

THE COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 1894.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The communication from Long Creek is received, and will, probably, be attended to on Tuesday.

READING ROOM CLOSED.

The Proprietor regrets to announce that it has become necessary to close the Reading Room, on Wednesday next, which ends the subscription year.

Those gentlemen who are interested in the fixtures of the Reading Room, are requested to meet in the Room, on Monday Evening, at 8 o'clock, to decide upon the disposal of them.

In closing this concern, the Proprietor takes the liberty of remarking, that he has continued the Room as long as duty or a spirit of enterprise required and longer than interest warranted.

DEMAND FOR WORK.

The Intelligence says there has been more demand for mechanical labor this year, in Petersburg, than for many years past.

This is assuredly a good sign of the improving condition of the town. A great deal has been done in this way, during the past year, in Wilmington, and though much depression has been experienced here, that element of prosperity, the operations of the industrious classes have not been suspended, and seem, at present, to be attaining fresh vigor.

GAS LIGHT.

The citizens of Petersburg are taking measures to imitate their fellow citizens of Norfolk, by lighting up the business part of the town with gas.

CALIFORNIA CONVENTION.

The Convention for the formation of a Constitution for the State of California, assembled at the Court House in Monterey, on Saturday, the 1st of September, pursuant to the proclamation of General Riley.

OREGON.

The Legislature of the territory of Oregon, met on the 16th of July last. All the officers of the Council and House of Representatives are democrats, except the Chief Clerk and Door Keeper of the latter.

DESTRUCTION OF A NEW SHIP BY FIRE.

Boston, Oct. 17th—12 M. A large ship, building by Mr. Wm. H. Hood at Somerset, Mass., for a house in your city, and nearly ready to be launched, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning.

THE MOVEMENT AGAINST ANNEXATION.

The protest against annexation to the United States, which has been in circulation for several days, has received the signature of several members of Parliament, and was published for the first time in the Mirror last evening, and also in the Herald this morning, with the salary of each signer attached to their names.

FACING THE MUSIC.

Some years ago, in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, one of the members of that body, an odd stick from South Hampton, when the yeas and nays were taken on an important question did not answer to his name.

AN INCIDENT OF THE WAR.

A favorite orderly was supposed to be dying, after the capture of Monterey. He sent for Gen. Worth, who came immediately. "General," said the dying soldier, "bury me where we marched into the breach when you headed the old Eighth."

FROM CHILL.

Valparaiso papers to the 29th August have been received at New York. The Chilean Congress was still in session. Several important bills have been presented, viz: for affording more general primary instruction; for regulating the declaration of martial law; for making the counting trade free to all vessels; and for a new law of elections, introducing a property basis, the possession of \$3,000, in order to vote.

TWO MINES OR CARLS.

The value of the copper produced in 1844 was \$3,929,898; in 1845, \$2,503,825; in 1847, \$2,353,405. The silver mines, in 1844, produced \$1,310,998; in 1846, \$1,776,584; in 1847, \$1,507,711. The gold mines, in 1844, \$97,097; in 1846, \$217,964; and in 1847, \$301,415.

THE NEWSPAPERS WERE URGING THE IMPORTANCE OF MEASURES TO ENABLE CHILL TO SUPPLY CALIFORNIA WITH GRAIN.

Land and sea carriage for agricultural productions is said to be the great want of the country. National Intelligence.

MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION.

A Convention assembled at Jackson, Miss., on the first of the present month, for the purpose of considering the proper course to be pursued by the South, in the event of the Wilmot Proviso being attached to the territorial bills.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER NIAGARA.

The Royal mail steamer Niagara, Captain Stone, arrived at Halifax this morning about one o'clock, and your express arrived here this afternoon. I avail myself of the earliest opportunity so forward you the important intelligence received by her.

THE NICARAGUA CONTRACT.

By the conditions of the charter granted by the Government of Nicaragua to an American Company, (says the Baltimore American) to construct a canal between the two oceans, there are to be no distinctions in favor of the ships of any nation that may use the channel of communication proposed to be opened between the Atlantic and the Pacific, by way of the river San Juan and the Nicaragua Lake.

TURKEY AND RUSSIA.

The English and French journals are mainly occupied in discussing the question of the alarming state of affairs existing between Russia and Turkey, and the possibility and even probability of a war breaking out between these two powers.

RAILROAD ACROSS THE ISTHMUS—UNDER CONTRACT.

The N. Y. Journal Commerce of Thursday says: We are happy to learn that the Panama Rail Road Company have put under contract that portion of their Railroad across the Isthmus which lies between the Chagres river and the bay of Panama, about 21 miles, — the whole distance from Panama to Limon Bay being 45 miles.

A FEMALE SEEKING REVENGE AS A SAILOR.

A girl, who has been some five years disguised as a common sailor, was recently detected on board a steamer, lying in Cork harbor. She stated that her family connections reside at St. John's, New Brunswick; that her motive for thus forsaking her home in favor of a sailor's life, was in order that she might meet with her seducer—a Captain Bradford—and be revenged upon him for forsaking her and her child.

SICKNESS ON BOARD SHOOP OF WAR PREBLE.

By a letter from San Francisco, the Philadelphia Bulletin learns that the U. S. sloop of war Preble was spoken by the Ohio, about the 10th of July, in longitude 14,44 W., latitude 33 15 N. She had been out 60 days from China, and out of a complement of 150 men, 44 were sick with a violent form of dysentery; 16 had died on the passage and 14 were not expected to live.

VERMONT.

The Legislature of Vermont met on the 11th. W. C. Kittredge (Whig) was elected Speaker of the House on the first ballot, by 37 majority. Carlos Oodridge (Whig) was elected Governor by 51, and Robert Herport Lieutenant Governor by 57 majority.

FROM THE BALTIMORE SUN.

The floating population of our city will be lessened by the departure of six hundred in the steamship Empire City and Ohio, the most of whom are bound to the gold region. The Empire City goes direct to Chagres with 200, and the Ohio, with 400, touches at Charleston, New Orleans and Havana, where her mail and passengers will be transferred to the Falcon, and taken to Chagres.

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AN IRISH REBUKE.

A lad from the Green Isle, whose occupation was that of blacking shoes, fire-places and stoves, bearing upon his arm a pot of blacking with brushes, and other implements of his trade, addressed a denizen of this city, who was standing at his door.

ANARCHY IN HAMILTON CO.

CINCINNATI, Friday Oct. 12, 1894. In this County (Hamilton) the Whigs voted according to the Apportionment Law of 1845, which makes the first eight Wards of Cincinnati a separate District entitled to a Senator and two Representatives, leaving a Senator and three Representatives to the balance of the Co.; the Loco-Focos (as last year) defied and disregarded it as unconstitutional. Of course, there are conflicting returns, and the whole matter is in confusion.

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WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including NAVAL STORES, STAPLES, MOLASSES, FLOUR, and DOMESTICS.

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REMARKS ON MARKET.

We have no sale to report of either Turpentine or Tar, as there has been none come into market for two days.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Oct. 17. Cotton firm—sales \$4 a 124. Flour—Sales at \$1.75 a 5.25, according to quality.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

Oct. 17. But little change in this market since our last report. Flour has slightly declined and Cotton is firmer.

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MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF WILMINGTON, OCTOBER 20. HIGH WATER AT THE BAR.—10.6. ARRIVED. 18. Sch. D. P. Wadberry, Ralston, from Shalott.