

FOREIGN NEWS.

By the arrival at Boston of the Steamship Cambria, at half past 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, in a short passage of 14 days, we have late and interesting advices from Europe.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH. In relation to this document, we find the following paragraph in the European Times: "Our paper went to press, and was despatched by the last steamer, on the day that the Queen opened Parliament."

WILSON & SMITH say, in the European Times: "There is no part of the new financial scheme which has given so much satisfaction as the abolition of the import duty on cotton and wool."

THE OREGON QUESTION. The Oregon question, justifying its position by the recent proceedings in the American House of Representatives.

THE RIGHT OF SEARCH. The right of search—that irritating surveillance of the high seas, which has proved late years a needless source of annoyance to American shipping—is virtually at an end.

THE PENNSYLVANIA INTEREST. Mr. Reebuck, in the House of Commons last night, asked Sir Robert Peel for full information regarding the present state of negotiations with the United States Government.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. The Bank of England, it is said, is about to reduce the rates of discount at their various branches.

THE NEW YORK AND HAVRE PACKET SHIP. A smuggling vessel was seized in the Mersey, loaded with tobacco, and the proceeds of confiscation amounted to £7852.

THE FOREIGN EVENTS OF THE LAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS possess little interest, if we except Switzerland, where the violence of party conflict has again made itself manifest in the affair of the Jesuits.

THE CHAMBERS WILL BE DISSOLVED. The Chamber of Deputies, in consequence of the vote of supply for the Secret Service, has decided to dissolve itself.

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Rev. Sydney Smith died at his house in London on the evening of Feb. 23. The Morning Chronicle remarks upon the event, that the country has lost one of the clearest and the wisest of its writers, and humanity has lost one of its most powerful and yet least pretending advocates.

IRELAND. Repeal Association.—At the meeting on Monday the 17th, Mr. John O'Connell criticised Sir Robert Peel's financial statement—admitting, however, that it would produce vast benefit to the poorer classes in Ireland.

FRANCE. The position of the French Ministry has not altered since our last. M. Guizot had made a trial of his strength by dismissing two employees of the Government who voted with the Opposition.

PORTUGAL. The last accounts from Lisbon tell us that, on the 17th of February, Queen Dona Maria had been confined and given birth to another princess.

SPAIN. The Madrid journals are chiefly occupied with a new conspiracy, said to have been discovered at Vittoria, and which the government have deemed of sufficient importance to send General Concha to suppress.

THE HORRIBLE DEPRIVITY. The Newark Post gives a remarkable account of the death of Mary Ann Watts, who married Henry Greene, and came to her death about a week after by poison administered by her husband.

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Reported for the Baltimore American. Sentence of McCurry. Henry McCurry, the individual convicted, some few days since, of murder in the first degree, in causing the death of Paul Ross, of Meacon, Geo., while passing the night at a boarding house in this city in January, was brought into Court by the Warden of the Jail, and placed in the bar, when he was addressed by His Honor, Chief Judge Brice, in the following words:

You have been convicted, by a Jury of your own choice, after a patient examination of the case submitted to them, of the crime of murder in the first degree, which, by law, exposes you to the punishment of death; and in obedience to his command, it has become the painful duty of the Court to pronounce the awful sentence.

It is proper, however, to warn you that, in all probability, this sentence will very speedily be carried into execution; and you will thus make your statement in society for the violation of laws made for the protection of its citizens in the peaceful enjoyment of their lives.

This statement will soon be consummated, and if it were all of death, to die, you and your crimes would speedily pass into oblivion, and be buried in the same grave. But that is not the case. You will find that this grim messenger, Death, will only conduct you to the world of spirits, and before the awful tribunal of ALMIGHTY GOD to answer, amidst other delinquencies, for the usurpation of His divine prerogative in daring to take upon yourself what ever belongs to Him, to terminate the life of a fellow being.

It is not for this Court to pronounce what fate awaits you. But we feel warranted by the highest authority, drawn from the pages of Holy Writ, in saying to you, and warning you that, if before you leave this world, you fail to obtain an interest in the statement of that Lord Jesus Christ and his advocacy with the Father, your lot will be with wretched outcasts and reprobates forever.

It therefore behooves you, as you value your immortal soul, and hope for mercy, to use all diligence, by the use of all the means of grace, to prepare for this awful event, so momentous for well or woe.

With these few general remarks the Court will now take their leave of you, and consign you to the care and holy offices of the Reverend gentleman, who, we learn, has so kindly attended to your instruction from the time of your imprisonment, and is so much more capable than we are to unfold to you the awful denunciations pronounced in the scriptures against the unrepenting sinner, and also the many gracious promises of forgiveness to the sincere penitent and repentant transgressor; to guide your steps in the right way; and assist, by his holy offices, to prepare you for your last and momentous hour.

Prisoner, your time is short!—Improve it! During the delivery of this sentence, the prisoner remained standing, almost motionless, maintaining, outwardly, the same degree of composure he manifested throughout the whole of his trial. He made no remark whatever, and at the conclusion of the sentence, was remanded to jail. But few persons were present, it not being known that McCurry was to be brought out to day, until a few moments before he appeared.

In the midst of life, we are in death. By reference to our obituary head, the reader will discover that our community has recently been heavily afflicted, in the death of two of our most enterprising and useful citizens—Jos. H. Orr, Esq., and Col. John B. Bissell. Both were in the prime of life, engaged in active business, and were taken from our midst very suddenly. Mr. Orr was an enterprising and accommodating merchant, and a most useful citizen in all the relations of life, whose death has created a chasm in society not easily to be filled.

Col. Bissell was a gentleman of extensive learning and indomitable enterprise; and as a scientific miner, has for years added new life to the mining business of this region, and has done more to develop the mineral wealth of western Carolina, than any other individual in it. He had in progress, near his place, an establishment for extracting the precious metals which, had he been spared to carry it forward, would, we have no doubt, have produced a complete revolution in the mining business of this country, in a very short time. He has been called hence; and the gloom which rests upon our community plainly indicates that we feel our loss to be one of our direst calamities.—Charlotte Telegrapher, of March 25.

Answered Ducl.—We have seen a letter from Little Rock, dated on the 1st ult., in which it is stated that a rumor is afloat that a hostile meeting is shortly to take place between Ex-Governor Burles, U. S. Cherokee Agent, and Col. Mason of the Army. We sincerely hope the report may prove unfounded. N. O. Picayune.

The editor of the "Salem Mass Gazette" regrets the recent inaugural of Mr. Polk takes in his columns, and remarks, in a style that reminds us of the author of the Bannockburn that the public now regard these denunciations as worse than waste paper, possessing all the fiction of romance, without its interest, and adding the sin of hypocrisy to the defect of dulness.

New Mode of Legislating.—Last evening, while the bill to amend the charter of the city of Cincinnati was under discussion in the House, we understand that one of the dignified members from that city, in his speech and laid it on the desk, avowing that he would like the first three men that would be engaged in the project.—Columbus (Ohio) Democrat, of March 27.

We are pained to say (under the 21st of Columbus) that there are no accounts of the long looked-for ships England, United States and Normandy. Our own fears are that these vessels, with the passengers, officers, and crew, have perished in the memorable gale of the 11th and 12th of December.

One of the gerrymander districts, in the bill that has passed the Missouri Senate, is twenty-three sides, and another twenty-five sides. This is caused by the awkward efforts of the gerrymanders to hook in and hook out particular counties.

The Boston Post states that a gentleman, named Whitmore, was poisoned in that city on Saturday last, in consequence of eating partridges.

HIGHLAND MESSENGER.

Friday, April 4, 1845.

The Superior Court for Boncombe county is now in session at this place. Judge Manly is presiding.

As the postage law now stands, to take effect on the first day of July next, newspapers go free for any distance not exceeding thirty miles from the place where printed. We mention this as an inducement to those who have hitherto refrained from subscribing for the Messenger on account of the postage to come forward and subscribe for our paper.

Its circulation in this county is only about two hundred and fifty, while there are about four hundred voters! Of the merits of the paper, of course it becomes us not to speak, but there seems to be an apathy and indifference among the Whigs of this county, as to whether it prospers or not, that indicates but little genuine love for the Whig cause.

Every one who professes to feel an interest in this matter would exert his influence he might procure us one, two, or a half dozen subscribers. What say you, friends? Shall we have the pleasure of adding to our list many new names, through your generous exertions?—We shall see.

Nomination of Col. Foster.—We have received intelligence of the nomination of Col. E. H. Foster as the Whig candidate for Governor of Tennessee at the August election, by the State Convention which assembled at Nashville on the 20th ult.

The name of Foster is familiar to the Whigs throughout the Union. He is known as an eloquent champion of Whig principles, and has rendered noble service in our ranks for many years. We predict for him a triumphant election.

Foreign Intolerance.—We copy the subjoined article from the New York American Republican, to show the degree of intolerance to which a portion of the foreign population of our country have arrived. While we are willing to extend the right hand of fellowship to the oppressed of all nations, who seek an asylum in our happy land, we feel that something must be done to check the growth of foreign influence. If foreigners, when they come to this country, will not leave behind them their prejudices and anti-American notions, let the naturalization laws be tightened, let them learn and know that "American govern America," and not a foreign rabble!

We know that there are among us many citizens, foreigners by birth, but Americans in heart and practice—men who are always ready, if need be, to take up arms in defence of their adopted country. To such, of course our remarks do not apply. They are welcome to a home among us; yes, let them come, if tired of kindly oppression, by hundreds and thousands, we have yet millions of acres of fertile land to settle and improve. Let them come! We doubt not in the response of every generous American heart; but, for heaven's sake, for the sake of our country, for the sake of multiplied millions yet unborn, we hope a plan may be adopted to check the immigration of rogues and outcasts from the States of Europe. It has been proven that the poor houses, lunatic asylums, prisons, and various kindred institutions of the continent, have been liberally emptied, by order of the authorities, and their occupants shipped to this country. This is no title of the fancy, but stern, undeniable reality, and, as before stated, susceptible of the clearest proof. What do those ignorant creatures know about government! Nothing, emphatically nothing! They are pliant tools in the hands of designing men, to work wickedness and corruption; and that they are competent tools is abundantly shown by the result of the last Presidential election. Washington said "be wary of foreign influence," and unless more attention be paid to this admonition than it has hitherto received, our boasted liberties will, ere long, be but as "sounding brass and a tinkling symbol."

The reader has doubtless become impatient for the promised extract from the Republican—here it is:

Bold attempt to assassinate an American Republican Bill-Polter.—So desperate have the enemies of the American Republican party become, that they are now nightly attempting to assassinate every person who dares post a bill for the call of an American Republican meeting.

NEW YORK, March 23, 7 o'clock, A. M. Mr. Webster arrived here yesterday afternoon from Washington on his way home. He looks the same intellectual giant man as ever—calm, collected, quiet, yet with something indefinable and startling about his eyes, and the flashes that play around his mouth, which makes one thrill as he looks, and involuntarily turn and look again. The recent declarations of Mr. Webster, on the subject of naturalization, point to him as the probable candidate of the American Republicans for President in 1849, and his movements attract new interest, just at this moment, when the Native feeling is so prominent a topic of public conversation.

The Courier & Enquirer succeeds from Mr. Selden's nomination—a succession which it declares would have been made the morning after the nomination, but that Col. Webb was out in town—and goes over with all his friends and influence to Mr. Harper. The Express indicates a disposition to do the same thing, and there is little doubt that the Commercial Advertiser will follow suit. This will render his chance of election at least equal to Mr. Havenmeyer's, leaving the success of Mr. Selden, of course, quite out of the question. The truth can scarcely be doubted that the greatest amount of talent and influence in the Whig party of New York is favorable to the Native movement.

The trial of Polly Bodine has not yet commenced, another day having been spent in fruitless efforts to empanel a jury. Upwards of ninety were yesterday challenged peremptorily or set aside for incompetency. It seems to be the general opinion that she cannot be convicted.

Wall-street was rather dull again yesterday—but I have nothing of interest to say about it. Stocks continue slowly to decline, doubtless under the influence of the Mexican war question.

Gen. Almonte, the Mexican Minister, is in the city, and will sail in a few days. Mr. O'Callaghan, the "Crescent City Express" proprietor, is at the Astor House. He avows his determination, I understand, to give the new Post Master-General some very interesting lessons in tall travelling.

The weather is glorious, and the streets suffocated with dust and pedestrians. Broadway, yesterday, was a ceaseless procession of adorable shopresses.

MARY A. WRIGHT. At cow 238.

Feb. 21, 1845.