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WE are glad to notice that the improvement of the Susquehanna river, so as to render in navigable for steam vessels of light draft, is beginning to attract public attention. The project is one of entire feasibility and the wonder is that intelligent effort in this direction has not long since received the united and earnest efforts of the people interested in this noble river. And now, that "internal improvement" has been permanently established as a feature of annual national expenditure instead of appropriating the public money to clearing out trout streams for the amusement of special members of Congress in wild locations, let a combined and concentrated effort be made to secure the appropriation of a reasonable share of the money that may fall to Pennsylvania and other States directly interested, to make the Susquehanna what nature intended it to be-a great National and State thoroughfare for commerce and trade. of internal improvement, this question of rendering the Susquenanna navigable for steam vessels was discussed, and one of the first Commissioners, a citizen of this county and a practical and learned engineer, took the ground that this plan was not only practicable but less expensive than the system of canals proposed. He was deemed visionary at the time, and the unfortunate system of canals was adopted. This Commissioner was Charles Treziyulny, and subsequent events are not wanting to prove the accuracy of of his judgment. The proposition now agitated to hold a convention of citizens of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, who are perhaps most directly interested, with a view to make the Susquehanna navigable, is timely and proper, and should be promptly called at an early day. It is no discredit to the enterprise, that they now propose to do what our old

THE President has appointed a collector in Maine that will probably cause about the same trouble and discord that has distinguished his appointment in New York. At the request of Hale, one of the new Senators from that State, Gen. Smith, for two years the acceptable Collector of Customs at Bangor, who is said to be old house and from his bed-room window he first heard the news of the assassination of Lincoln. The old mail lican, has been removed to make room carrier, who had for years trudged be tween the railroad and the postoffice, feated for re-election last fall. Davis came up in the gray of the morning on the 14th of April, 1865, after his early trip to the station. He knocked upon in the way of Hale, and it is said this appointment is the consummation of a bargain by which Davis was induc-ed to retire from the Senatorial con-was in his vigorous English, "Betrayed test. Gen. Smith and his friends are not pleased with the trade.

down with a thud, and Mr. Stevens was soon dressed and on his way to Washington. In the great political events which followed this appalling crime, Mr. Stevens became the prominent figure in American history which he deserved to be.

The Hon. S. S. Cox, who has been spending the summer vacation abroad, took in the French Assembly, and from personal observation of its workings there, is fully satisfied that cabinet officers on the floor of Congress will be out of place and unadvisable here. It may therefore be taken for granted that Mr. Cox will put in a lively opposition to the passage of Senator Pendleton's bill, awarding extraordinary privileges to cabinet officers on the floor of Congress.

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## HARRIET LANE'S HOME.

The Mistress of the White House dur-ing Buchanan's Term.

A Visit to Her Residence, near Lancaster— Reminiscences of the Neighborhood—James Buchanan and Thaddeus Stevens. A. Burr in the Press.

Among all the American women who have impressed themselves upon our social and political lite, none ever held a higher place than Harriet Lane. many years she was the light of the household of her bachelor uncle, both many years she was the light of the household of her bachelor uncle, both dat home and abroad, will still be recalled, except at option of publishers.

Papers going out of the county must be paid for in danage. ed with delight by the thousands who visited him and whom he visited while he was our ambassador abroad and the executive of the nation. Her queenly beauty, intelligence, rare conversational powers and charming manners made her a favorite everywhere. Thousands there are still living who remember the there are still living who remember the grace and dignity with which she presided over the executive mansion, and will recall with pleasure their visits there while this noted woman made company welcome. I recall Harriet Lane to the almost numberless people who have lost sight of her since she retired from public life and became a wife and mother, because she is near this place. mother, because she is near this place. An accident took me to-day to her lovely home. She inherited Wheatland from her uncle, and she spends the summer at the old place, for it revives so many memories of the past. She still retains in a striking degree those graces of manner, queenliness of form and carriage, and intelligence which long ago marked her so prominently upon the pages of our social and political history. Age has not whitened her mother, because she is near this place cal history. Age has not whitened her lovely golden hair, nor disturbed her exquisitely chiseled face, nor dimmed the lustre of the violet eyes which have sparkled upon so many grave and gay

Death has just drawn an impenetrable veil between her and the public. Her favorite boy, James Buchanan Johnston, recently died. Upon his mind she had impressed much of her own force, and had carefully watched him with the hope that he would fitly wear and perpetuate the name of the man she idolized and to whom she devoted she idolized and to whom she devoted the best part of her womanly life. Her remaining son is stricken with heart troubles, the rheumatic fever, which carried her other son to the grave. Both these manly boys had grown into her heart and life, and this last and greatest sorrow dims all the charms of Wheatland to her who has seen and heard so much within its walls, who so heard so much within its walls, who so often was the life of distinguished company, and who during the days when her uncle was running out the last sands of life was his greatest comfort,

became his willing and devoted nurse.

A reference to Harriet Lane, a visit to Wheatland, and a look about this country naturally recalls two of the greatest names known to its history— James Buchanan and Thaddeus Stevens. We recollect that in the early days of the introduction of our canal system

What great events the mention of these two names recalls! How many conflicts in politics it revives! They never agreed, and the clash of their opinions always struck fire. Here, where they grew to be great, where their convictions matured and their fame ripened until it became world-wide, there are many things to recall these two men and the memories of their lives and and the memories of their lives and

Both were old bachelors, but as diverse in habits, inclinations and ambi-tions as two beings possibly could be. Stevens was a fearless man, who pushed Stevens was a fearless man, who pushed his apinions in season and out of season and waged relentless war on all who differed with him. He was a good companion, had his games and quiet frolics and enjoyed life in his way. The little, unpretentious brick house in which he lived still stands in the business centre of the town. It sits out on the street of the town. It sits out on the street under the shadow of the Intelligencer, a Democratic newspaper office, on the one side, and that of a hair-breed Republican paper on the other. It is one of the oldest houses in this old place and went the marks of are all over it. and wear the marks of age all over it. While it is a landmark that the people always point out, a stranger marvels to find it appropriated to such peculiar

There is Thad Stevens' old home,

said a friend who was showing me the striking points of the city. I looked in the direction he indicated and found friend Treziyulny urged upon the people of Pennsylvania more than half a century ago.

the direction he indicated and found that a barber pole and a wooden Indian had taken possession of the two front doors to the house. I could hardly be lieve this to be the place, but my friend removed my doubts by saying: "That's the place where there is the place of the place, where there's a barber shop and a cigar store. There, where they and a cigar store. There, where they shave you for ten cents, Stevens had his law office and won much of his fame and fortune. He slept in the room un-der the eaves directly over it, and had the whole house in which to entertain his friends." Many are the stories that the office window and Mr. Stevens rais again—by God!" The window went down with a thud, and Mr. Stevens was

surroundings. From this point, too, Lancaster is seen, half smothered in the maple grove in which it is built. This picture of art and nature is set in a beautiful frame of green fields, into which is carved farm scenes such as can be found no where clse in this country. On the summit of the hill, just before you reach Wheatland, you pass the three striking evidences of this advanced civilization—St. Joseph's hospital and chapel, a beautiful Roman edifice just erected by the order of St. John of God: the Lancaster watch factory and the Franklin and Marshall college. So, standing guard over the old home of one of the most honored men in our On the summit of the hill, just before you reach Wheatland, you pass the three striking evidences of this advanced civilization—St. Joseph's hospital and chapel, a beautiful Roman edifice just erected by the order of St. John of God: the Lancaster watch factory and the Franklin and Marshall college. So, standing guard over the old home of one of the most honored men in our American history, are these three strong American history, are these three strong outposts, representing Charity, Industry and Education.

The old roof tree at Wheatland sits well back from the road and is half hid by the great trees which stand between it and the turnpike. Before the porch stand two towering Norway pines, clad in their richest verdure, from the limbs of which beautiful baskets of plants and flowers hang like gaudy pendants from the ears of a dusky maiden. The grass grows rank on the lawn, and the flowers are grouped together in tasteful array both before and behind the old timestreaked mansion. The broad porch at the front holds the present proprietor, Henry Elliott Johnston, the eminent banker of Baltimore and the husband of Harriet Lane. He welcomed us to the home of Buchanan, and we passed into the great, broad hall, which runs clear through the house, then to the left into the little parlor which is tastefully furnished, the walls of which are hung furnished, the walls of the state of the sta many of which were presents to Mr. Buchanan while he was abroad as our minister to the Court of St. James and sia. Off this parlor, in a wing of the house, is the library in which Mr. Buchanan did his work. It is a plain but commodious apartment, still kept as nearly as possible as in the days when the statesman occupied it. His portrait hangs over the mantel piece, and on the opposite wall a copy of his inaugural address, printed upon satin, delivered on the 4th of March, 1857. In the dining room, still glistening with the family plate, stands an old clock, the property of Mr. Buchsnan's father. It has just been recovered by Mr. Johnston after years of search. It had been ston after years of search. It had been bought at Mr. Buchanan's father's sale bought at Mr. Buchanan's father's sale near Mercersburg and taken west to the Rocky mountains by a Frasklin county farmer. A publication of this fact led to the search and recovery of the an-cient timepiece, which often indicated the school and working hours of James Buchanan when a boy, and it has just been put in the dining room at Wheat-land. All over the place and through land. All over the place and through the old mansion there is an effort to preserve everything as nearly as possi-ble as the great man who owned it left it. Relies belonging not only to him but to his father and mother are promi-

nently displayed.

From the back porch a turf walk leads you between two lines of flower beds past the garden to the great hick-ory grove which forms a striking background to the cultivated, shrubbery-cled flower and great deceated have ground to the cultivated, shrubberyclad, flower and grass docorated lawn
in the front and rear of the old house.
This grove was one of Mr. Buchanan's,
favorite places of resort, and beneath
the grateful shade of these several acres
of towering hickories he often walked
and thought, or sat and read, and often
took his friends, or went himself to
view the beautiful country which lies
around about this home. From the
back of this forest home a charming around about this home. back of this forest home a scene is presented. A little valley, which looks like a cradle hung between two hills, with its bed made of maple leaves, locust twigs and oak boughs, runs for miles among fertile fields until lost in a sloping hill, which makes a pretty pillow for this charming farm and woodland scene, broken only by the tasteful farm house and spacious barn which is such an important evi-dence of the thrift and energy of the

On the side of the grove nearest the couse the scene is different but none the less striking. Stretching for miles away, the best evidences of intelligent husbandry to be found anywhere on the globe greets the eye. Great fields of waving grain, beautiful farm houses, and spacious barns to hold the gathered harvests; beautiful groves, and behind all those, forming an impressive background to this tasteful and thrifty pic-ture, are the furnace hills, rising like a bank of blue clouds against the horizon. Here the great Cornw add their smoke and dust to the quiet farm scenes which they overlook.

Pennsylvania husbandman.

As much as Mr. Buchanan loved this picture there is one on the old place which is still dearer to him. Almost by the roadside and to the right as y enter the gate is a great spring walled with brick, a dozen feet in circumferoce. Around this is a trio of great ceping willows and under these was r. Buchanan's favorite resting place. He could sit here and take in most of the scenes I have so crudely described, and from this spot there was a view to him more charming than all others. It looks down the road towards Marietta, and not only takes in all the charming picture of farm scenes which creeps from Wheatland up to the mountains, but has for its background and within easy eye range the beautiful chestnut hills not two miles away, lawn half way up and then grove clad. It is a beautiful spot, not only to look upon, but to visit, and here the good people of Lancaster flock in the early spring time to gather arbutus and have their little social gatherings, and at May time frolic over the green ward and the conference. over the green sward and quaff their nut-brown ale to the good health and prosperity of those who have made na-

erated. Before the day set apart for this reconciliation Mr. Stevens was stricken reconciliation air. Stevens was stricken and died without again speaking to the "Sage of Wheatland." The friends of each tell this story to show that both were willing toward the sundown of life to temper the animosities which bitter politics and the conflict of ideas upon the slavery question had aroused. the slavery question had aroused.

#### TALKING BIRDS

Parrots, starlings, and jackdaws are ot the only birds that "talk." Birds not possessed of native powers of mel-ody are usually gifted with very varied ilities of articulation. A hooded crow for instance, can produce an astonishing variety of complex noises from his throat, and his talents only lack cultivation to enable him to give utterance to words; but his natural language is the very reverse of melodious, and cannot in any sense be considered as a "song." I have known a hooded crow to say "Papa!" with great correctness, and what is more remarkable, he invariably applied the name to its propvariably applied the name to its proper owner—not the hoodie's papa, but his master's. The starling talks very roughly, indeed, to his fellows, but he is one of the best mimics we have, imitating the notes of other birds, and even the human voice, with great accuracy. Magpies also can be taught to articulate with a tolerable degree of accuracy. The mocking bird, too, so well known in some parts of the United known in some parts of the United States, has no natural melody of his own, but he contrives to copy in a most faithful manner the songs of nearly all

latitul manner the songs of nearly all his feathered neighbors.

But it is a little surprising to find that the canary, so suferbly endowed by nature with musical teste and skill, will condescend on occasion to imitate will condescend on occasion to imitate the unmelodious tones of the human voice, although the fact that he does so is beyond dispute. A correspondent of "Land and Water" mentions a canary owned by an old lady residing in Saltford, near Bath, which was able to pronounce several words with remarkable distinctness. At the conclusion of its song the bird nearly always said, "Kiss, kiss, Miss Lizzie, kiss, kiss,"—Miss Lizzie being the daughter of its owner; and, after repeating the words more Lizzie being the daugnter of his owner, and, after repeating the words more than once, a new song was begun. It seems that these words were acquired was the bird was several years ago, when the bird was quite young, and during the moulting season, when its natural song would be

discontinued. Curiously enough, the only cases I have known of talking canaries have occurred in the West of England, but I am not able to draw any conclusion of value from that circumstance. be a mere coincidence, or there may possibly be a certain family of canaries settled in the west country, whose peculiar gift it is to imitate, with a fair amount of accuracy, the various intonations of the human voice. A canary which was owned by a lady in Weston-super-Mare was accustomed to hear its mistress, an invalid, say, on conclusion of its song, "Oh beauty, beauty! Sing that again!" These words the bird picked up, and was soon able to repeat, but its education made no further pro-gress, and no additional words were acquired. The short sentence, as in the case of the Saltford bird, was never ut-

tered save after a brilliant burst of song.
It is wholly incorrect to suppose that no meaning is ever attached by talking birds to such words or short sentences as they may be able to pronounce. The well-known case of the Edinburgh par-rot, whose singular accomplishments have been already noticed in more than one periodical, has settled this question once and for ever. So far was this clever bird above "mere parrot-talk" that he rarely spoke a word which had not direct relation to surrounding objects or events. A strange dog intro-duced into the room was greeted with loud cries of "Put him out! Put him I'm so frightened! attending his numerous levees were politely requested to "Gie oot the Psalm!" and, as this by itself would savor somewhat of habitual irreverence savor somewhat of habitual irreverence on Poll's part, it is only fair to add that he was very particular at meal-times in telling the assembled family to "Say grace first!"

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