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A DIET FOR MENTAL DYSPEPSIA, AND A CURE FOR HYPOCHONDRIA, HYPOCHONDRIASIS, OR ANY COMPLAINT OF A HYPOCHONDRIAC.

BY OUR SERIES EDITOR. ALMANAC AND DIARY.

MIGHTY METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK.

February.

Monday, 18.—Exciting and interesting murder in the Fourth Ward. A woman was attacked by a tame catamount, and one of the neighbors, attempting to shoot the animal, wounded a policeman who was carrying it off.

Tuesday, 19.—A fearful double suicide in the Twenty-fourth Ward. A couple of brothers, who had heretofore lived together in perfect love, returned home late at night to their paternal residence both "shot in the neck."

Wednesday, 20.—A calendar of crime in the First Ward. During some high words between an Alderman and his Constable in reference to the fees, the Alderman was struck in the region of the heart with amazement by the coolness of the Constable.

Thursday, 21.—A most horrible butchering affair came off in the Nineteenth Ward. Two butchers, after having returned from the Drove Yard, where they had been drinking freely, went to their homes, and each inflicted deadly wounds on fourteen pigs before five o'clock the next morning.

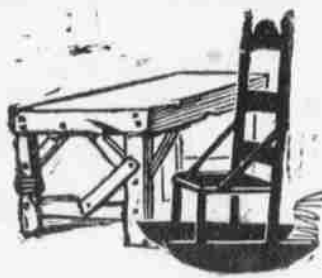
Friday, 22.—A dreadful murder at the State House. A large crowd had gathered to witness the solemn rites of taking an old chair and table out of a furniture car, and before anybody was aware of it, a gentleman from the interior of the State attacked indiscriminately the King's English, and murdered it on the spot.

Saturday, 23.—SERIES COLUMN DAY. The Editor would not follow the writings of so many editors, and make a joke of a murder; he would rather make a murder of a joke.

MR. WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Grand Presentation Festival at Independence Hall in Honor of the Occasion—Account of the Relics, Speeches, Etc. Etc.

Yesterday being our usual holiday of the 22d of February, and the celebration of it by the "Veterans of 1812" being about played out, some gentlemen who make speeches conceived the idea of putting in the State House a Chair and Table, each a matter of interest—the Table of more than ordinary interest, about seven and three-tenths, compared to so many other pieces of antiquity in that antiquated room. Below we give a drawing of



THE TABLE AND CHAIR,

as they now sit in state, in company with Washington's Pew and the Cracked Bell.

THE RELICS.

A description of the relics may not be out of place. The table is made of pine boards one inch thick, planed on both sides, and fastened to the legs with wrought nails—the top has four knots in it, but this apparent defect is hid by a covering of black leather glued on it. The legs are substantial and well to do, except the bandaged one, which is suffering from a compound fracture. The braces are all inch stuff, planed on the outside, and are yet in a good state of repair, nothing but the best wrought nails having been used upon them.

The chair is a very interesting relic of the straight-back and hard-bottomed days of our grandfathers and mothers. The rockers yet retain all the strength of their youth, having originally served a useful existence as portions of a head for a flour barrel, when that commodity was \$3-75 a barrel, and every family had one. The rests for the arms look more to the comfort of the chair than the sitter, and are constructed on true mathematical principles, as it seemed to be an axiom well known to the ancients, that the shortest distance from one point to another was a straight line; and by adopting that principle in the construction of the arms of the chair, not only was strength gained, but also economy of material. The height of the back where the principal cross-piece receives the shoulders of the occupant, is an evidence of the stalwart proportions of the men and women that fought during the Revolutionary times, as they sometimes do now, as the every-day evidence in the adjoining Court-room abundantly testifies. There is some slight attempt at ornamentation in the upper panel of the chair back, in the rounding of the upper edge; but it is like its original owners, whose beauty consisted in being straight up and down.

THE PRESENTATION.

Mr. Hall, from Harrisburg, who seemed to be a Hall of independence, stepped forward and spoke the following piece:—

Mr. Mayor, and Gentlemen of the Select and Common Councils:—I have the honor to present to the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia this chair and table, on which sat John Hancock when he put that fine copy-book flourish at the Head of our Declaration of Independence. The fitness of this presentation on this day will suggest itself forcibly to all minds. Looking upon the beautiful slush streets, I saw the GALLANT GREY RESERVES marching down them. I was reminded, indeed, of "the time that tried men's souls," and thought of the great trial of their poor soles, especially if they leak (tremendous cheering), and I thought of the tender words addressed by the brave Washington to his troops at

Valley Forge, as he asked "How's your poor feet?" (Cheers.)



We picture to our minds the striking figure of John Hancock, the affluent citizen, who with a bold and resolute hand affixed his signature to the Declaration, as if it had been a fifty thousand dollar check, for he was able to strike a figure like that (cheers and laughter), and which so nobly maintained the arms of the people in the struggle.

Ever let these relics be preserved and cherished. To these the lovers of liberty from all lands and of all ages will come to pay their homage, and to get their lunch in the Hall of the building, and within their sacred influences (cheers); and as we have preserved these mementoes from the red hand of violence, we hope you will not put them out under the trees, in company with the wooden food-stools that now afford rest to the weary pilgrim. (Immense applause.)

The city of Philadelphia! the home of old Independence Hall! What city in the Union so loyal, so salty, so cheap and good for the money!—(cheers)—so liberal to the bounty-jumpers in the late war, as this loved metropolis of the State of Pennsylvania?

What city that, through public and private subscription, ever gave so many dinners to its own public officers? When I recall the Fairmount Park extension suppers, the dinners to visiting Councilmen from other cities, and the Gas Trust Committee's feeds, I see in its people a liberality unknown to ancient times. (Immense cheering.)

Here, Mr. Mayor, let this old table and chair remain, and when the stranger visits your city don't send him to the top of the steeple to see the Bell of Liberty, while it lies here cracked beside these other relics of "the time that tried men's souls." (Long-continued applause.)

During the speech of Mr. Hall the most deep and solemn silence prevailed, except when broken by a hungry crowd outside, around Mrs. Patten's coffee-stand, calling out, during some momentary pause, "Auntie, take out for four doughnuts, two slices of ham, and a cup of coffee!" or, "Auntie! a bowl of pepper-pot at this end of the table!" It was, indeed, a thrilling scene, and one that will be remembered as an epoch in the history of the city; for, excepting the day of the firing on Sumner, there never was such a business done at the coffee-stand as on this day, and, considering the inclemency of the weather, the receipts were enormous.

After the conclusion of Mr. Hall's eloquent remarks, Mayor McMichael spoke his piece, which was vociferously applauded by all of the policemen present, and by many of his other hearers.

THE MAYOR'S SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Reps.:—The city of Philadelphia accepts the trust which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania confides to her. She will accept of any amount of trust. (Cries of "Joke!") For there never was a time when she was, in mercantile language, "harder up." (Cheers.) To mark her good sense, she has assembled here with a large and efficient police force to attend the gentlemen from Harrisburg in their visit—(immense cheering by the police and hisses by the dignitaries)—the favored citizens to whom she has delegated her authority to make and execute laws in reference to the colored people riding in the cars, and kindred subjects—(immense cheering by the dignitaries and hisses by the police)—the learned expositors, dictionaries, and first-class readers of her history, legends and traditions, and the press, including the North American and United States Gazette, which is still published, and which daily records her progress, and a full account of all the murders as fast as committed. (Cheers by the police and others.) In this presence she makes public declaration that she esteems the custody of these precious relics a rare privilege, and offers a solemn pledge that they will be well taken care of, dusted every week, and rules posted up in a conspicuous place prohibiting gentlemen from leaning back on the chair, putting their feet on the table, and squirting tobacco juice all over the printed card. (Laughter.)

It is proper they should be here! It was here Columbus first landed at the Blue Anchor tavern in Dock street! It was on this very spot that he fought the Battle of Bunker Hill, in which Ferdinand De Soto and his handful of brave men, assisted by the First City Troop, numbering fifteen souls, after burning his ships, defeated the red savages of the prairie! It was here the Pilgrims landed, after a stormy passage, without the aid of a City Ice Boat from the Breakwater to the Navy Yard! And here is Smith's Island, on which Robinson Crusoe trained his pet goats; and here the Berks county Dutch first discovered William Penn, under a tree up Kensington, peddling out dry goods to the Indians, and when he bought our noble old Commonwealth with two pieces of New York Mills muslin, one bundle of red flannel, and a dozen tarpaulin hats; and I may add, the principles of the immortal Penn, Disciple of Peace, who accomplished so much by the piece, are yet seen embodied in the shrewdness of our merchants and the economy of our public edifices. (Immense cheering by the builder of the new Court House.)

Since these relics were separated from the

hall, the achievements of art have surpassed the wildest imaginations, and developments have co-operated and are still co-operating to produce on this continent an empire with deeper oil wells, bigger hotels, longer railroads, louder thunder, and forked lightning than the world has ever before witnessed. The men who sat in this seat and wrote at this table, while engaged in the creation of a new republic, could not have dreamed of what we at this day see in the Capitol of the Commonwealth—stuffed arm chairs and black walnut desks, oiled, with lock and key (immense cheering). They laid their foundations as broad as the earth, and as deep as the ocean, and found themselves in no very comfortable position while doing it. (Applause.)

The time, too, for this restoration has been well chosen. An act to be performed in the house could have no better time, for if the ceremony had been an out-of-doors one, such as a pole raising, we should all have got our death of colds. (Cheers.) But in the day itself there is even more essential fitness. What occasion so suitable as Birthington's Washday (loud and long-continued applause) for depositing, among kindred objects in this chamber, this chair and this washbench! (Renewed applause.) And, my friends, as we gaze upon these relics—this faded carpet, your broken window—may we see typified the hard worn and shattered condition to which Declaration of Independence is now reduced, that once made the sublime announcement that all men were created free and equal—which is a fixed opinion, but an unfixed fact, (Tremendous cheering, during which the Mayor put on his hat.)

After the conclusion of Mayor McMichael's speech, which he read from a printed slip of next day's North American, they all shook hands, the police keeping a sharp eye on the gentlemen from Harrisburg, as many of them were unknown in these parts.

A fine band of music stood out in the slush and discoursed some national airs, after which each member took a horn, and departed.

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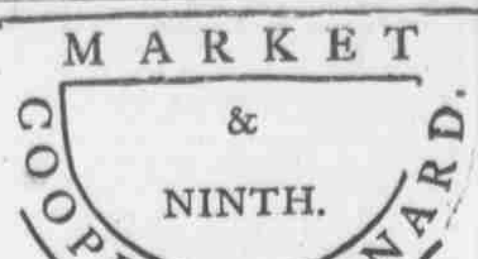
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