

PIRATES—The other day a letter was picked up in a bottle on the shore of Delaware Bay, purporting to have been written by Sylvester McApte, of the brig *Smith Tuttle*, of Newburyport, and thrown into the sea just as a large piratical vessel was about to attack the brig. Upon this letter the *New Haven Palladium* makes the following comment:

"The above letter excites considerable interest in this vicinity, the *Smith Tuttle* having been built in the adjoining village of Fair Haven, where she was purchased by a company from Newburyport. In conversation yesterday, with *Smith Tuttle, Esq.*, one of the former owners of the vessel, and the gentleman after whom she was named, we learned that she actually sailed from Newburyport on the day named in the letter, Nov. 20 1816 for Oregon, since which time nothing has been heard from her. Her Captain's name was 'Sylvester.' It is well known that there was a severe gale on the 26th of November of the year named, the gale in which the steamer *Atlantic* was lost in Long Island Sound. The M after the Captain's name looks as if he intended to write 'master,' and afterwards wrote 'captain,' or 'eapte.' This appearance with the other facts, gives to the letter an appearance of genuineness—but there are some expressions about it which create suspicion that it may be a cruel hoax. Mr. Tuttle is in doubt as to the true character of the document—but his opinion rather preponderates to the side of the truthfulness of the letter. If he is right, the affair is a most shocking one, and the news will be terrible to the friends of the unfortunate men on board the ill-fated vessel."

FATHER MATHEW AND THE WASHINGTONIANS—

Father Mathew has written the following letter in reply to a letter of invitation from A. F. Cunningham, Secretary of the general committee of the different Temperance organizations of Washington city

New York, 9th July, 1849.

My Dear Friend: I feel highly honored by the much prized invitation, conveyed through you, of my beloved Brethren, the members of the Temperance Societies of Washington. It is my anxious desire to visit your city, as soon as possible; but having made other engagements, I cannot, at present, name a day, when I am to enjoy that gratification. You shall, however, have early intimation of the time that will be arranged. The recollection of the Friends of Temperance, in Washington, being amongst the earliest to encourage me to leave Ireland, is an additional inducement to make me fulfil my long-promised intention of witnessing the result of their exertions, and of co-operating, as far as the state of my health will permit, in advancing that sacred cause, which has absorbed all my energies, and for the success of which I have made every sacrifice.

I feel proud of the approbation of the Teetotalers of your great city, and presenting to them my kindest remembrance, I am, dear Mr. Cunningham, yours, devotedly,

THEOBALD MATHEW.

CALIFORNIA GOLD IN BALTIMORE.—The whole amount of California gold brought by the U. States ship *Lexington* has been ascertained to be 14 613 ounces 18 pennyweights 23 grains, valued at \$233,808. Of this large sum the following amounts were consigned to the merchants of this city, named,

Richard Sewall, 125 ounces; Bevan & Dunham, 187 ounces 10 pennyweights; Cole & Howard, 50 ounces; Noah Walker & Co, 183 ounces 10 pennyweights; Riley & Pendleton, 62 ounces; Manning & Lee, 37 ounces 10 pennyweights; G. Hertzog & Co., 37 ounces 10 pennyweights; Andrew Gregg & Co., 62 ounces 10 pennyweights; A. Vogeler & Co., 25 ounces; A. W. Paulson, 31 ounces 5 pennyweights; Wyeth & Blacklock, 187 ounces 10 pennyweights; Sangston & Co., 93 ounces 15 pennyweights; Wm G. Harrison, 62 ounces 10 pennyweights; F. Fickey & Sons, 62 ounces 10 pennyweights; John M. Orem & Co., 126 ounces; Wilson & Kelly, 62 ounces 10 pennyweights; Wm G. Morris 235 ounces 5 pennyweights 10 grains; Harrison & Co., 618 ounces 15 pennyweights; S. K. George, 625 ounces; Edward Kurtz, 463 ounces 15 pennyweights; Charles D De Ford & Co., 463 ounces 15 pennyweights; Davidson & Saunders, 200 ounces; James Cox & Sons, 125 ounces; **Samson Cariss**, 112 ounces; Mathew McColem, 100 ounces; Edward Gray, 13 ounces 6 pennyweights 13 grains; James S. Wethered, 1,323 ounces 5 pennyweights. Total 5,679 ounces 1 pennyweight 23 grains.

BREACH OF PROMISE.—In a late trial for breach of promise of marriage, the court laid down the following law:

"If a man offers to marry a woman, or promises to do it, he is not bound to comply with it, unless she agrees to accept him. It takes two to make a marriage contract as well as any other bargain. Where a man has a contract of marriage with a woman, and merely puts it off, and she becomes impatient, she cannot drag him into court and demand damages, unless she has formally offered to perform the contract on her part, and he dishonestly refuses and so puts an end to the contract, because perchance he would prefer the marriage to the suit, and he ought to have a chance to make a choice."