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July 6

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BEGS respectfully to inform his friends and customers that he has removed from his former stand, (opposite Davy's Country Market) to the (old Woodill) stand, No. 52, UPPER WATER STREET, opposite Messrs. Saltus & Wainwright's Wharf, where he will be thankful for a continuation of favours, formerly conferred on him. May 19.

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UNITED STATES.

GREAT FIRE AT PHILADELPHIA.—A terrible fire broke out at Philadelphia on the afternoon of the 9th inst., on the wharf below Vine-street, which raged with great fury, destroying about 250 houses. Buildings to the extent of one square mile were in a blaze. A large quantity of gunpowder and saltpetre was stored in a cellar, which exploded, blowing a large number of persons into the river.

The entire loss of property is stated at from $800,000 to $1,000,000, the insurance on which amounted to $458,000.

The number of killed, wounded and missing is as follows:—Killed, 30; wounded, 100; drowned, 9; missing, 17—total 156.

Many half distracted fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers visited the scene of the fire and the station houses during the following day, in search of missing friends, and thousands of people were collected about the burnt district, the blackened and desolate appearance of which no pen can describe.

THE LATE PRESIDENT, &c.—The death of the President, which we announced in our last issue, took place at Washington on Tuesday night, at half-past ten o'clock. His illness was of short duration. On Saturday he was attacked by cholera morbus, which was succeeded by bilious intermittent fever, of which he died. His last words are said to have been—"*I am prepared to die—I have endeavoured to do my duty. My only regret is in leaving those who are dear to me.*" General Taylor was born in Virginia on the 2nd of November, 1784, and was consequently 65 years and 8 months old. His lady and two daughters and a son are still living. He had seen a good deal of military service, and bore an excellent character for humanity and bravery. His exploits in the Mexican war in 1846-7 brought him into notice, and tended materially to his elevation to the Presidential chair, which he has filled for a little more than a year and three months. He will be succeeded for the remainder of the term of four years by the Hon. Millard Fillmore, of New York.

General Taylor's death at the present moment is looked upon as a national calamity. His sound common sense, excellent judgment, and decision of character, were much required in the present posture of affairs in the United States.

Swearing in of the new President.—On Wednesday at half-past twelve o'clock, Judge Cranch and Mr. Fillmore, accompanied by the Senate, came into the House of Representatives, and were received by the members standing. Judge Cranch then administered the oath, after which Mr. Fillmore retired with the Cabinet, who have all resigned

FROM CALIFORNIA.—The steamer Philadelphia arrived from Chagres with news from San Francisco and the Isthmus. She brings two million dollars in gold dust on her manifest, and $500,000 in the hands of her passengers.

The steamer Oregon had arrived at Panama from San Francisco, with about three million dollars.

The Philadelphia brings San Francisco papers to the 13th June.

The Steamer Gold Hunter had been sold for $150,000. It is the intention of the purchaser to run her from San Francisco to Mazatlan and San Blas, which will be of great convenience to those who take the route across Mexico in their journey to California.

There were two thousand persons on the isthmus bound to California.

Several fights have taken place between the U. S. troops and the Sacramento Indians. Eeighteen of the latter were killed.—Subsequently a treaty of peace was entered into between the three tribes severally represented, and the State of California and the Government of the United States.

Since the adjournment of the Legislature the organization of the State has been minutely perfected. The laws of the State are now in process of publication.

The City of San Francisco has commenced a municipal career under a new charter. The liabilities of the city are now over $200,000, and the treasury is at present empty.—The assessors are busily employed in making up the assessments; their labours have developed one thing that has astonished even the most sanguine among us, in regard to the amount of wealth in the City—they announce the taxable property in San Francisco as likely to exceed *three hundred millions of dollars.*

The mining news continues as formerly in an uninterrupted stream of rich developments. More quicksilver machines are now in use than during last season. Many are preparing to enter the speculation of quartz mills, to pulverize the rock, but as yet we know of none in operation. When used, the Southern mines will be the theatre of speculations.

Several new towns have been announced lately in different parts of the State. Some of them are speculative, but the rapid increase of population must call for many new locations of trade, some of which are perhaps not yet noticed. A new town has been started at the mouth of the Columbia River, in Oregon, named Pacific City, which, from its harbour, bids fair to command some attention.

SEIZURE OF BRITISH SHIPS.—By the brig Orbit, from Puget's Sound, Oregon, we learn that the ship Albion, of London, has been seized by General Dorr, on the part of the American government, for smuggling and cutting timber on the United States possessions. This vessel, we understand, is under charter by the British Government—the timber being for the use of the navy.—*Alta California, June 1.*

ITEMS.

DRAINING FLOWER-POTS.—Of all circumstances connected with the culture of flowering plants in pots, none is more important and less regarded than draining; that is, putting a stratum of broken pots, broken tiles, or bricks, of a soft quality, in the bottom of the pots underneath the soil and roots of the plants; potsherds should be broken down until the largest does not exceed the size of a small bean—the powder occupying the topmost part. As a general rule, every pot should have near one fourth of its depth occupied by this material.

PETRIFACTIONS.—About 60 miles above Georgetown, Williamson County, U. S., there is a valley of petrifactions, probably unequalled on the globe. Not only prostrate trees petrify into the finest flint, but leaves of trees, flowers of plants, and often the whole plant bearing fruit is petrified. A large tarantula was found as natural as life, sitting on a rock, completely, and in every part, turned to stone. An enormous Indian arrow head has also been found. The petrifactions and the floral beauties there hardened into rock would astonish and delight the naturalist.—*N. O. Delta.*

THE CROW RIVER PETRIFACTIONS.—The petrified men and horses recently discovered at the bottom of Crow River, Minnesota, near its mouth, have been housed in a building at St. Paul, erected for the purpose, and are under the care of the territorial officers. There are four horses, with their riders.

IMPROVEMENTS IN ROAD-MAKING.—Asphalte rock, broken into small pieces, and rendered slightly glutinous by being dipped in mineral tar-oil, has been tried for roads in Paris, and has succeeded wonderfully.—The pieces spread and piled down make a smooth road, soft and elastic, like thick leather over a hard soil. The road sends forth no noise, the feet of the horses take a firm hold upon it, carriages are but little shaken, and it makes no dirt.

BREAD-STUFFS AND CALICO.—It is stated that the entire exports of bread-stuffs from the United States to England, in 1849, will not be sufficient to pay for over one half the calicoes imported from that country during the same period! In the year 1849 we imported from Great Britain alone over $12,000,000 worth of calico! Meantime the heaviest calico manufacturies in the United States have failed.

"THE TIMES."—Some interesting statistics, relative to the printing of the *Times*, were mentioned in a paper on Printing Machines, read by Mr. Ed. Cowper, at the Institution of Civil Engineers, from which it appeared, that on the 7th of May, 1850, the *Times* and *Supplement* contained 72 columns, or 17,500 lines, made up of upwards of a million pieces of type, of which matter about two-fifths were written, composed, and corrected after seven o'clock in the evening.—The *Supplement* was sent to press at 7:50 P. M., the first form of the paper at 4.15 A. M., and the second form at 4.45 A. M.; on this occasion, 7,000 papers were published before 6.15 A. M., 21,000 papers before 7.30 A. M., and 34,000 before 8.45 A. M., or in about four hours. The greatest number of copies ever printed in one day was 54,000, and the greatest quantity of printing in one day's publication was on the first of March, 1848, when the paper used weighed 7 tons, the weight usually required being 4½ tons; the surface to be printed every night, including the *Supplement*, was 30 acres; the weight of the fount of type in constant use was seven tons, and 110 compositors and 25 pressmen were constantly employed. The whole of the printing at the *Times* office was performed by three of Applegath and Cooper's four cylinder machines, and two of Applegath's new vertical cylinder machines.—*London Paper.*

GIGANTIC FOSSIL DEER.—Skeletons of that noble animal, the Cervus Giganteus Hibernicus, have been found in different parts of Britain. An entire one was dug up in the isle of man (from a bed of marl,) which measured six feet in height, nine feet long, and nine feet and a half to the top of his horns.

COMMERCE OF OHIO.—From a document lately ordered to be printed by the United States' Senate, it appears that the net value of the commerce of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries, for the year 1849 is estimated at 256,233,820 dollars, and the value of vessels employed therein at 18,661,500 dollars; being a gross total of upwards of £54,000,000 sterling.

Very valuable silver lead ore has been discovered at Itchington Hill, near Bristol, in abundance. Assays have been made, the ore yielding the extraordinary quantity of 70 ounces of silver to the ton.

Her Majesty has directed a grant of £50 to be made to the destitute sisters of Lieut. Breen, R. N., who, it will be remembered, was lost on an island of the Piræus some time ago.

Several gentlemen, possessed of sufficient means, and the requisite machinery, have sailed from Liverpool with the intention of embarking in the cultivation of cotton at Natal.

A small shock of an earthquake was felt in Comrie last week, accompanied by a loud rumbling noise, which appeared to proceed from under the houses.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Since our last, letters have been received from several of our Ministers, whose directions shall be attended to. We acknowledge the receipt of the following sums; on account of the *second* volume, by the hands of the Chairman of the District:—Rev. J. V. Jost 80s., Rev. W. C. Beals 59s., Rev. J. Buckley 84s. 7½d., Rev. J. Marshall, 50s. 9d., also, from the last, by private hand, 24s.

To Correspondents.

Lunenburg: Directions did not reach us in time to make the alterations before our last number was mailed. The papers were therefore sent on as usual. You had better see the parties and get the numbers, as we cannot promise to supply them if wanted for others.

Barrington: We give the same answer

To Agents.

In ordering papers for *new* Subscribers, Agents would greatly oblige by stating the *time* from which they are to be sent.

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To City Subscribers.

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To Advertisers.

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Marriages.

At the Cathedral Church, Fredericton, N. B. on Tuesday, the 9th July, by the Father of the bride, Edward B. Chandler, Jr., Esq., third son of the Hon. E. B. Chandler, of Dorchester, to Harriet Hansard, third daughter of the Venerable George Coster, Archdeacon of New-Brunswick.

At Portland, N. B., by the Rev. Wm. Smith, on the 19th inst., Mr. William Parret, of Westfield, to Miss Margaret Isabella Whittaker of Kingston.

On Wednesday Morning, by the Rev. P. G. McGrigor, Alfred Chipman Jones, Esq., to Margaret Viseman, daughter of the Hon. Wm. Stairs.

On the 11th July, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Lower Horton, by the Rev. T. H. Davies, William B. T. Piers, Esq., to Miss Rebecca Crane, daughter of Joseph Crane, Esq., of Horton.

At the Wesleyan Mission House, Wallace, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. W. C. Beals, Mr. James A. D. Cove, of River Philip, to Elizabeth Jane, fourth daughter of Mr. Samuel Nelson, of Truro.

Deaths.

On Sunday, 14th inst. Alexander, son of the late Thomas Forrester, aged 36 years.

On Monday morning, Mrs. Catherine Norris, aged 62 years, wife of the late Richard Norris, of this city.

At Boston, on the 7th inst., Agnes, second daughter of Arch. Sinclair, Esq., of this city

At Montreal, on the 26th of June, Donald John

On the 1st of July, Henry John, twin sons of D. D. MacKenzie, of Halifax, N. S.

Suddenly, at Kentville, on the 7th July, Mr. William Denison, aged 55. His end was peace.

Shipping News.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Friday,—R. M. Steamer Niagara, Ryrie, 36 hours from Boston, to S. Cunard and Co.—13 passengers for Halifax—62 for England; brig Commerce, Curtis, from Quebec, to Fairbanks & Allisons; brig Emma, from Canso; schrs. Mary & Charles, Lariway, Sydney; Lady, Lavache, Canso, to B. Wier & Co; Emerald, Knowles, St. Johns, N. B; Herald, Desquardines, Quebec, to T. C. Kinnear; Wanderer, McGougan, P. E. Island; Herald, Heron, Miramichi; Billow, Pillman, P. E. Island; Velocity, Munn, do; Nancy, Boudrot, do; Providence, Minard, Quebec, to Creighton & Grassie; Eliza, Boudrot, Pictou Ind, to Boston, Spitfire, Nickerson, LaPoile, N. F., to H. Fay & Son; Mary Ann, Arrichat; Bee, Guysborough; Industry, Arichat.

Saturday,—Brig Caledonia, Rose Matanzas, 18 days—to T. A. S. Dewolf; brigt Fame, Crowel, Montreal—to Fairbanks & Allisons; schrs Alert, Smith, Barrington; Margaret, McKay, Annapolis; Attention, Kennedy, Canso.

Monday—Schrs. Mary, Bond, Burin, N. F., to G. H. Starr; Sarah, Roberts, to master; Billow, Crowel from Prospect, with wrecked materials saved from the Spanish brig Aurelio, cast away there; Tenzer, Barrington; Leader, do.; Abigail, do., Fairbanks & Allisons; Priscilla, Lamart, Montreal, to G. H. Starr.

Thursday—R M Steamship America, Shannon, Liverpool, 11½ days—delayed off the harbour 48 hours by fog; brigt Fawn, Morrison, Ponce, P R, 18 days—to G & J Mitchell & Co; schr Liverpool, McLean, Liverpool.

Cleared.

July 15—Lady Campbell, Bird, Boston, by B. Wier & Co; Scotia, Daly, Jamaica, by G. & J. Mitchell & Co.; Margaret, Bird, Burin, N. F., by J. & M. Tobin; Herald, Crowell, Baltimore, by R. Noble & Sons; Sebim, Doane, Porto Rico by G. H. Starr.

July 16—Brig Jessy, Thompson Richibucto—Oakley & Co; brig Otter, Wallace, Trinidad—Saltus & Wainwright; schr Richard Cobden Morrison, New York—Donohoe & Brothers.

July 17.—Wizard, Dotten, Quebec—Fairbanks & Allisons; Mary Jane, Correvean, Montreal—N. L. & J. T. West; St. Croix, Dessadieu, Quebec—T. C. Kinnear; Sea Horse, Brundage, P. E. Island—E. Albro & Co.; Sally, Siteman, Miramichi—J. & M. Tobin.

July 18—R M Steamer America, Shannon, New York; brig Caledonia, Rose, St John, N B.—T A S Dewolf; schr Providence, Quebec—Creighton & Grassie.

Memoranda.

Brigt Fame left brigt Skylark to sail in 5 days; brigt Mary, Wyman, sailed from St Thomas about 27th ult for Halifax; brigt Victoria, Frith, hence, at St John's, Porto Rico.

Liverpool, G B—Cleared, Annie, Carl Richard, and A Von Lutzow, for Halifax.

The Steamship America, hence arr'd at Liverpool on the 30th ult, in 10 days and 17 hours, from New York.

Fame sold outward cargo at Porto Rico—Codfish $3¾; Scale $3½; Mackarel $7½.

Brig Nancy, Taylor, hence for Kingston, Jamaica was spoken 29th ult., lat. 29,35 lon. 65,52.

Spoken, May 11th, lat. 8 N. lon. 25. W., barque Duke of Wellington, from St. John for California. She reports having spoken on the 28th of April, lat 26 26 N, lon. 24 W. barque Empress, Scott, (of Yarmouth, N. S.,) 15 days out from Bermuda for California—Mrs S. and family on board. On the 21st April the captain's wife was safely delivered of child.

DISASTER AT SEA.—The Portuguese fishing barque Speculator, of Lisbon, was run down on the Banks of New Foundland by a Bremen brig. The S. foundered carrying down with her two men.

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Poetry.

The Flowers of God.

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"Consider the lilies of the field."

The welcome flowers are blossoming,
In joyous troops revelling;
They lift their dewy heads and bells,
In garden, lawn, and field.
They lurk in every sunless path
Where foot-steps seldom tread;
They net, like stars, the sacred turf
Which lies above the dead.

They sport with every playful wind
That stirs the blooming trees,
And laugh on every fragrant bush,
All full of toiling bees
From the green marge of lake and stream
Fresh vale, and mountain sod,
They look in gentle glory forth,
The pure, sweet flowers of God.

They come, with genial airs and skies,
In summer's golden prime,
And to the stricken world give back
Lost Eden's blissful clime:
Outshining Solomon, they come,
And go full soon away;
But yet, like him, they meekly breathe
True wisdom while they stay.

"If, God," they whisper, "smiles on
And bids us [illegible] same,
Does he not [illegible] man!
Each wise [illegible]?
Think, too, wh[illegible] heaven
The blest of [illegible],
When rapture [illegible] free now,
Can feel [illegible]?"

Redeemer of [illegible]
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Thy hills [illegible] will
[illegible]
All taught by [illegible]
[illegible]
Bidding us fix [illegible] earth,
Our heart [illegible]

LINES

Suggested by reading [illegible], XII.

BY MRS [illegible]

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The heart [illegible]
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You [illegible]
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