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PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30, 1843.

The Weather—The Military—Destructive Fire—Riots among the Firemen—Theatricals—Franklin Institute—Amusements—Distinguished Citizens

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DEAR SIR :-

A most beautiful day is this. "calm as a summer's morn" Chesnut street is crowded with throngs of pedestrians, male and female. Several of our volunteer corps are parading; in fact, the whole morning we have been enlivened with the strains of military bands of music, or the notes "of the ear-piercing file and spirit-stirring drum."

A very destructive fire took place yesterday morning about six o'clock in Quarry street, below Third street, in a four story building, used for manufacturing purposes. The first floor was occupied for a turning shop, the second as a calico printing establishment, and the upper stories by Jacob Seniff, for the manufacture of reed blinds.

I regret very much to be compelled to state that there were several fights between different fire companies at the fire, and afterwards on their return to their houses. It is much to be feared that frequent loss of life will soon eventuate, unless these disgraceful outbreaks are prevented. It is a burning shame that on the Sabbath day, and in the very centre of the city, these brutal scenes are permitted to occur. Where are the police? If they are not properly organized, they should be. There is no one safe in the neighborhood where these disgraceful scenes take place. Chestnut street, near 13th, was the scene of a meleé yesterday, where I understand bricks were thrown in great profusion, and spangled with the greatest dexterity. The row ended at last by one party being the victor, and dragging off the apparatus of the other in triumph.

As I anticipated, the Chestnut Street and National Theatres were crowded on Saturday evening to witness the two greatest living actors personate the character of Richard. There is a variety of opinions upon the manner in which each acted the part; I am candid enough to acknowledge that I greatly prefer Forrest to Macready in the character. The performance of Miss Charlotte Cushman as Julie, was the best I have ever seen; in fact, her's is the only proper conception of the part I have yet witnessed upon the stage. This talented lady is rising rapidly in her profession, and may safely be pronounced the best actress at this time on the American boards.

To-night, at the National, Conner will appear as Portlan in the drama of "La Tour De Nesle," John Seton as Jimmy Twitcher, and the Virginia Minstrel. At the Chestnut, Macready will repeat Hamlet, a part he played on Wednesday last most exquisitely; and at the Walnut, Young Vandenhoff as Osewian in the Mountain scenes.

The exhibition of the Franklin Institute closed on Saturday evening; the museum building was crowded to overflowing. I have heard it estimated that over two thousand dollars was taken at the doors of the different places of amusement on Saturday evening, there being no less than four theatres open, and at least three of them crowded, to wit: the Chestnut, National, and the Arch, the Walnut being also respectably attended.

We have two distinguished personages at present in the city; the Hon James Madison Porter, Secretary of War, and his Excellency David R. Porter, Governor of the State, are at Bridge's merchants' Hotel. They arrived in town yesterday, and will remain here for several days. As usual, they will be waited upon by considerable numbers of our citizens.

Yours, &c

Sales of Stocks at Philadelphia.

First Board—Monday, Oct. 30—\$200 Rate 6 1/2, 1843, old, 66; 20 shares Manutec's and Mech's Bank, 19 1/2; do Philadelphia Bank, 8 1/2; do do do, 66; do do Schuylkill Navigation, 50 1/2; do do Girard Bank, 8 1/2; \$100 Rate 6 1/2, 1846, new and 1 1/2; 8 shares F. & S. Bank, 100; 2 do do, 100; 12 do Marine Insurance Company, 10; 10 do Wilmington RR, 17 1/2.

LATEST SOUTHERN SHIP NEWS.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30—Arr Navarre, Cole, and Brandywine, Steamer, and James; Queen Victoria, (Br) Tucker, Trinidad; P. S. Peary, Harding; Benj Franklin, Flier, and Sulla, Boston; Eclipse, Whelden, Warron; Ft. Amity, Leach, Newport; Diamond, Hellock, and Charleston Packet, Crowell, Providence; Lucretia & Eliza, Price, New York; Fame, Crowell, Halifax; Mary Elizabeth, Armstrong, ALondon; Herald, Goodwin, Newburyport; Pilot, Poland, Calais; Below, John N Gosler, Christopher, from Lexington; Sarah, Howard, Barbadoes; schrs Elizabeth, Gil Blas, Council, and a brig and schr unknown. Old Acre, Gray, Liverpool.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 29—Arr Herald, Watts, Amsterdam; Frank Jane, Coffin, St Johns, PR. Old 23th, Leila, Higgins, Havre.

General Record.

BENIG FRIZABERTZ, Wagoner, of Wilmington, Del. from Barbadoes, in ballast, went ashore 28th inst on the beach about 3 miles south of the light house (Lewes, Del.) It is thought she will be got off without much damage.

Spoken.

Proscovia, bound to Portland, Oct 25, lat 36 25, lon 72 50, Victrola; Berry, hence for New Orleans, 1 day out, Oct 27, Cape Henlopen W N W 25 miles. Diadem, hence for New Providence, Oct 23, lat 28 37 N, lon 72 42 W.

Foreign Ports.

RIO JANEIRO, Sept 12—in port, Harriet Thompson, Harris, for Philadelphia, next day; Coosa, Whipper, from do, just arr; Amelia Mulholland, Millington, from and for New York, just; Sterling, Lovett, hence Boston for St Thomas, in 10 days; Clara Wigram, Haystack, for Baltimore; 2; Pauline, Mission, from do, dist; Arctic, Fishers, do do; Argo, Reed, do just arr; Shawmut, Higgins, from Boston, dist; Virginia, Trader, Steward, for Bahia, for sale; Boston, Whitely, from Havana for Coast of Africa; U S ship St Louis, Carr Cook, bound to East India, put back today. In port 6th, Gaston, Eldridge, from New York, for New Orleans, few days; Hopewell, Quinn, from New York, dist; Thos Dickason, (wh) from a cruise, Baltimore; Pullen, from Bahia, unc; Col Howard, Teutis, of and for Baltimore, 19 days; Buenos Ayres, Liscomb, from Rio Grande, unc; Sea Bus, Com Turner; U S sch. Enterprise, Lieut Com Watson. TRENTON, FS, Oct 13—in port, Magnolia, Grant, from New Haven, unc where ben; Black Hawk, Frisbie, from and for New Haven; Quelly Shell, (Br) Wallington, from New York; Engine, (Br) Hillon, from East of for St Thomas; Constitution, Burum, and Armer Patton, Wood, from Baltimore, unc; wher, Canan, Sid 13th, Comet, Vasey, Bermuda; 12th, Trinidad, Duell, Niagara; 11th, Sarah, Webster, Baltimore.

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