

The Commercial Exchange Banquet.

Last evening the Grand Dining Room of the Continental Hotel was well filled with the members of the Commercial Exchange and their guests from the various cities in the United States...

Genlemen—in contemplating the intelligence, wisdom and consummate ability with which I have been so graciously surrounded, and with whom it is my good fortune at this time to be associated...

Genlemen, we have invited you to be present upon this occasion, that you might partake with us of the feast so abundantly provided and spread before us; subsequently to enjoy with us, in a rational way, that almost inevitable result...

Genlemen, we desire your presence with us, not only to partake of the festivities of the occasion, but that you may observe and learn something of the enterprise, industry and progress of our city...

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This gentleman said he was present as a representative of the section usually denominated the northwest—the States tributary to Lake Michigan and Superior. After alluding to the enterprise of that region, he spoke of its need of extended communication to the seaboard...

Chicago now toasted Pennsylvania in these terms: Prominent alike for its inherent wealth, both above and below the surface of the soil, may her sons maintain to the end the proud position that they have ever held as energetic, persevering, sagacious and patriotic representatives of our common country.

To this ex-Mayor McMichael responded, as follows: Mr. President: It is always gratifying to me to have my name associated with Pennsylvania, and it is especially so in this presence, and amid these surroundings...

Mr. McKean, of the Ledger, was then requested to speak on behalf of the Press. He said the Chief Justice had spoken of being taken by surprise, but he (the speaker) was in fact taken entirely by surprise in being thus called upon...

This is not a suitable opportunity for those of us who are "native, and to the honor born," to indulge in lengthened or elaborate speeches...

There is one aspect, however, in which, even while avoiding the general topic, we may, in this somewhat extensive excursion from a distance, appropriately regard Pennsylvania. I allude, sir, to the relations which she holds to her sister States...

Animated, as she is, by a liberal and catholic spirit; desirous, as she is, that everywhere an enlightened sense of national unity shall replace the selfishness of sectional jealousies...

The President then announced as the next toast: "The City of Cincinnati."—Reposing upon her beautiful river, she occupies the centre of the republic, as its heart sympathizes with all and deals with all.

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to bring it, but provides storerooms for it, so that he can wait for the slow lumbering sailing vessel. This was the spirit which was needed here, its closed with a fitting eulogium upon the work of the Commercial Exchange.

Buffalo was then called upon, and a gentleman whose name was not announced briefly returned thanks for the honor, and declined to make a speech.

LITERATURE. REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

—From Claxton, Remsen & Haffelinger we have received "Mabel Clifton," a novel, by Frank Brierwood. This work we should take to be the first effort at sustained fiction by a young author...

—Messrs. Turner Brothers & Co., No. 808 Chestnut street, send us "Only Temper," by Mrs. C. J. Newby, the third issue of Turner's Library of select novels. This is a pleasing novel of English domestic life, pure in tone and entertaining in style...

—Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers send us "The Count of Monte Cristo," Alexandre Dumas' most famous and most exciting romance. Two volumes in one, of 557 pages, are offered for \$1-50, "The Tower of London," by William Harrison Ainsworth, also published by Messrs. Peterson, is an historical romance, in which the different parts of the Tower are described with extreme minuteness...

—Messrs. Fell & Duffee, No. 711 Sansom street, send us "Memory's Tribute to the Life, Character and Work of the Rev. Thomas H. Stockton," by Alexander Clark, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Pittsburgh. Published by S. R. Wells, New York.

—The eighth part of "Zell's Popular Encyclopedia and Universal Dictionary" concludes with the title "Allan." This work is one of the most important and valuable ever undertaken in this country, and the manner in which it is issued and the low price—ten cents a number—places it within the reach of every one...

—Our School-day Visitor for March, published by Messrs. Daughaday & Becher, No. 424 Walnut street, is, as usual, full of entertaining stories, sketches and verses, and attractive illustrations. The story entitled "The Misunderstanding," by Knickerbocker, is concluded in the present number.

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4,800 sporting rifles and shot guns, various. 10,233 carbines and rifles, various. 141,113 shot guns and shot cartridges, various.

Will be sold at Public Auction, by H. B. SMITHSON, Auctioneer, at Allegheny Arsenal, PUNDA, Pa., on Wednesday, March 24, 1869, the following articles, viz:—

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