dispatch from Georgetown, Ky., states that the Herald office in that place was attacked a few nights ago, and the editor afterwards burned in effigy. The cause is stated to be the severe strictures of the Herald editor on a Know-Nothing speech.

State Senatorial Election.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—The special election to-day for State Senator in the county of Philadelphia to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Foulkrod, dem., has been conducted very quietly. But a slim vote was polled, and from the returns thus far received it is believed that Mr. Pratt, (know-nothing) is elected.

AID FOR MR. WISE.—Since the intervention by the Herald Reporter in the gubernatorial canvass of Virginia, Captain Rynders has announced that he will leave the affairs of the Custom House to take care of themselves, and go down to help Mr. Wise in his nebulous combat. If the Captain sincerely desires to help Mr. Wise, his most effectual course would be to stay at home

Baltimore Market.

FROM THE BALTIMORE SUN OF THURSDAY

Wheat, white,	$1 95 a 20
" red	1 90 a 20
Corn white	88 a 91
" yellow "	90 a 92
Oats,	50 a 52
Rye	110 a 112
Clover Seed	$7 00

"I will Never be Without them."

Saltford, Vermilion Co., Ill., May 2, '50.

Mr. SELLERS:—Having used your Liver Pills, Cough Syrup, and Vermifuge in my family for more than three years, I believe I am justified in saying to the public, that they are decidedly the best family medicine now in use. I will never be without them unless they cannot be obtained at any cost.—In the section of country they have saved hundred of dollars in doctors' bills. I would recommend the Liver Pills in preference to anything else, for an enlargement of the spleen.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES ASHMORE.

TO THE PUBLIC.—The original, only true and genuine Liver Pills are prepared by R. E. Sellers, and have his name in black wax upon the lip of each box, and his signature on the outside wrapper—*all others are counterfeits or base imitations.*

Prepared and sold by R. E. SELLERS & Co., Pittsburg, Pa,

And for sale by

Simon Wickes, Chester Town.
Abel J. Rees, Rees' Corner.
M. V. Boyer, Millington,

And by Druggists generally on the Eastern Shore and in Baltimore city.

Feb. 3, 1855—1m 7

DIED,

On the 4th inst., after a lingering illness, MARGARET, in the 31st year of her age, relict of John Caveler, dec'd.

On the 11th instant, in Eastern Neck, Kent county, Md., WILLIAM CATOS, in his seventy-second year.

The deceased was loved by his intimate friends for his kind, generous and obliging disposition:—respected and admired by all who knew him, for his sterling integrity and high moral worth.

THE SLOOP GEN. WASHINGTON will leave her wharf for Baltimore on Tuesday morning next.

T. D. C. RUTH.

Feb. 17, 1855.—1t.

NOTICE.

THE County Commissioners will meet at their office in Chestertown on Tuesday the 6th of March next, which will be the commencement of the session for the transfer of property.

By order, A. W. MELVIN, Clerk.

Feb 17, 1855.

Estate of William H. Tilden.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Wm. H Tilden, late of Kent county, dec'd, are hereby notified to file them with the undersigned, on or before the 17th day of August, 1855, otherwise they will be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

RICHARD HYNSON, Adm'r Wm. H. Tilden, dec'd.

Feb. 17, 1855.—4w.

THE SCHOONER

Jenny Lind

THE undersigned having purchased the Schooner JENNY LIND, will run her regular to Baltimore or Philadelphia to suit customers. He will leave the County Wharf every Monday morning and return on Thursday.

He has rented the granary on Queen Street, near the Bank, and having put it in order for the reception of grain he hopes to receive encouragement.

Mr. William H. Palmer may always be found at the granary, and will attend to the delivering of all grain that may be sent.

JAMES F. TAYLOR.

Feb. 17, 1855.—tf.

The Mount Vernon Society of Washington College

WILL celebrate the 22d February, at the Court House, in Chester Town, in the following manner:

PRAYER

By the Rev. Dr. WATERS

WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Will be read by JAMES T. LASSELL.

AN ADDRESS

Will be delivered before the Society by WM. J. STONE, Esq.

Exercises to commence at half-past ten o'clock, A. M. The public are respectfully invited. Feb. 10, 1855.