





SHIP NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

From the sperm fishery, on Wednesday, the ship Cape Packet, Cape master, with 1,000 barrels of sperm, arrived at Sydney, on the 29th April.

DEPARTURES.

For London, on Tuesday last, the brig Strathgairn, Scollay master, with a cargo of Colonial produce, sailed for London.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

The Ann for New Zealand, Edward for Hobart Town, this day, the Bee for Hobart Town, H. M. S. Buffalo for Plymouth, to-morrow; and the Grecian for Singapore via Newcastle, the 8th instant.

The Cape Packet has spoken the following vessels since she quitted this Port:—On the 1st January, Ann, London whaler, Ball, master, on 20 months, 600 barrels oil; 6 February, American whaler, Atlantic, Russell, master, on 12 months, 1,000 barrels sperm, and 90 black oil; 11 February, the American whaler, Jefferson, from Nantucket, 19 months out, 100 barrels sperm, and 90 black oil; 13 February, the American ship Shylack, Taber, master, 9 months out, 1,500 barrels black oil; 18 February, the American whaler, the Coraline, Sydney whaler, Cherry, master, 42 days out, with 75 barrels.

On Wednesday Mr. Korff started in the Zorer's Brigs, for the purpose of recovering the boilers of the Ceres, which broke adrift as he was bringing them up in tow from the wreck.

The Strathgairn is discharging cargo at the wharf of the consignees, Messrs. Hughes and Hosking.

There are at present in the harbour of Port Jackson, 10 ships, 16 barges, 7 brigs, and 7 schooners, besides the musquito fleet.

The Spartan conveys to London the oil per Harriet and Cape Packet.

The Bee starts for Hobart Town tomorrow morning.

The brig Grecian sails on Monday for Newcastle, for a cargo of coals for the Singapore market.

The barque Lady Mary Pelham, formerly a whaler in the service of the South Australian Company, has come into this port with a cargo of sugar from Batavia, into which she was put to repair, when her hands deserted; her whaling was consequently at an end.

The Buffalo sails for London tomorrow; the Cockermouth Castle will be the next to follow for the same destination.

The James Watt, steamer, will haul upon the patent slip, for the purpose of undergoing a thorough repair, which will occupy some months.

The barque Cape Packet, sperm whaler, returned to port on Wednesday, after an absence of 20 months, with 120 tons of oil. Her accounts from the fisheries are gloomy.

The Mail per Buffalo, for London, closes this day.

The Duchess of Northumberland is laid on for India.

The Lady Mary Pelham will go on the slip for repairs, when she has completed her discharge.

REMOVALS.—Schooner Jess, from east side of the Cove to Darling Harbour. Barque Harriet, from Darling Harbour, to discharge oil into the Spartan. Brig Grecian, from Darling Harbour, to re-fit, previous to sailing for Singapore.

Against the shipping advertisements for December last, we find the following vessels announced for these colonies:—The Bolivia, Ewing, for Launceston; the Augustus Cesar, V. Wiseman, for South Australia; the Mary, R. Brown, to follow; the Zetland, for Hobart Town; the Young Queen, R. Atkins, for Hobart Town; and the Wilmut, 617 tons, N. Miller, for Hobart Town and Sydney.

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April 21—Arrived Her Majesty's ship Comany, 26 guns, Captain Bethune, from Sydney, with the Right Rev. Bishop Broughton and suite.

Ships in Harbour.

Table with columns: NAME, VESSEL, TON, MASTER, AGENTS, REMARKS. Lists various ships including Ann, Bee, Bessy, H. M. S. Buffalo, Cape Packet, etc.

April 22—Arrived the schooner Adelaide, 96 tons, Captain Man, from Port Phillip, with a cargo of sheep.

April 23—Sailed the schooner Hetty, 107 tons, Captain Stephenson, for South Australia, with a cargo of sundries. Passengers, Mrs. Sadgrove and two children, Miss Prosser, Mr. Davies, Mr. Wilkinson, Robert Henderson, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Mary Ann Hutton, William Regan, Thomas Collins, W. Montgomerie, Elizabeth Donovan, Samuel Salter, Amelia Grant, &c.

April 26—Arrived the barque Aberdeenshire, 422 tons, Captain Smith, from London 5th January, with a general cargo. Passengers, Rev. W. Waterfield, J. Milne, J. H. Campbell, W. Thomas.

SYDNEY MARKETS.

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH, 1838.—There was a first-rate supply this morning. Vegetables were more plentifully supplied than there was any occasion for. Fruits, drier. Grains at our last quotations. Maize on the advance. Dairy produce may be expected to fall. Poultry still high, thank monopoly. The following are the prices.

GRAINS.—Wheat, 4s 6d to 6s 6d per bushel; ditto, Hobart Town ditto, 8s ditto; ditto Launceston ditto, 7s to 7s 6d ditto; maize, 4s to 4s 6d ditto; barley, 3s 6d ditto; oats, 3s 6d ditto.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, 6s, 8s, and 10s per cwt; cabbages, 10d per dozen; carrots, 10d per dozen bunches; turnips, 10d ditto; French beans, 1s to 1s 6d per peck; peas, 3s 6d ditto; celery, 4d to 1s per stick; hore-radish, 6d to 12d; rhubarb, 6d per bunch; brocoli, 4d to 6d; vegetable marrow, 6d each; pumpkins, 6d to 8d each; Rio ditto, 1s to 1s 6d ditto; radish, 1d per bunch; Spanish ditto, 1 1/2 ditto; onions 1d ditto; lettuce, 1d to 2d each; tomatoes, 6d per dozen; chilis, 6d per quart; spinach 6d per dish.

FRUITS.—Apples, 6d to 4s per dozen; pears, (Bergamot) 1s 6d to 2s ditto; baking ditto, 2s to 3s ditto; oranges, 10d to 1s 6d ditto; grapes, 1s to 1s 6d per lb.; pomgranates, 6d to 1s 6d each; lemons, 10d to 1s per dozen.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Fresh butter, 2s per lb; salt ditto, 1s to 1s 6d ditto; cheese, 8d to 10d ditto; lard, 1s ditto; ham, 1s ditto; bacon, 2s 3d ditto; eggs, 2s 6d per dozen.

POULTRY.—Fowls, 4s 6d to 5s per couple; ducks, 6s to 6s 6d ditto; geese, 10s to 12s ditto; turkeys, 20s ditto; pigeons, 2s 6d.

BUTCHER'S MEAT.—Beef per lb, point 4d and 4 1/2 ditto; ditto per quarter ditto, 3d and 3 1/2 ditto; mutton, per lb per point, 4d and 4 1/2 ditto; ditto per carcass, 3d and 3 1/2 ditto; pork, 9d ditto; veal, 9d ditto; salt beef, 4 1/2 ditto; ditto pork, 9d ditto; roasting pigs, 5s 6d to 6s 6d each.

Commercial Journal.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1838.

"Knowledge is power."

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We have received Hobart Town Journals to the 27th April, from which our readers will perceive we have made copious extracts.

Yesterday, a woman named Mary Mahony was fined 20s. or a month in the jail for entering the house of Mr. Blair, Superintendent of the Hope Mills, taking up a jug and smashing the top and chimney of a pedestal lamp. The only defence she had for this conduct was, that she had been running after Blair for the last three years, and now he had got married—twas too bad. The Bench could not see the force of the argument, and as she had no cash, and Mr. R.'s gallantry was excessively obstinate, she was obliged to put up with the jail.

THE "GAZETTE" A-BROAD.—Some publications since, the "Gazette" thought fit to give forth to the public a statement to the effect—that Mr. Knowles, formerly of the Sydney stage, was engaged at Drury Lane Theatre, and was to make his first appearance as Dr. Cantwell, in the Hypocrite. This was stated to have been copied from the London papers, which however we searched up to the middle of December, but the whole of the assertion is false, nothing of the kind appearing therein.

A man named Samuel Roe is in the custody of the Police charged with obtaining under false pretences a keg of butter from the Maitland steam boat at the Commercial Wharf.

RACES.—On Monday a trotting match comes off on the Parramatta Road, between Mr. Cramp-ton's pony Spider, and Mr. Green's pony, backed by Mr. Roberts. The stakes are £50 aside.

There are bushrangers "out" between the Parramatta Road and Birch Grove, who levy contributions upon all who are so unlucky as to come within their clutches.

An assigned servant to Mr. Nicholson, the Harbour Master, entered the store room on Sunday, contrary to orders, with a lighted pipe in his mouth. Shortly after he had left the room it was discovered to be on fire, which was not extinguished without considerable difficulty.

DROWNING.—On Tuesday afternoon, an old man named George, who gets his living by vending oysters, shot himself across Darling Harbour in his dingy, which he made fast, as he thought, by the painter to the rocks, and commenced knocking off his piscatory ware. Upon turning round, what was his surprise and mortification, to find his dingy drifting away from its moorings: without a moment's thought or hesitation, he plunged into the briny element, but his strength was not equal to the task he had undertaken, and after a few convulsive struggles, he sunk, and the waters became calm and placid above his head.

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The case of the woman Eliza Barrett, now Sharer, has been at last decided. The following are the circumstances of the case:—On the 9th April, 1832, she was tried at the Surrey Quarter Session for robbery, convicted, and was committed to the gaol for seven years; on the 16th of October, 1833, after her arrival in this Colony, an application was made through the Principal Superintendent of Convicts' Office for permission to marry, which was consented to by the Government. She was subsequently succeeded from her husband by the chief mate of a vessel, and she left the Colony with him.

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