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had become a part of considerable importance. He was also empowered to create post offices, appoint postmasters, establish mail routes, and make contracts for carrying the mails throughout California.

California, this result might not have been accomplished. Private affairs of great importance requiring his presence in Pennsylvania, Col. Geary left San Francisco in February, 1852, and repaired to his farm in Westmoreland county, where he remained until again called into active public life, through his appointment by President Pierce, as Governor of Kansas Territory.

aim was unerring. At this battle, about twelve hundred and fifty men, under command of Gen. Geary, were attacked from an eminence, by five thousand of the enemy, at twelve o'clock at night. The unequal fight was gallantly accepted, and though the command was at first thrown into some disorder, they speedily rallied, and not only repulsed, but drove from the field the vastly superior numbers of the enemy.

A GOOD STORY. In one of the small interior towns of New England, where the superstitions of our own ancestors still possess a hold on the people, the facts occurred a few years since of which the following is a true narration:

An honest farmer and his family preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving at his wife's father's, in an adjacent town, were hurried and confused extremely on the day preceding that festival, by the multiplicity of things which must be done before they could leave home with safety.

Selected Poetry. For the Reporter. LINES. DEDICATED TO MR. AND MRS. H. SWEET. We've laid in quiet, dreamless rest, Beneath a covert of turf...

Under the old Mexican laws, Alcaides had power to grant away the public lands, at twelve dollars for "fifty vara lots" (25 yards square.) All American Alcaides, previous to Geary's time, had availed themselves of this privilege, and disposed of an immense amount of valuable property at these mere nominal rates.

But this state of tranquility, thus effected, was precisely the reverse of what the pro-slavery party in Kansas and the administration at Washington desired. Gov. Geary's course, instead of receiving their approval, met their decided condemnation.

A VENERABLE RELIC OF REVOLUTIONARY TIMES.—One of the oldest men of Western New York resides at Suspension Bridge, Niagara county. We refer to the venerable father of Franking Spaulding, Esq., Collector of Customs at the bridge.

FUN, FACTS AND FACETIE. HOOP-skirts, like gun-barrels, are not dangerous unless they have something in them. But when the former are charged—powdered, wadded, and watered—upward they should be handled with the greatest caution.

Miscellaneous. GEN. JOHN W. GEARY. John W. Geary was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and although now only forty-six years of age, has already won a lasting fame by his adherence to the cause of right and duty, in the different parts of our country in which he has been placed, in civil, military, judicial and executive positions.

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From reports filed in the office of the Secretary of War, it appears that during his term of service, Gen. Geary was engaged in over fifty bloody and desperate battles and constant skirmishes, besides many others of lesser note. Among these engagements may be especially named that of "Bolivar Heights," "Cedar Mountain," the three days fight at Chancellorsville, the struggle at Gettysburg, which also lasted three days, and resulted in driving back the enemy from the soil of Pennsylvania, "Wauhatchie," "Ringgold," "Trianon," "Mill Creek and Snake Creek Gaps," "Resaca," (two days), "New Hope Church," (seven days), "Muddy Creek," "Rose's Breck," "Kolb's Farm," "Kenesaw," "Pine Hill," "Mettler's Peach Tree Creek," siege of Savannah, (ten days), which was captured by his division ten hours before any other troops reached that city, as was also Fort Jackson, both of which places were surrendered in person to Gen. Geary. In this capture, 350 prisoners, 114 pieces of artillery, 38,500 barrels of cotton, and five ocean steamers, with an immense variety of ammunition and other stores, fell into the hands of the victors.

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DEFINITIONS.—Bachelors.—A dandy-horn run to seed in a garden. Beautiful flowers. The ingrained crab-tree of literature.

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