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WE are glad to notice that the improvement of the Susquehanna river, so as to render it 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.

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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 a very prominent and popular Republican, has been removed to make room for ex-Governor Davis, who was defeated for re-election last fall.

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 undesirable here.

HARRIET LANE'S HOME.

The Mistress of the White House during Buchanan's Term.

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

F. A. Burr in the Press.

Among all the American women who have impressed themselves upon our social and political life, none ever held a higher place than Harriet Lane. The many years she was the light of the household of her bachelor uncle, both at home and abroad, will still be recalled with delight by the thousands who visited him and whom he visited while he was our ambassador abroad and the executive of the nation.

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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. What great events the mention of these two names recalls! How many conflicts in politics it revives!

Both were old bachelors, but as diverse in habits, inclinations and ambitions as two beings possibly could be. Stevens was a fearless man, who pushed his opinions in season and out of season and waged relentless war on all who differed with him.

"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 that a barber pole and a wooden Indian had taken possession of the two front doors to the house. I could hardly believe this to be the place, but my friend removed my doubts by saying: "That's the place, where there's a barber shop 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."

The place where Buchanan lived and died is in striking contrast to that where Thaddeus Stevens passed his day. It is situated about a mile beyond the marble shaft, with its four heroic figures, which sit in the centre square of this little city. It is there as a tribute of respect to those who fell in the war of the rebellion. Wheatland is a beautiful place, and skirts the turnpike which runs from Lancaster to Marietta.

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 else in this country.

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.

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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. It may 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.

On the side of the grove nearest the house 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 harvest; beautiful groves, and behind all those, forming an impressive background to this tasteful and thrifty picture, are the furnace hills, rising like a bank of blue clouds against the horizon.

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 you enter the gate is a great spring walled with brick, a dozen feet in circumference. Around this is a trio of great weeping willows and under these was Mr. Buchanan's favorite resting place.

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turned their backs upon each other, conceived that age mellowed the asperities of early manhood they might be brought together. He undertook the task, which failed only because it was delayed until their earthly accounts had too nearly approached settlement.

TALKING BIRDS.

From Leisure Hour.

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But it is a little surprising to find that the canary, so superbly endowed by nature with musical taste and skill, will condescend on occasion to imitate the unmelodious tones of the human voice, although the fact that he does so is beyond dispute.

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 parrot, whose singular accomplishments have been already noticed in more than one periodical, has settled this question once and for ever.

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