





BRIDGETON: Saturday Morning, Jan. 12. CIRCULATION 1300. Only \$1 00 per Year! FRANKLIN BERGUSON, JAMES B. BERGUSON, Editors. Chemistry in Common Schools.

To our common schools, the mass of the citizens of this country, must remain indebted for the amount of school education they will obtain. It is therefore of the highest importance that these should be made to keep pace with the progress of the age.

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EXEMPTION LAW.

A decision was made by Judge ELMER, on Tuesday last, which it is important that debtors should understand. A defendant claimed the benefit of the exemption, and goods and chattels were duly appraised to the value of \$273. Among these was one half a lot of growing wheat, appraised at 100 dollars.

The Snow Storm—Our Sleigh Ride. The late snow that commenced falling on Saturday last, continued during the afternoon and night until it reached the depth of twelve inches on the level, and in many places drifted to an unusual height, forming banks equal to young mountains.

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For the West Jersey Pioneer. THE CHINESE REBELLION.

The people of this happy and favored land, cannot set too high an estimate on the blessings of peace—for we owe in a great degree our present prosperity and good fortune to a long respite from war and its calamities. God always blesses those who restrain their evil passions and cultivate in their intercourse with each other the humane and kindly feelings. Every American should be the friend of all, the enemy of none.

China proper, with its provinces and cities is now undergoing perhaps the most frightful revolution that ever ravaged any country. It seems by recent accounts from thence that the Tartars have succeeded in clearing the Provinces north of the great Yellow River of rebels after a sanguinary conflict of nearly two years, during the course of which many important cities have been taken and re-taken by the opposing armies.

It may yet happen that the Empire will be divided. The portion north of the Yellow River remaining to the Tartar Emperor, and that to the South under the dominion of the Emperor of the Celestial Empire.

With a state of society so different from yours, and called upon, as we are so often to record the commission of crime, you may reasonably suppose no ordinary occurrence could excite this community. It is true we are seldom aroused. How shocked we should have been before our advent from home to witness the glitter of a knife or pistol in the hands of a murderous ruffian intent upon the injury of his opponent.

California Letter. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19, 1855. To the Editor of the W. J. Pioneer, Dear Sir:—I wrote you at considerable length by the Steamer of July 15th, which should have appeared in your paper a month ago, but as I received no copy thereof, containing the communication, I have consigned it to the flames of the Capulet, or rather, that receptacle at Washington, yeletop the dead-letter-office. This would not be the first letter of mine thus disposed of, nor even

For the West Jersey Pioneer. CUMBERLAND COUNTY COURTS.

The Board of chosen Freeholders of the County of Cumberland, convened at the Cumberland Co. Almshouse on the 9th inst. Very little business was before them except the election of Steward for the coming year. There were several applicants. Richard B. Fithian, the present incumbent, was unanimously elected. Several small bills were allowed and a number laid over until the annual meeting in May next.

The Board resolved to have an additional insurance on the Almshouse buildings, also to have the Clerks and Sargent's offices made entirely fire proof. The Assessors bills for taking the census was referred to the director for examination.

The Freeholders proceeded to examine the condition of the inmates and the house—and came to the conclusion that Mr. Fithian and his wife were equal in management to his predecessors and superior to many of them. The attention of the Matron (Mrs. Fithian), to the condition of the poor inmates, deserves the thanks of the County.

The dinner provided on the occasion well satisfied the appetites of the members of the Board, and was not only a convincing proof of the cookery but the taste of the matron in getting it up.

At the evening approached, the more matronly began to retire, and the youth and beauty of the village came in to occupy their place. Another table, spread with haste, awaited them and the eating and drinking were kept up, till about 9 P. M.

Many of those who were present were the fruits of the revival with which P. D. has recently been favored, and who, for the first time had an opportunity of testifying their regard for their Pastor who had (in connection with his colleague,) been instrumental in their conversion.

When my mind reverts to Bridgeton, I see the various improvements which have been made on Commerce, Laurel, Pearl and Bank Streets, adding to the size, beauty, accommodations and business of your town. Especially do I see the desirable changes made in the street on which I lived so long.

From the Pioneer I learn that great changes have taken place in the prices of meat, flour, potatoes, butter and other articles of food, changes distressing to the poor. But the changes in this respect are very far from being confined to Bridgeton. They are felt throughout the country, and especially in our large cities.

From the advertising columns of your paper, (an interesting part to my family,) we learn that changes have taken place in the ownership of farms and dwellings; that new firms have been established, and old ones dissolved; that new stores and shops have been opened, and that farmers have become merchants, and merchants have turned their attention to mechanical pursuits.

For the West Jersey Pioneer. GRAND JURORS.

Enos S. Gandy, David Campbell, Isaac W. Elwell, Eph. E. Sheppard, Jr. Jas. E. McIlford, Geo. E. McIlford, Lewis Reed, Soley Shute, John H. Whitaker, James Stiles, James Lee, Isaac Sharpless, James Lee, Enoch Riley, Richard W. Davis, John Bonham, William W. Heaton, George A. Minch, Charles S. Fithian, Joseph Wilson, Boivar Lore.

State vs. Perry Sawyer, Assault and Battery, fined one dollar &c. State vs. Beula Seymour, Assault and Battery, fined one dollar &c. State vs. Joseph Grindler, for selling Liquor by Small—acquitted.

Nothing of importance on the Civil List. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9, 1856. The Convention of the Soldiers of 1812, met this morning, and over 200 delegates participated, representing Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Vermont, Mississippi and New York.

Accompanied by a military escort, the veterans proceeded to the President's House, and formed in the East room. The President being introduced, was addressed by Sudge Sutherland, the President of the Convention. A fervent and patriotic response was delivered by President Pierce, eliciting repeated cheers and clapping of hands.

The Democratic Committee—Washington, Jan. 8.—The Democratic Committee at their meeting, fixed the first Monday in June as the time for holding the National Democratic Convention at Cincinnati. The Committee transacted no other business, and the discussion was very brief.

Message of the Gov of Maryland.—The message of the Governor was sent to the Legislature on Friday. It treats exclusively of State affairs. The State finances are represented as being in a very favorable condition. The total debt of the State is \$16, 132,000, the interest on \$5,700,000, of which is paid by the corporation for which that portion of the debt was assumed; leaving the State on \$9,432,000 to be paid by the State.

Commercial Intelligence.—The cotton market is languid and prices are easier. The sales for the week foot up 36,000 bales. Breadstuffs have slightly declined. There had been a small demand for Western Canal flour at 42c.

The money market is stringent. Consols are quoted at 98 5/8 & 3/4. John B. Gough coming to Salem.—This world-renowned temperance lecturer is expected to deliver an address in this town, the latter part of the present month. Mr. Gough recently travelled throughout Great Britain and the continent, following his profession, and his masterly efforts in behalf of the cause have won for him the appellation of being "the greatest temperance orator now living."

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New York, Jan. 6.—The steamship Arago from Havre via Southampton, arrived this afternoon, with London dates to the 19th ult. She has a cargo exceeding two millions in value, and a large number of passengers.

The most important item of intelligence is a confirmation of the capture of Kars, with sixteen thousand prisoners, including General Wilson, and all the Turkish officers of high rank.

The rumors of peace prevail, but nothing of a definite character is known, except that Austria has despatched Prince Esterhazy to St. Petersburg to present certain propositions to the Czar, and a threat is made that if they are declined the Austrian Ambassador will depart.

The papers furnish the terms of the reported treaty of France and England with Sweden. There has been no change of importance in the markets.

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The New York Evening Post says that the demand for money is very active. The importers require large amounts for duties, the imports being very large, and remittances have been made to a large amount to the South. The increase in bank coin, which will be shown by the average, will probably be so large as to anticipate in consequence. The rates for loan and discount are without change, varying from 9 to 12; mostly 10 to 12 for discounts of long and short paper; and 8 per cent for call loans.

Action in Utah.—The Desert News says that beautifully white, fine, and silky cotton has been raised at Esch, (Utah), in Utah, which a Virginia says is as good as any he ever saw. The richest member of the present Congress is Wm. Aiken, of South Carolina. His property is valued at two millions of dollars, including over one thousand negroes.

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Our difficulty with England.

The correspondence which has passed between the government of Great Britain and the Government of this country regarding the pretensions of the former in Central America, more than sustains the serious aspect of the dispute presented in the President's message.

England holds that the Bulwer-Clarendon Treaty was purely prospective in its intent and meaning, and in no wise affected any of her possessions or claims in Central America, which existed at the date of signing the treaty.

There is the strongest reason to believe that the same construction (the American) was placed upon the convention by the government of Great Britain at the time of its conclusion.

The conduct of the government of Great Britain on this occasion can be satisfactorily accounted for only on the ground that it was desiring the language of the convention to be sufficiently explicit and comprehensive to embrace Belize, they must have made these efforts to prevent the necessity of their withdrawal from that settlement.

While far from intending to renew the general discussion of these questions, which has already been exhausted, the undersigned, in passing, would make a single observation in regard to the Earl of Clarendon's remarks, that if the convention of 19th of April, 1850, had intended that Great Britain should withdraw from her possessions in Central America, it would have been stated in specific terms.

Now, it appears to the undersigned that an engagement by a party "not to occupy or exercise dominion" over territory of which that party is in actual possession at the date of the engagement, is equivalent in all respects to an agreement to withdraw from such territory.

The undersigned needs no apology for briefly advertising to another argument of the Earl of Clarendon because it has been for the first time in the United States government records, and the convention was intended to interfere with the state of things existing at the time of its conclusion, and to impose upon Great Britain to withdraw from portions of territory occupied by it, a similar obligation would be contracted by the other States, according to the convention.

Confining himself strictly to this view of the subject, the undersigned would observe that, notwithstanding the general terms employed by the convention, an examination of its provisions, and especially of the sixth article itself, will prove it never intended that the Central American States should be treated as joint parties to the treaty with the United States, Great Britain and other governments exterior to Central America.

The Earl of Clarendon has himself intimated how absurd it would be for the Central American governments to become parties to this convention according to the American construction. It would, however, be none the less absurd according to the British construction; because then no Central American States could accede to the treaty without confining itself forever within its existing boundaries, and agreeing not to add to its territory, and extend its occupation under any possible circumstances which might arise in the future.

Besides, were it possible for Nicaragua, for example, to become a party to this joint convention, she would then take upon herself the extraordinary obligation to use her own influence with herself, under the fourth article, to induce herself to facilitate the construction of the canal, and to use her good offices to procure from herself "the establishment of two free ports, one at each end of the canal."

The undersigned has the honor to renew to the Earl of Clarendon the assurance of his distinguished consideration. JAMES BUCHANAN.

Reports of the Departments.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy respecting the construction of additional steam sloops-of-war, expresses entire satisfaction with the result of the apprenticeship system and the legislation of Congress for the Navy; maintains the abolition of corporal punishment; and recommends an increase of the Marine Corps and the increase of general to ten thousand men.

The Secretary of War in his report urges increased compensation to army officers, and a revision of the law respecting their allowances. Also, that the provision of the late Congress, increasing the pay of the rank and file, be extended to all enlisted men.

And when Mr. Seward, a peace man, talks as follows, the case must be a very strong one on our side. Sir, I am prepared to stand by the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and I insist upon its enforcement, if that will do. I give the honorable Senators constituting the Committee of Foreign Relations and the President notice that I am ready to go further, if need be, but not any further "unless need be" that is to say, if the Government will not stand by the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, I am ready then for the assertion and the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine.

The Postmaster General in his report, again urges the six months notice to the Collins Steamers in discontinuance of the extra appropriation voted them in July, 1852, pressing the subject at great length and with evident malignity. We trust that Congress will pay no attention to this recommendation.

Preparations for the War between Guatemala and Nicaragua.—El Panameno, of the 14th December contains the following: Gen. Carrera has left Guatemala, with one thousand men, in order to march against Nicaragua; Gen. Lopez, of Honduras, has directed troops to the same destination.

Proclamation of the President of Costa Rica.—Inhabitants of Costa Rica.—The peace that happy peace which together with your laborious perseverance, has so much augmented our credit, riches and happiness, is perpetually renewed.

More Large Hogs.—Mr. John Lawson, whose fame for raising large hogs has before been sounded, is again in the field, with two mammoth porkers, eighteen months old, weighing six hundred and eighty-two, and six hundred and fifty-four pounds.

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ILLUMINATED EXHIBITION. The Illuminated Pictorial Exhibition will positively be held on Monday Evening next, at UNION HALL, corner of Commerce and Laurel Streets, commencing at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Table with 2 columns: Commodities and Prices. Includes items like Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Hams, Lard, Pork, etc.

NOTICE. The undersigned has just replenished their stock of goods by new purchases, and would call the attention of their old and new customers and others to come and examine our stock, which will not sell so cheap as can be brought at Bridgeton or any other place in the county.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. THE Second, Third and Fourth Installments of Five Dollars each Share of the Capital Stock of the West Jersey Rail Road Company is due, and payable at the Office of the Treasurer in the following order:

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ADJOURNMENT.

THE sale of the Property of Jeremiah H. Lupton, which was to have taken place on Tuesday the 25th day of December, 1855, stands adjourned to Tuesday the 22d day of January, 1856.

SHERIFF'S SALE. In Virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Circuit Court of the county of Cumberland to me directed, will be exposed to Sale, at Public Vendue, on Tuesday the 29th day of January, 1856.

DISOLUTION. The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers under the Firm of ELMER & JAGGERS, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

PRESENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS! GOLD and silver pencils from 25 cents to \$12. Keys, slides, etc., at W. H. Thompson's CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—Watches medallions, shirt studs, buttons, etc.

FOR SALE. AT THE LUMBER & HARDWARE DEPOT 50 Straps sleigh bells, 100 sets of knives and forks, Sausage cutters, Sausage stuffers.

REMOVAL. JOHN M. LANING. I have removed to the West side of the Creek, opposite the Town Hall, where he will attend to the repairing of CLOCKS, WATCHES & JEWELRY.

COAL!! COAL!! JUST received per ship Lydia Ann, 105 tons superior Hardwood, Redwood, wishing to lay in their stock for winter use, would do well to call and examine.

HARDWARE. AT H. J. MULFORD & BRO'S Hardware Store, we have a large assortment of good Hardware, as they purchase many of their goods of the manufacturers or their agents they can sell them at a small advance over the cost of manufacture.

NEWPORT STORE. Cheap for CASH and No Mistake! JOHN COMPTON HAS now received his Stock of Goods for the FALL and WINTER sales, to which he solicits the attention of his customers and the public generally.

MUSLINS, &c.—Nansook, milk, swiss, black, jaconet, cambric, blaid, stripe and figured Muslin; French gauze, swiss and jaconet Collars from 12 1/2 cents to 52; founcing, edgings, inserting and under sleeves, handkerchiefs, dress trimmings, belt and bonnet Ribbons.

WAGON FOR SALE. A N entirely new horse power wagon for sale by ISAAC A. SHEPPARD'S. Bridgeton, Dec. 22, 1855.

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WONDERS NEVER CEASE!

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FRUIT TREES. FOR Sale, at the Nursery of the Subscribers, at Roadstead, Cumberland Co., N. J., a large and select collection of Fruit Trees of handsome growth and suitable size for planting the present Autumn or coming Spring.

JUST OPENING! An Extensive Assortment of Fall Goods, at ISAAC A. SHEPPARD'S, Consisting in part of French Merinos, French Cashmere, Madras Cloth, Alpacas, plain and figured Cassimeres, Muslin DeLaines, plain and plain Silks.

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HARDWARE. AT H. J. MULFORD & BRO'S Hardware Store, we have a large assortment of good Hardware, as they purchase many of their goods of the manufacturers or their agents they can sell them at a small advance over the cost of manufacture.

NEWPORT STORE. Cheap for CASH and No Mistake! JOHN COMPTON HAS now received his Stock of Goods for the FALL and WINTER sales, to which he solicits the attention of his customers and the public generally.

MUSLINS, &c.—Nansook, milk, swiss, black, jaconet, cambric, blaid, stripe and figured Muslin; French gauze, swiss and jaconet Collars from 12 1/2 cents to 52; founcing, edgings, inserting and under sleeves, handkerchiefs, dress trimmings, belt and bonnet Ribbons.

WAGON FOR SALE. A N entirely new horse power wagon for sale by ISAAC A. SHEPPARD'S. Bridgeton, Dec. 22, 1855.

NOTICE. A Good sized brown horse six years old, sound and kind, will be sold cheap by the subscriber.

O Yes, O Yes! Gentlemen!

AND LADIES, this way to the Vendue. O Yes gentlemen, the conditions of my sales are such on the delivery of the goods, or a short approved credit, and five per cent. off for cash.

HATS AND CAPS. Trunks, carpet bags, buffalo robes, Ladies fancy furs, muffs, victrolas, &c., all of which I will sell cheap for cash.

WATCHES, SILVER WARE, &c. GOLD lever and silver watches. SILVER and PLATED Spoons, butter knives, forks, ladies, cream and salt spoons, also large heavily silver plated castors and tea trimmings.

BLACK SHAWLS. A Nice assortment of black and white and black kid gloves, always on hand at the lowest prices.

KID GLOVES. A Nice assortment of ladies colored and black kid gloves, always on hand at the lowest prices.

WHITE GOODS. JUST received a new lot of cambric, jaconet, mull and swiss muslin, william muslin, linen and cotton edgings, with a nice lot of real thread edgings and faces, swiss and cambric work edging and insertings.

WANTED. ONE Hundred thousand bushels of clover seed for which an advance price, \$7.60, will be paid for cash on delivery.

LOOK OUT. JUST received 150,000 feet of seasoned white pine boards which will be sold a bargain.

GUMS! GUMS! JUST received by MAUL & WEBSTER, a large and full supply of Ladies and Gents GUMS and SANDALS, which we offer CHEAP FOR CASH.

FLANNELS. WHITE Flannels, all qualities. BLUE, green, brown and grey sack flannels, at R. J. FITHIAN'S.

ESTRAY. A BEL B. DAVIS, Beebe Run, posts a one year old heifer, mark crop of each ear, hole in the right, little white on the neck.

