

Lind will sing in Albany, provided the sum of \$10,000 is guaranteed by the citizens.

EXCURSION TO CANADA.—Nearly four-hundred persons left Boston on Wednesday morning, on an excursion to Montreal and Quebec.

Important from California.

Boston papers of the 23rd contain news from California of the most startling character. Our last advices informed us that there was a very bad state of feeling between the class of inhabitants claiming real estate under regular titles and squatter residents thereon, and some trifling collisions had previously taken place. The out-break announced, commenced on Wednesday Aug. 14, when an armed body of about sixty of the squatters were proceeding to the prison ship to release two of their party who were confined on board. They were confronted by Mayor Bigelow and members of the Corporation. An affray soon commenced, an account of which we copy from the Alta Californian of Aug. 15th:

The Senator reached her landing at 1 o'clock this morning. The news which she brings from Sacramento is exciting in the extreme. Riot and death rule the hour! The long expected collision between the land holders and squatters has at last taken place. The battle has begun. No one knows where and when it will end.

Capt. Van Pelt, of the Senator, has furnished us with the following information.

An armed body of squatters proceeded through the street about half past one o'clock yesterday, and were interrupted by the authorities, and opposed by portions of citizens. An affray soon commenced, and the city was aroused to arms. Mayor Bigelow was shot in three places, and died in fifteen minutes after. J. W. Woodland, city assessor, was shot dead, and several citizens killed and wounded.

Our correspondent informs us that Dr. Robinson the leader of the squatters, was shot through the head. His horse was first killed under him. Several of the squatters were killed and wounded. Their ranks were swollen, from the sixty first engaged in the affray, to a body of armed men, numbering between seven and eight hundred before the Senator left. The keepers of gaming houses and sporting men generally sided with the real estate owners, or citizens proper. A tremendous force was fast accumulating.

The war continued to rage as the Senator left. The discharge of firearms was heard in every part of the city. Martial law has been proclaimed, and the excitement is intense throughout Sacramento.

The Squatters were assembled at the corner of J. and Ninth streets; in deliberation, it was feared an attempt would be made to destroy the city by fire.

Sheriff McKenny was shot through the arm.

The following extract from the narrative in the Pacific news furnishes an insight of the question at issue between the contending parties, as well as some additional particulars of the conflict:—

Large tracts of ground covering the city and vicinity of Sacramento, are held by grants from Capt. Sutter, who claims under his New Helveto Spanish grant. The settlers hold that Capt. Sutter's grant does cover this territory; that it belongs to the Government. They have moved on and erected buildings; a suit for forcible entry and detainer is brought against them; decided in the plaintiffs' favor; a writ of restitution issued; the officers attempt to execute it; is met by a body of armed squatters, who resist him. This occurred on Saturday the 10th; prior to this date an appeal to the County Court had been made by attorneys for the settlers, Judge Willis presiding, and the right to appeal denied.

Exasperation, of course, was the effect upon the party seeking redress in the higher court. Meetings were held and resolutions were passed to resist the law. Nothing was done more by legal process from Saturday until yesterday, (Tuesday), when some six or eight persons were arrested for rebellion or resisting the officers

and the process of the Court on Saturday, and two, in default of bail, incarcerated in the prison brig. One of them is McClatchy carrier, of the Sacramento Transcript.

To day a body of settlers repaired to the brig to release their two companions, where they met Sheriff McKenny, Mayor Bigelow, and a posse, who drove them from the ground, but no force used until the settlers had retreated as far East from the river, up J. street, as the corner of Fourth, near Crescent City Hotel, when they were overtaken and turned at bay with pistols and guns.

The Pacific Courier says: On Tuesday evening (Aug. 13,) it was understood that an attempt would be made to release the prisoners. The Mayor, Woodland, and others early yesterday morning repaired to the brig, in order to resist any such attempt. The squatters made their appearance, were driven off and then retreated up J. street, the crowd increasing, and the Mayor and the citizens on the pursuit. The squatters proceeded as far as the corner of 4th street, when they made a stand, and the battle commenced with fire arms on both sides.

At the time of our informant's leaving the place at three o'clock, P. M., the squatters had gathered at the corner of J. and 9th streets, some nine hundred strong, with arms, and were determined upon resistance to the death.

Lieut. Governor McDougal had declared martial law, and ordered a cannon to be placed at the foot of J. street, so as to sweep it with grape shot—that all non-combatants should not appear in the street, and that all citizens should immediately repair to the City Hotel, and register names for immediate duty.

TRIUMPH OF THE SQUATTERS—SACRAMENTO CITY REDUCED TO ASHES!

Thus far we have a narrative of events in the San Francisco papers. In a supplement of the Panama Star, however, we find the following ominous paragraph:

Just as the steamer Carolina was getting under way, (about 4 P. M.) a despatch was received from the Pacific News office stating that an express had just arrived, bringing the intelligence that Sacramento City had been reduced to ashes, and the squatters were receiving reinforcements of men from the mines.

This information was derived from Mr. Norcross, one of the Editors of the Pacific News, who was a passenger by the Carolina. We are of course unable to say what reliance is to be placed upon the correctness of this intelligence, but Mr. Norcross doubtless had confidence in its accuracy, or he would not have communicated it. By the extract from the Alta Californian given above, it will be noticed that later advices were expected at San Francisco by the Gold Hunter, on the day of the departure of the steamer for Panama, and that news may have arrived in season for transmission through that source.

FROM THE MINING DISTRICTS.

The mining operations are progressing with zeal and energy, and are yielding a good return for labor and investment. The difficulties which had existed at the Southern mines, between the Americans and foreigners, and which have resulted in no little bloodshed, have finally subsided, and peace is again restored.

The dry season has now so far advanced that the Stanislaus and the Tuolumne are in good working condition, and both those rivers are yielding a moderate quantity of gold. It is generally believed that a very large amount will be taken out during the months of August, Sept. and October.

NEW YORK CLIPPER SHIPS.—The correspondent of the Boston Journal thus writes from San Francisco, under date of August 1.—“A race between two sail vessels, for so great a distance as from New York to China and back, is something new under the sun.” But such a contest is now going on between the “Samuel Russell” and the “Sea Witch,” on a wager of \$20,000. The former left

port on the 9th of April, and made the run in 109 days, the quickest trip on record; the latter left on the 12th of April, and anchored in this port in 97 days, thus gaining twelve days on her competitor in the first part of the voyage. The Russell discharged her cargo and is again ploughing her way for Canton. The Sea Witch will follow in a day or two. The latter has made the run from Canton to New York in 76 days, the fastest time on record. She is undoubtedly the best sea craft for speed, that floats “on the ocean wave.”

BRITISH MAIL STEAMERS.—We learn from the New York Herald, that the British Government has just concluded an arrangement with the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, in Liverpool, for a fortnightly mail contract, for a period of ten years, between Panama and Valparaiso. To meet and carry out this service as early as possible, the Company have already contracted for three additional iron steamers, of great speed and capacity, which will leave England, for the Pacific, in the course of nine months.

In the meantime, the existing arrangements, namely a monthly mail service throughout the whole line, and a bi-monthly service between Callao and Valparaiso—will be continued by the said Company, which hold exclusive privileges from the local governments. Their steamers touch, to land and embark passengers, and likewise the English and local mails, at no fewer than thirty-two ports on the round voyage; and good natured John Bull, magnanimously provides this mail service, available equal to all nations of the world, at that distant part of the globe, at the expense of from £20,000 to £30,000 per annum; but from which service the English exchequer does not receive more than £5,000 a year.

The Cunard Line steamships Hibernia and Caledonia have been sold. The Caledonia has finished her work in the service of the Company; and the Hibernia is about making her last voyage in that service. To replace these, two steamers of greater power and length than the Asia, will be constructed without delay.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.

SIR— I should feel obliged by your publishing in your paper at your earliest convenience the enclosed affirmations of Messrs. Kelly, Nicholson, and Forster, concerning the affair between Lieutenant Lane and, Sir,

Your obedient Servt.

ABERCROMBIE WILLOCK.

Charlottetown, Sept. 19, 1850.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do hereby solemnly and truly affirm and certify, that between the hours of eight and nine o'clock on Saturday night, the 7th September instant, whilst Mr. Abercrombie Willock was in the public street in Charlottetown, addressing several persons in our presence and hearing, there was not any riot whatsoever—neither was there any appearance of a riot at any time then or there previous to the coming up of Lieutenant Col. Lane and Mr. Henry Smith (son of the Treasurer), and that the persons then and there assembled, both before and after the coming up and appearance of Lieut. Col. Lane and said Henry Smith, and during their and the said Abercrombie Willock's presence there, were perfectly peaceable and quiet, and did not even indicate any attempt or inclination to a riot or breach of the peace whatever.

WILLIAM KELLY,

GEORGE NICHOLSON.

Charlottetown, Sept. 18, 1850.

(No. 2.)—I do hereby solemnly affirm and certify that I was one of those persons present at the time mentioned in the foregoing certificate, and that there was neither a riot nor the appearance of a riot, and that I saw Lieutenant Col. Lane and Mr. Henry Smith attack the said Abercrombie Willock, and assault him: the said Lieut. Col. Lane striking the said Abercrombie Willock on the head with a

stick, and otherwise ill treating him; and I also saw the said Henry Smith assault the said Abercrombie Willock.

And I do hereby further and truly declare the truth and fact to be, that the said Abercrombie Willock did not give any sufficient or lawful provocation for the several aggressions aforesaid, any or either of them, which were perpetrated on the night of Saturday the seventh day of September instant.

GEORGE FORSTER.

Charlottetown, September 18, 1850.

DIED.

At Charlottetown on Saturday morning, the 23th ult., aged 26 years, FRANCIS STEWART, wife of Henry Jarvis, Esq., M. D.

PASSENGERS.

In the Steamer from Picton on Thursday last—Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. J. Thomas, Rev. Mr. Tupper, Messrs. James Johnston, W. Duchemin, E. L. Lydiard, and George Hooper; and 4 in the steerage.

LAUNCHED.

On the 24th ult., from the Ship Yard of Mr. Martin McInnis, St. Peter's Bay, a fine Brig of 226 tons, built for Benjamin Davies, Esq., of Charlottetown.

SHIP NEWS.

ENTERED.

September 27—Schr. Ploughboy, Robertson, Sydney—coal; Mary Ann, Campbell, Picton—do. 28th.—Saagaaban, Green, Sydney—do. 30th.—Schr. Emily, Webster, Newfoundland—goods; Mayflower, Mattarel, Pugwash—limestone; Brothers, Beaton, Pugwash—do.

October 2d—Schr. Nancy, Briam, Sydney—coal; Hope, Young, Picton—coal; Margaret Ann, Thomas, Sydney—coal; William Nelson, Chappell, Bay Verte—deals. 3d—Zealous, Rice, Annapolis—apples, cheese, &c.; Bee, Wooden, Halifax—goods; Shannon, King, Sydney—coal; Unicorn, Mutch, do—do.; Brothers, McRae, Bathurst—deals.

CLEARED.

September 24th—Barque Lady Franklin, McKay, London—lumber. 25th—Schr. Dorothy, Chappell, Bay Verte—ballast. 26th—Cousins, Gallant, Halifax—do. 27th—Unity, McRae, Richibucto—do.

October 2d—Schr. Mayflower, Mattarel, Picton—ballast. 3d—Emily, Webster, Burnis—firewood, produce, &c.; Fancy, McMillan, Buctouche—to finish loading; Ploughboy, Robertson, Picton—ballast.

Sailed on the 26th ult., from Orwell River, Schr. “Minna,” Richardson, for Dondon—lumber and spars by Benjamin Davies, Esq.

NOTICE.—The Office of Assayer of Weights and Measures for Prince County, is kept in the house adjoining the Farm of Saml. Green, Esq. on the east side, and in front of William Coates, Esquire's House and Barn, and south about a quarter of a mile from the School House.

JAMES KEOUGH,

Assayer of Weights and Measures for Prince County.
St. Eleanor's, Oct. 5, 1850.

LOST.

ON the High Road, near Poplar Island Bridge, a POCKET BOOK, containing a Nova Scotia £10, two £5, and an Island £5 Note, and several other Papers. Whoever will leave the said Pocket Book, with its contents, at the Royal Gazette Office, or at the Examiner Office, shall receive a REWARD of FIVE POUNDS.
October 5.

For Sale or to be Let,

WHAT new two story House, at present occupied by the Subscriber, 40x35 feet, fronting on the corner of Pownall and Dorchester Streets, together with the Stable, Coach House, &c. &c.

ALSO, the House and Premises lately occupied by Mr. McCourt, which has lately gone through thorough repair: well adapted for a Grocery or Provision Store. ALSO, TO BE SOLD, in Building Lots, to suit purchasers, the piece of Land between the above Buildings 80 feet fronting on Pownall Street, and 84 feet back. Immediate Possession can be given. For further particulars, apply to the Subscriber on the Premises.

P. GAFFNEY.

Charlottetown, Oct. 2, 1850.