

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Great Eastern to Carry the Mails from Norfolk.

The following correspondence appears in the Norfolk (Va.) Argus.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14, 1860. Sir:—There is a fair probability that the steamship Great Eastern will re-enter the Chesapeake Bay somewhere along between the 20th of October and the 10th of November next.

The constant interest which I have entertained for many years in the development of this unequalled body of land-locked ocean water, and the resources of its tributaries, as well as that in closer proximity with it than with New York, influence me to make the enquiry whether, in the event of the reappearance of this noble vessel within the Virginia Capes, you will be disposed to authorize the conveyance of the mails by her from Hampton Roads to Norfolk, upon an favorable condition to be agreed upon by mutual consent.

In case you give your assent, it will be proper to designate Norfolk as the port at which the mails shall be made up for European distribution, inasmuch as that city is the outer deep water bay port, and the centre of a large rail road and other post communications.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Very respectfully, Your obedient servant, A. DUDLEY MANN.

Hon. Joseph Holt, Postmaster-General, Washington.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, Sept. 13, 1860.

Sir:—In reply to your note of yesterday, I have to state that, should the Great Eastern re-enter the Chesapeake Bay, and sail as contemplated from Norfolk for Milford Haven, the Department will forward by her such foreign mails as would be actually and properly dispatched from that port.

The difficulty, however, could be temporarily met by an appropriate provision. As the Great Eastern is an English ship, the conveyance of the mails by her could not be authorized on the same terms conceded to steam ships covered by the flag of the United States.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant, J. HOLT.

Hon. A. Dudley Mann, Washington.

Britishers Assailed.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 29. At noon, to-day, the Captain of the British steamer Gladiator, and the British Consul's clerk, while conversing in the rotunda of the St. Charles Hotel, were assailed, and had their faces slapped in the most ignominious manner by parties from the "Walker."

ALARM IN ANOTHER QUARTER.—The London Times thinks Englishmen not sufficiently unapprehensive through their fears of what the Emperor of the French may do.

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The Old Guard.

This fine corps of Napoleon has gained almost immortality; but their grand crowning act was their desperate charge at Waterloo, which has few parallels in ancient or modern warfare.

During the day, the Artillery of the Guard, under Drouot, maintained its old renown, and the Guard itself had frequently been used to restore the battle in various parts of the field, and always with success.

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corps of men in gaining a victory, the Old Guard passed from the stage, and the curtain dropped upon its strange career.

THE CHARGE OF THE WIDE AWAKES. We copied a paragraph yesterday from the N. York Herald in relation to a wanton assault on the guests of the New York Hotel, and others standing near the door of that house on Tuesday night last.

THE REPUBLICAN PAPERS chronicle the affair, and glory over it, but the Tribune takes the lead in announcing that hereafter no anti-republican sentiments must be expressed either by the proprietor or his guests.

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The Next Legislature.

From all quarters the people should send up their best and most devoted patriotism to represent them in the next Legislature.

THE FIRST great question that stares us in the face, is what must be done in the event of Lincoln's election? But this is not the only subject of substantial importance.

IT IS NOT our purpose here and now to discuss these grave matters; we cannot conclude, however, without saying a word for the cause of Temperance.

OUR LEGISLATURE should, therefore, phisically, unequivocally and practically, in some way or other, show its disapproval of the use of spirituous liquors.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MEN. More may be learned by devoting a few moments daily to reading than is commonly supposed.

THE BRECKENRIDGE DEMOCRATS OF New York, we are glad to see, utterly repudiate the unprincipled and tricky scheme of fusion lately hatched by the corrupt wire-pullers of the Douglas faction of the State.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, in alluding to the indignation of the friends of Mr. Breckinridge, are so far from being sincere in their commendation of the Breckinridge cause, they are actually and directly at issue with the Douglas men.

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The Union and its Peace.

There cannot be a doubt, that a leading motive between the States, in establishing a union between them, was to create and perpetuate a friendship between them.

TREATIES with the foreign nations might be made by some of the States, which might incidentally affect injuriously other States.

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Boys.

We think there is a class of community to whose merits for keeping the world in progress, scanty justice is done—we mean the boys, of say from ten to fifteen years old.

But for the genuine boy we have a profound admiration—he is a great institution—a high invention, and we do not think the world could very well wag on without him.

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