



Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad.

The Portland Bulletin has the following intelligence concerning the progress of this work:—"Continued trains of teams heavily laden with piles and timber for abutments to protect the railroad from the influence of the sea, and for bridging, have been pouring into the city for a fortnight past. A bridge for a double track, below low water mark, is to be built from Fish Point (Mount Joy,) to India wharf, foot of India street. A contract has been made with Messrs. Seward, Merrill and George Turner, for the completion of this bridge, and the building will commence immediately. The company have purchased India and steamboat wharves, with a view, we believe, of ultimately building an immense depot in that section. The bridge to the eastward of, and running nearly parallel with Tukey's Bridge, over Back Cove, is, we understand, to be built by the company.

"The second section of this road, extending from North Yarmouth to the old tavern road near Lewiston, a distance of 17 miles, is rapidly levelling before the efforts of a very large gang of hands. The dykes and culverts are nearly finished, and large sections of the grades are ready for the layer of gravel. Preparations are in progress for building the bridges over the Presumpscot and Royal Rivers, and it is not improbable that by next Fall the cars will be running on the whole route between this city and Lewiston."

Essence of Coffee.

Among all the new inventions and discoveries that are astonishing the world, and the universal Yankee nation in particular, we have heard of none which promises to be more useful and acceptable, at least to ladies than "The Essence of Coffee," which is now offered to the lovers of that beverage. It is the genuine stuff, and you have only to put a tea-spoon full into a cup of water containing the usual complement of sugar and milk, and you have a cup of superior coffee without further trouble.—The article is put up in bottles, at a low price.

Luminous Idea.

A city paper, sustained nearly altogether by rum shops, in an article on the Excise Law says:—"The right to raise grapes includes the right to make wine—the right to sell—the right to buy and to drink." Bright philosophy, that! The right to raise food for sustenance implies the right to convert that food into a poison by a chemical process and destroy one's self or one's neighbor! Wonder if the right to raise cotton for clothing implies the right to make gun-cotton and blow out the brains of your fellow beings?

Excusable.

Whilst a regiment of volunteers were marching through Camargo, a captain (a strict disciplinarian,) observing that one of the drums did not beat, ordered a lieutenant to inquire the reason. The fellow, on being interrogated, whispered to the lieutenant, "I have a turkey in my drum, for the captain." This being whispered to the captain, he exclaimed aloud, "Why didn't the drummer say he was lame? I do not want men to do their duty when they are not able."

The Knave and the Fool.

A farmer from Washington County came down to Albany with wool and poultry in his sleigh. He gave a man a ride who treated him liberally, saw the sleigh and load safely deposited in a tavern, then took him to an assignation house, where he left him, and went off with the sleigh, horses and load, worth \$250. The fool has got his deserts, and the knave will receive his when caught.

Discovery in Natural History.

There was lately discovered in opening a quarry at the Island of Grand Canary, the skeleton of a large Dog, in a good state of preservation. It was purchased by the Consular Agent of France, and sent to the Museum of Natural History at Paris.

A Literary Curiosity.

We have in present possession, (by loan for a brief period,) a copy of a bible printed in 1601. This book is the property of a gentleman of this city, and although it has the peculiarities of the English language of that age, we find the translation in several instances, more correct, or in accordance with the original sense, than the common translation. Of this we give a single example at present, from the 12th chapter of Daniel.

Ancient.

6. And one sayde vnto the man clothed in linen, which was vpon the waters of the riuer, When *shal* be the end of these wonders?

7. And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was vpon the waters of the riuer, whe he held vp his right hand, and his left hand vnto heauen, & sware by him that liueth for euer that *it shall tarie* for time, two times & an halfe; and whe he shal haue accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, al these things shal be finished.

Modern.

6. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

7. And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever, that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

We cannot doubt that an exact facsimile reprint of this ancient edition would command an extensive sale. We may again refer to the subject,

India Rubber Ink-rollers.

The Green Mountain Freeman, (an excellent paper, by the way) states that Indian rubber has been successfully used for rollers, but were too expensive on account of the *naptha* in which the rubber had to be dissolved. We think he might have added that in a little time the rollers become soft and sticky at the surface. However, the rollers now used by our printers, are made of pure solid sulphuretted rubber without dissolving it, and is thus both cheap and durable.

Great meeting of the Smiths.

All persons bearing the name of SMITH, are requested to meet on Boston Common, on the afternoon of the 4th March, at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of forming an association to ascertain if there is not some large amount of property about to be left to them, by some of the family expected shortly to die in England.

By order. JOHN SMITH, Sec'y.

—Boston Post.

All the New York family of Smiths are ready to respond except John; he wants a promise of the office of Treasurer, as a condition of attendance.

A Hard Journey.

Mr. J. W. Washburne, editor of the "Arkansas Intelligencer" says the St. Louis Revueille, arrived in town just in time to enjoy the spectacle of the day. Van Buren, at which town he publishes his paper, is about six hundred miles above the mouth of the Arkansas. It is situated on the Indian line, and he reached St. Louis by travelling along the frontier, and so across to Jefferson, thence to the city. He is on his way to Washington.

Weather in Matamoras.

It appears by the Matamoras Flag that however mild and pleasant, winters in that quarter have heretofore been, the past winter has been rather turbulent, and even on the extreme. If calm, it is a perfect calm—if it blow, it is a perfect hurricane—if hot, it is melting, if cold, it is freezing, and the changes from one to the other are so rapid that they have all varieties of climate in twenty four hours. The Mexicans say that everything is changed since the coming of the Americans.

The Railroad Journal.

We have said enough in praise of that paper heretofore; and would now simply remind the editor thereof, that we should never complain of any neglect of credit: but to see our articles repeatedly credited to the "New York Farmer," apparently intentional, is immensely provoking.

Hoboken.

The peaceably disposed inhabitants of Hoboken have resolved on effective measures for the suppression of drinking and gambling in that beautiful retreat.

Mechanics' Papers.

We are happy to observe that both of our Albany cotemporaries,—*"Mechanic's Journal,"* and *"Mechanic's Advocate,"* are going ahead in good style, and it is difficult to judge from appearances which will become most popular: one of them being very cheap, and the other a little the best. Between them both, we hope they will wake up some of the sleepy mechanics of that section, to the importance of learning something besides the established shop rules. We find some excellent originals in both papers.

P. S. Since writing the above we have received a copy of the *"Mechanic's Advocate"* of Feb 25th, which had probably been withheld from us by the publisher, on account of a scandalous article in its columns. The publisher had nothing to fear, however, on that score, as but few of his eight hundred subscribers who *can* read, would take the trouble to read the article in question. He will please accept our thanks for his promptness in crediting one of a column of seven of our new invention articles. Go ahead.

The Inventor's Institute.

This combination of patriotism and enterprise, meets with decided and extensive favor; and we think it not extravagant to anticipate at least 500 members in this city alone. The first edition of circulars, calculated to illustrate the propriety of an institute of this kind, has been well received; and another edition with a plan of a constitution, will be issued in a few days, and a meeting of inventors and mechanics in general will be called to consider the subject in its various bearings, and express or manifest their views thereon. We can see no reason why the business of this institution should not produce dividends of fifty per cent on the capital invested, to say nothing of its incalculable advantage to the public.

The Wonderful Professor.

Few people have visited New York within the last 15 years without hearing or reading something about Professor Goward; indeed so great have been his professions of skill (for he is a great professor) that his announcements have often been looked upon as sheer humbug rather than reality. But he still flourishes, as appears by the following advertisement, which we clip from one of the dailies.

DOLLAR CLASSES!—Professor Goward, A. M., of Amherst College: 31 years Teacher, (18 in N. Y. city) teaches 52 Languages, Arts and Sciences, each in six lessons, for \$1, each branch! and to a whole family! Dancing, Writing, Music, &c. Classes every week—private lessons daily, at 65 Chatham st

Enterprise of New Grenada.

The Government of New Grenada, have contributed \$150,000 towards getting up a line of steamers from Santa Martha, Carthagen and Cuba, and there to have a boat to take the mail to the United States.

Tremendous Collision.

The steamers California and Isaac Newton came in collision two weeks since on the Ohio River, and the concussion was so violent that the California sunk in less than one minute.—Seven persons are supposed to have been drowned.

Caution to Iron Founders.

Mr. George Bigsby, of the High street Furnace, Providence, lately had his face dreadfully injured, and sight destroyed when "pouring," by the dashing up of the liquid iron, caused by water in the mould.

Too Late.

A servant girl in Brooklyn sent all her earnings (\$30) to relieve her distressed relations in Ireland; and soon after received news of the death of her father, mother, brothers and sisters, eight in number.

The Curse of Distilleries.

Father Mathews calculates that the grain destroyed by the breweries and distilleries of Ireland, would if used for food, be sufficient to support the population.

The editor of the Cincinnati Atlas has been presented with a quill of the Condor of the Andes, which is two feet three inches in length, the barrel six inches long, and nearly as large as the forefinger.

European Items.

A Society has been established, having Lord Ashley at its head, for the purpose of providing free reading rooms for the laboring classes in the city of London.

Dr. Baudelocque has communicated to the French Academy of Sciences, that by a new surgical treatment he had restored audition, and the elements of speech to a deaf and dumb boy, nine years old.

The special reporter of the Cork Examiner, mentions the complete discontinuance of marriages in that county.

It is stated that Mr. Stephenson, has invented a three cylinder engine, whose power is so great that it starts off like an arrow from a bow.

The subscription of the Society of Friends in England, for the relief of the suffering Irish, averages more than £5 from each family, rich and poor.

Dr. Ryan, professor of chemistry, says that if Westminster Bridge, which is built of magnesia lime stone, were covered with water and sulphuric acid, it would be converted into Epson salts.

The "Iris," a paper printed in Sheffield, England, states that neither sun, moon, nor stars, shone upon that town for the first thirteen days of the present year.

The number of marriages in England, is about 98,000 per annum. The number of births of the male sex to that of females as 96 to 95. Pretty well balanced.

Sophalae in Eastern Africa, has been ascertained to be the Ophir of the scriptures,—the place where King Solomon obtained his gold.

Eggs were selling at Liverpool, England, at the latest dates, at 60 cents per dozen, and potatoes 2 1-2 cents per pound.

Twenty-one.

Whether a man is 21 years of age, on his 22d birthday or the day previous, may seem to be a very simple question, but it has agitated some great minds. Chancellor Kent, and the late Chief Justice Swift have decided that a man becomes of age on the day previous to the anniversary of his birthday; so that a person born on the 28th of February, attains his majority on the 27th.

From the Green Bay Advocate we learn that a man was tarred and feathered and rode on a rail, for marrying, four days after the death of his wife, a widow whose husband had been dead but a few months.

A Washington letter writer stated last week, that there were fifteen hundred young men in Washington soliciting commissions. Nothing was talked of but appointments.

At a recent ball at Nashua N. H., upwards of two hundred couples were present. We observe that thirty or more came from Woburn, a distance of 35 miles.

A young lady of Louisville, of high respectability, and much admired for her personal graces and accomplishments, recently chastised a clerk in a store in the city, with a cowhide.

The Cambria took out the large sum of \$216 000, besides the £4,117 11s. 8d (over \$19,000) transmitted by Bishop Fitzpatrick, for the relief of the suffering people of Ireland.

The State of Florida has repudiated its last motto, "Let us alone," and substituted in lieu thereof, "In God is our trust."

A codfish which weighed ninety-eight lbs., and measured four feet eight inches in length, was recently sold in the Bangor market.

The Boston Bee and Worcester Budget have been puffing one another quite flat-teringly. Birds of a feather.

A fit of the cholera makes a crown uneasy, and turns all the charms of empire into dissatisfaction.

The Atlantic's bell, which tolled so long and dolefully over the sad scene of the wreck, has been purchased for a floating chapel, N. Y.

A line of telegraph is in progress of erection from Pittsburg in the direction of Columbus, O.

The iron steam frigate Allegheny has left Pittsburgh for Pensacola, via. New Orleans.