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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20, 1873.

San Domingo.

On Monday, the 20th, the steamer North America, from St. Thomas, brought intelligence of the safe arrival of the Tennessee at her destination. Throughout the whole community vague apprehensions of her safety were rife, and the glad tidings, dispels the gloom that had clouded the brow, and saddened the hearts of our people.

Exactly seven days after leaving New York, the Tennessee anchored in San Domingo Bay, about two miles from the town of San Domingo, commonly called San Domingo.

It was the original intention of the commission, to sail directly to San Domingo City, but as no coal could be got there, and the vessel had engines of 2,000 horse power, consuming nearly fifty tons of coal per day, it was decided to go to San Domingo Bay where our government has a coaling station.

San Domingo Bay, a harbor about three miles in length, contains three small islands, one of which is the station above mentioned. For the use of this harbor the United States Government pays \$150,000 per annum.

The bay is beautiful and practically as useful as it is beautiful. It is completely landlocked, so as to be secure in a storm, and has an average depth of five and a half fathoms. The peninsula is about ten miles wide by forty in length, and the Gulf has the same dimensions.

San Domingo is a wretched little village of three hundred inhabitants, among whom English is very generally spoken. Some of the old negroes at this place were sent out to the island by the American Colonization Society over fifty years ago.

The town has suffered much from intestine war. Its history is one of bloodshed and war. The people live in constant fear of insurrection. American, Spanish and French gold and silver comprise the little money in circulation.

The American colored settlers are Wesleyan Methodists. They have a church of 280 regular members, and are now building a large frame church. There is a large Sunday School connected with the church and the Spanish Catholics allow their children to attend it.

The people generally favor annexation, believing that their prosperity depends upon having the protection of our government. The price of labor was about thirty cents per day, but since annexation has been talked of wages have gone up to a dollar.

The passage from San Domingo Bay to San Domingo City was a stormy one. The harbor there is a very poor one. In storms from the south vessels are compelled to put to sea to avoid being dashed to pieces on the rocks.

Here is the old town planned and built by Columbus, his chosen home and the scene of his struggles and disgrace, and here stands the old castle in which he was imprisoned, and from which he was sent back to Spain in chains.

President Barz gave the members of the commission a kindly welcome, hoped that they would thoroughly investigate the matter of annexation, and would offer them every facility in his power.

The people of all classes, desire protection and freedom from taxation, and that is what they hope from annexation. The election of two months ago had resulted in an almost unanimous vote in favor of the incorporation of Santo Domingo with the United States.

The city alone gave a vote of 3,000. If the investigation results in giving us the land, both commissioners and Administration will come in for a generous share of the approbation of the American people, but let it end as it will, President Grant has done his duty in the matter.

Peace Prospects.

M. Thiers in his capacity of Chief Executive of the French Republic, has made a speech in which he dwelt upon the suffering and distress which had been caused by the war, and the German invasion, and upon the necessity of peace.

No terms could be accepted except such as were honorable to France. The task of administration is to pacify and reorganize the country, restore its credit, and reorganize its labor. A majority of the Assembly are said to favor a republican form of government.

If the Assembly manifest a wish to establish a legitimate free government, the moderates, including the so-called Orleanists, will support them.

No further extension of the armistice will be allowed. If peace is not concluded by February 23d at noon, the German forces will take possession of the city and treat it as captured city.

Germany's final conditions of peace are said to include the cession of Alsace and a portion of Lorraine, and the fortress of Metz, Thionville and Belfort, and the payment of two hundred and eighty thousands pounds.

The French Assembly have virtually resigned into the hands of M. Thiers and Favre, the work of concluding a peace. These two men have been prominent for years as the

leading spirits and thinkers of the more moderate portions of the two parties they represent.

It is to be hoped that peace will come soon, and relieve unhappy France from further disaster and humiliation.

A bill was introduced in the House on Monday last, to prevent fraudulent practices, provides that any person printing or depositing in a post-office, or who shall have possession, with intent to circulate, any circular, handbill, or advertisement, offering or purporting to offer for sale, or as a gift, any false forged, or counterfeit Treasury notes, bonds, coupons, stamps, or any facsimiles of such, shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for a term not less than one nor more than three years, and by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

A new educational bill has been introduced in the House, which provides for a division among the States of the proceeds of the sale of all Public Lands of the United States. The money to be apportioned each year among the school districts that have maintained Common Schools for at least six months in the year. This is a good step, and in the right direction.

The proposition to repay with interest, moneys paid by drafted men for substitutes during the war, we see is fast losing ground. Large numbers of petition are being sent in against it. In an article last week, we gave the number of men in the whole state who would be entitled, under the proposed law, to from \$400 to \$500 each, to be \$9,750, which taking as an average \$450 makes the enormous sum of \$22,388,850. Are the taxable people of this State, prepared to have this added to their present high taxes.

There is strong apprehension of another Indian war, the commissioning of Fort Dodge, Kansas, says "that a general outbreak of hostilities on the part of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes are expected early in the spring." If this should occur, the attack would undoubtedly be upon the frontier settlement of Kansas. Is there not some way that these Indians can be satisfied or pacified.

B. Mont and Buffalo R. R. Co.

The Belmont and Buffalo Rail Road Company has completed its organization. At a meeting of its Directors held at the corner House in the village of Belmont on the 16th inst, the following officers were elected:

President—Moses Tugwell of Batavia. Vice President, Wilkes Angel; Belmont; Treasurer, John M. Hammond of Hume; Secretary, W. G. Whitney, Whitney.

A Resolution was adopted to make the Northern terminus of the road. Also that the gauge of the road should be three feet and a half. The next meeting will be held at Belmont, on Thursday the ninth of March next.

We shall hereafter endeavor to furnish a full report of all the Railroad meetings, and should have done so but for the illness of our reporter.

Selling by Weight.

Every consumer of food in the land ought to unite in a movement in compliance with the law of the State, and to buy by weight, by measure, by weight, and by measure.

There ought not to be any abandonment of the effort until this result is accomplished. It is the only honest way of buying and selling. The weighing practice now upon these who buy fruits, especially by measure, is something horrible to contemplate, in view of the possibility of future parts.

The boxes in which fruits are sent are of all sizes and shapes. They are filled in all sorts of ways. Cases of the same number of boxes, from three to six pounds in weight of fruit, though the quality thereof may be the same. The family who buys from one paid than those who buy from another.

A premium is thus paid for deception, to call it by no worse name, and the worst of it is, the consumer is none out of ten instances, does not know that he has been cheated.

Apple and pear barrels are as varied in size as clover leaves. A man who buys a barrel of Apples does not know whether he is getting two or three bushels. Few people stop to think about it. There is no law fixing the standard of a barrel of apples or other fruit that we know of. If a producer is honest enough to send his apples in barrels containing two and a half bushels, there are plenty of dealers dishonest enough to transfer them to barrels that contain but two bushels. Either there should be a barrel standard fixed, or the fruit should be sold by weight.—Rural New Yorker.

The coroner jury in the case of the New Hamburg disaster yesterday rendered their verdict, finding nobody to blame, but that the accident might have been prevented had the pilot broken his office duly applied.

News Items.

Indian outrages continue in Arizona. Nebraska has just completed an immense section at a cost of \$100,000.

A Deputy United States Marshal has been appointed in St. Louis.

The Woman Suffrage question has been defeated in the Indiana Legislature.

The United States Supreme Court on Monday, affirmed the constitutionality of the cotton tax.

The President has signed the bill providing a Territorial Government for the District of Columbia.

The census shows a loss of 100,000 inhabitants since the beginning of the war for the overthrow of Lepus.

The Army Appropriation bill, which passed the House on Saturday, fixes \$20,000,000 as the maximum for the war for the fiscal year.

It is rumored that negotiations are pending between the Court of Rome and the Catholic party in Austria for the transfer of the Holy See to Belgium.

The yellow fever has been raging furiously in Panama, and Mexico, the only great Vice President, was among the victims. The disease is now also here.

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These gentlemen have the largest lot of pine timber now in the county. They are also crocketers and dealers in the celebrated Chester White pigs, having about twenty-five now on hand. They are famous for their slaughtered last fall, a pair of the Chester White perambulation, about two years old, that dressed seven hundred and seventy-seven and one half pounds.

LEWIS.

This village is located on the Pennsylvania line, in fact, lies partially in the "Land of Penn." It is a town of two hundred and fifty inhabitants, and we hear from all parties that the interests of this beautiful little village are looking up. The Orway House, of which Mr. W. C. Spiller is proprietor, is a first-rate hotel. The proprietress fully understands her duty, and does all in her power to make her guests comfortable and happy.

From this hotel stages start daily for Friendship and Otisco. Charles Richards has "gone the rounds" on that route for nearly thirty years. From Friendship to Genesee, Mr. A. J. Coon will furnish transportation. The "same old Coon" is an agreeable traveling companion; it isn't every stage driver, who, by interesting one, with agreeable conversation, and little items of news beguile the tedious of a journey by stage, but A. J. is one of that kind, and we wish him success, and divine him with a Hibernian blessing. "More power to his elbow." John B. Gleason is proprietor of the stage route, and also proprietor of a boot and shoe establishment of no small celebrity in that section. Mr. G. is a fine business man, and we were told by all the best has in his line of business, few equals and no superiors. He employs two journeymen, and besides manufacturing he does repairing. He has lately erected a new store, an evidence of financial prosperity. From a short acquaintance with this gentleman, we infer that he is a man who could not well be spared from Genesee, but Andover could find use for him.

Persons, Places, and Things in Allegany County.

GENESEE.

Genesee, the south west corner town in the county, was formed from Calumet in 1830.

The surface is very broken and uneven, and the highest summits are nearly 1,400 feet above the sea level. Up a high mountain, near the center of a locality known as "Rock City," it consists of a tract of about forty acres, covered with conglomerate, composed