



THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 18, 1841.

AMISTAD CASE. Mr. Fox, British minister, has addressed Mr. Forsyth, secretary of state, on the subject of the Africans who were brought into the United States in the Amistad Spanish vessel, and who are now awaiting the decision of our judicial tribunals.

It is evident that England is assuming, in her intercourse with this country, a loftier tone than usual. Whether this is attributable to a supposed pusillanimity on our part, or a fixed purpose to embroil the two nations in war, is yet to be seen.

The attitude which Great Britain has assumed towards this country cannot be viewed otherwise than with distrust; and therefore we have repeatedly urged upon congress the necessity of making such preparations as may enable us to meet all exigencies with energy and honor.

No QUORUM. Were it not that some members of the house of representatives are conscience-hardened, we should ask them how they can, consistently with honor and honesty, absent themselves from their duties, and leave the house without a quorum to transact business?

This crying grievance can only be remedied by the press; and we hope that public attention will be called to the subject by every independent paper in the country; so that the people may reject slang-bangers and loafers, and send honorable and intelligent men to take care of their interests.

NORTH EASTERN BOUNDARY. A correspondent of the Boston Daily Mail says, that a resolve has been introduced in the Maine House of Representatives to repel British Aggression!

SECOND UNIVERSALIST CHURCH. We understand that the Rev. Mr. Shrigley, sometime since unanimously elected Pastor of this church, has accepted the charge, and will assume the duties of his station on the first Sunday in April next.

STEAM ENGINES. We have received a copy of the annual report of the canal commissioners of Pennsylvania. Among the documents thereto appended, is the report of the superintendent of motive power on the Philadelphia and Columbia rail road, in which an engine built by Mr. Ross Winans, of this city, is spoken of in the most flattering terms, which applies not only to the particular engine, but to the class of engines built by Mr. Winans.

This engine was constructed by special orders, as an experiment in the use of anthracite coal as a fuel to generate steam; and on trial, has met all my anticipations. It is very large and heavy, with more than double the power of any other machine on the road.

We have understood that this engine rests its entire weight on four propelling wheels, each wheel supporting about the same weight as each one of the two propelling wheels of the largest class six wheel engines on the Philadelphia and Columbia road.

An account was published a few days since in a Philadelphia paper of a gross load of 481 tons being drawn over the Philadelphia and Reading rail road by an engine built by Messrs. Baldwin, Vall & Huffy, the weight of which is stated to be 11 92-100 tons, and the weight on the driving wheels 6 30-100 tons.

The report above mentioned states a fact which gives to Mr. Winans' engine great recommendation. It is with reference to fire from locomotive engines. Extract from the report: "But I am constrained to say, that I am now satisfied that public opinion has always placed a mistaken estimate on the security in engines, the fuel of which was exclusively mineral coal, against firing property in the vicinity of the road."

A HEAVY BREASTWORK. Yesterday a lady entered a store in Gay street, and while the attention of the occupant was drawn in another quarter, managed to conceal a large skein of worsted thread in her bosom. The slight of hand, however, met the observation of the proprietor, who immediately accused her of stealing.

FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Bowles, chairman of the committee of ways and means, has reported a bill requiring that a return of the amount of office fees shall be made semi-annually, from the first day of April next, by the clerks of the several courts, registers of wills, register in chancery, commissioners of insolvent debtors for Baltimore city, lottery commissioners, wood corders, and all inspectors who are paid by fees of office.

Mr. Bowles has begun at the right end. Those who are paid by the public should contribute to the public purse; and if men dislike to hold office on such terms, others can be found who will accept, for there is no lack of office-seekers.

Mr. Bowles has also reported a bill to assess and tax real property—and we hope that he will now turn his attention to the license system and to the subject of stocks, &c. So that each may contribute to the support of government in proportion to his worth in real and personal property, as required by the constitution.

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES. At a public meeting of the citizens of the Tenth ward of this city, a resolution has been adopted pledging the members of the meeting to the use of cloths of domestic manufacture. Could the whole city and country be induced to come into this measure, we should soon be relieved from all difficulties, and society would be restored to a healthy condition.

PROFESSOR W. N. BAKER. We cannot but regret the early decease of this young gentleman. Gifted as he was with extraordinary talent, he bid fair to shine among the Faculty as a star of commanding brilliancy.

ACCIDENT. Yesterday morning about ten o'clock, while a gentleman named Morandas, his lady and two daughters, all of whom were residents of Illinois, were travelling in their carriage to Philadelphia on the Philadelphia road about two miles from this city, the horses took fright, ran off, upset the vehicle and threw the passengers out. Fortunately no serious damages were sustained, though all were somewhat injured.

ARRESTED. The Boston police surprised the inmates of a house of doubtful reputation a few nights since, and captured a dozen of both sexes. The gentlemen were each fined \$5 and costs, and the ladies were sentenced to three months confinement in the house of correction.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 1841. I have the honor to announce that the great pleasure of the United States, has safely arrived in this city, and is for exhibition at the Log Cabin on the Avenue. If every poor man at this inclement season could get such a weighty present, there would be but little cry of distress.

Last evening after I closed, an amendment was adopted to the general appropriation bill in the House, providing a sum of \$50,000 for the repair of the Potomac bridge.

This morning Mr. Lincoln, a member of the committee on public lands, asked leave to introduce a bill making valid the land patents issued for the last four years.

Mr. Bynum being entitled to the floor, spoke at great length in opposition to the motion. In the Senate the bankrupt bill is not yet in a shape to meet the views of both parties.

LET TRUTH AND JUSTICE HAVE THEIR COURSE. We would pass over the following, but that a gross and offensive misstatement, tending directly to the injury of a young man's character, has been made in reference to it in a contemporary morning paper of this city.

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, on Monday evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That Societies, auxiliary to the Washington Temperance Society, and all others of the same description in the city or state, who may feel disposed to participate in our anniversary ceremonies, be requested to appoint a Committee to co-operate with the committee appointed by this Society.

TO THE SCEPTICAL. The following individuals may be consulted as to the admirable effect of the MUSCULAR GUIDE in living ease to the action of the muscles, and in securing, in a short time, a beautiful and expeditious cure of various ailments.

WHIGS' APPOINTMENT! NINTH WARD. There is an election to be held TO-DAY, for a member of the Second Branch of the City Council.

ASSAULT. John P. Youce, city bailiff, was yesterday brought before Squire Schaffer, charged on the oath of Sarah Newell, a married lady, with committing an assault upon her in her own house.

FOR THREATENING. Stephen Burgess was yesterday arrested by Geo. Smith, and brought before Justice Schaffer, charged on the oath of Mary Kirby with threatening to disable her for life if she appeared against him before Squire Gorsuch as a witness in a civil suit.

THE BANK OF MICHIGAN. The President of this Bank sent into the House of Representatives on the 8th inst. making three proposals, stating at the same time that if one of the three were not complied with, the bank would proceed to a liquidation of its liabilities as fast as circumstances would permit, and bring the business to a final close.

FRONT STREET. Owing to some mismanagement with the gas, Mr. Ward was unable to open the theatre last night as he intended. It will be opened to-night with the same pieces as announced upon the previous occasion.

THE BRITANNIA steamship is expected to arrive at Boston to-morrow morning, at seven and a half minutes past 10, A. M. How precise.

A BENEFIT. The printers were to have a benefit at the North American Circus, in Boston, on Monday night.

FIRE. A two story brick building corner of Floyd and Market streets, were destroyed by fire in Louisville on Thursday last.

MARRIED. In this city 16th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Heimer, JOHN B. CHAMBERLAIN to MISS ESTHER ANN COOK.

DIED. On the 15th inst. EDWARD D. CARTER, aged 45 years. On the 15th inst. JAMES McDONNELL, a native of Ireland, but for the last 40 years a citizen of Baltimore.

MARINE LIST—PORT OF BALTIMORE. CLEARED. Brig Gertrude, Lieut. Comdr. Oester Keys. Scher Elijah Chase, Barry, New Bedford.

ARRIVED. Barque Orb, Watten, from Kingston, Jan. via Turks Island, (16 days from the latter.) Brig Susan Mary, Corcoran, 15 days from Havana.

MEMORANDA. Ship Architect, Gray, for New Orleans, went to sea from Hampton Roads 11th inst. Brig Wankinco, Howland, for Baltimore, went to sea from Charleston 12th inst.

TEMPERANCE NOTICE. The members of the CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN Temperance Society of Baltimore, are requested to meet at Union Hall, corner of Tripoli's alley and Baltimore street, on FRIDAY EVENING, 19th inst. at 7 o'clock precisely.

MARION Total Abstinence Society. NOTICE. The citizens of Baltimore, friends of Temperance, and the public in general, are invited to attend the regular meetings of the Marion Total Abstinence Society, EVERY TUESDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock, at their Hall in Essex street, 2 doors above the Independent Engine House.

N. B. The Junior Society will hold their Regular Meetings every SATURDAY EVENING, at the same place and at the same hour, until further notice.

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ROBINSON'S OFFICE. 80 BALTIMORE STREET. BELOW FRANKLIN BRIDGE. \$7000 TO-DAY, for \$2.50 tickets only 62 cents. TO-MORROW, \$30,000, 10,000, 25 of 2000, &c. in the great Virginia State Lottery.