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EVENING BULLETIN.

Friday, September 17, 1869.

GOVERNOR GEARY AND THE PARDONING POWER.

The *Evening Telegraph*, after discussing the remarkable succession of murders and attempted murders which have disgraced this city during the last fortnight, attempts to fasten upon Governor Geary a share of the responsibility, because, as it alleges, he has abused the pardoning power to such an extent that villains feel that they can commit crime with a fair chance of escape from punishment. This is the head of charge that we expect to see in the columns of Democratic newspapers which are ready to make any sacrifice of truth to influence their readers. A Republican paper, even if it desired to be impartial in its attempt to place the responsibility for the criminal epidemic upon the proper persons, should have sense enough to separate the wheat and to deal justly with the man who has been selected as the leader of the party in the State. The fact is that Governor Geary has pardoned fewer criminals than any of his predecessors; and every exercise of the power made during his administration has been for good and sufficient reasons—as for instance in the Hester Vaughn case. In proof of this we give the following official statement of the number of pardons granted by various governors during the last ten years: Governor Mifflin in his administration of eight years pardoned 1,188 persons; McKean 1,015; Porter, 1,200; Johnson, 1,000; Snyder (Dem.), in six years, 1,535; Heister (Dem.), 1,204; Schultz (Dem.), 821; Wolf (Dem.), 792; Bigler, 881; Porter (Dem.), 900; Shunk (Dem.), 900; Pollock (Dem.), 767; Pollock, 213; Wm. F. Packer (Dem.), 312; Curtin, in six years, 900; Geary, 198.

The mere inspection of this list, without a word of comment,—without any attempt to explain the character of the few pardons granted by Governor Geary, is a sufficient answer to the calumnies of his enemies. But it can be demonstrated from official documents, the authenticity of the statements of which its impossible to question, that these pardons were granted to persons who were clearly entitled to them—who were included in the class for the relief of which this enormous power was placed in the hands of the Executive. Many of the men pardoned were election officers, of Democratic counties. These men had refused the votes of degetters who, or sense of delicacy and right to be Democrats; and for doing this, their sworn duty, they were tried, convicted by Democratic juries, and sentenced to prison. Governor Geary pardoned them upon the strength of evidence which no intelligent man can question. Other pardons were granted in cases of capital crime. In all, with few exceptions, were given to deserving persons or persons who had been guilty of minor offenses. The record of the exercise of the prerogative is definite and clear, so that any man may turn to it and examine the particulars of each grant, with the names of the persons upon whose recommendation it was given. Upon a no more secret record, things were not done in a corner, but openly and with the fullest opportunity for public investigation. Governor Geary is entitled to credit for this explicitness, as well as for the adoption of a most stringent code of rules prepared by his Attorney-General for the purpose of making it difficult to procure a pardon under any circumstances, but impossible unless good cause for its issue could be shown.

So far from then deserving censure for an abuse of his power, Gov. Geary is worthy of eulogy for his firmness in refusing to exercise it where he thought such exercise incompatible with justice and the interests of society. In the cases of Twitchell and Eaton most extraordinary and unusual pressure was brought to bear upon him to induce him even to commute their death sentences; few men, with an election in immediate prospect, could have withstood the entreaties and threats with which he was besieged upon all sides; but Governor Geary did resist them, and the law was vindicated. These facts are well known to the people of this community, and we are not afraid of their verdict when the Governor asks for their approval at the polls; but we protest in the name of decency and truth against persecution of plain facts in the columns of Republican newspapers, which might readily find an explanation of the lawlessness which now reigns in this city, not in Governor Geary's leniency, but in the incompetency and the wanton neglect of proper police regulations on the part of the Democratic authorities of this city.

STOWE-BYRON.

If Mrs. Stowe did not commit a crime in her publication of her alleged interviews with Lady Byron, she certainly perpetrated a stupendous blunder, from the effect of which she will and should never recover. Admitting her story to be true, which we do not, in defiance of every law of nature, Mrs. Stowe has dug up the bones of an old crime, buried fifty years ago, and hawked them among the magazine-publishers, garnishing them up for her market with an amount of decoration which proves that she was bent upon money-making, and by no means averse to spreading her disgusting revelations upon the world. She found her market in the columns of the *Atlantic* and *Macmillan*, and forever damned the pure lustre of her literary fame for the sake of the "filthy pelf" which "makes these enterprising publishers poured into her greedy purse.

Every one who observes human nature at all knows what the very best women in the world can do with a grievance; how it is petted and nursed and fostered; how the profoundest, conscientiousness first connives at its exaggerations and, once cut loose from the moorings of the original fact, then drifts away on the broad waters of a fancy that becomes diseased from the atmosphere of the mind, imagined grievance, until all the headlands of truth are lost sight of, and the outlines of the injury inflicted upon public morals is a serious and an irreparable one. The *Saturday Review* says, truly, upon this point:

"What is gained by this revelation given to the world by Mrs. Beecher Stowe? Lord Byron's fame and influence have passed away. Lady Byron was long ago vindicated. We know quite enough now to know that there was something unspeakably bad and wicked which was the real cause of the separation; and we wanted to know no more. The world in general has learned enough in its final judgment Byron's poetry has suffered, many think, undue depreciation, because by a natural instinct we all know that he was ineffably vile and vicious. Moore's silly and improper book imposed upon us for a time; even Macaulay's vindication was viewed as his one critical blunder; the Countess Guiccioli's nasty book has done her hero more harm than good. In a word, in the world one bit better for having its curiosity rated by the revelation of this tragic tale of incest and adultery? We could quite understand the other alternative. Had Lady Byron, fifty-three years ago, in the interests of religion and morality, denounced her wretched husband—had she, in order to avert the baneful influence which his spurious and debasing poetry was exercising over the minds of the susceptible in the days when the Corsair and Parisina and Don Juan were sold household words—had she, in the eternal interests of right and truth, branded her wedded lord with his incest and adultery, she would, in our judgment, have done a service to society. But now the injury done to Lord Byron is much as our interest in the story of Oedipus or Pelops and Chamus. A morbid and vulgar curiosity is satisfied and slaked with a baleful beverage. It is true that the name of Byron will be a blessing and a source to all generations; but if this is again to the world, it is to be regretted that the last generation, who suffered most by Byron's popularity, was deprived of this antidote to his poisonous influence. Southey's ghost will probably rejoice that there existed no true a justification, though unknown to him, of his phrase of the Satanic school. But we are not so sure that some foolish people among ourselves may not be misled by Lady Byron's amiable sophistry that her husband after all was half angel, even though she has left ample proof that he was a fierce and unmitigated "devil"—to use his own description of himself."

THE SITUATION IN TEXAS.

The rebels in Texas are trying the game which succeeded so well in Virginia and Tennessee, and which was undertaken with a less favorable result in Mississippi. The rebels and Democrats have organized, under a professedly Republican banner, as "Conservative Republicans," and have selected as their representative man Gen. Andrew Jackson Hamilton, a loud-mouthed politician, whose loyalty during the war is his only claim to consideration, as it is the only cloak which disguises the plainly Democratic character of his party. He was chosen, like Senter in Tennessee, and Walker in Virginia, not because the supporters admired him or his professed principles, but because he would give an appearance of unity to the party claim to loyalty and the principles of Republicanism, accepted the nomination, not because he believes in the truthfulness and sincerity of his followers, but because he wanted office badly, and his honest convictions were not stronger than his greediness for place and power. But there is not the slightest probability that Hamilton's party will elect a Legislature of loyal men or of Republicans. If the rebels control the Legislature it makes no difference to them who is nominally their leader; they can defeat his good intentions if he has any, violate the pledges of their platform, cast the State into the hands of the rebels, and do any and all such schemes their suggested by their hatred of the Union and of loyal men, and, Andrew Jackson Hamilton will be as helpless as a dead man. This is precisely what has been done in Virginia and in Tennessee, and what would have been done in Mississippi if President Grant had not repudiated Dent and the trickery which sought to obtain Presidential sanction to the schemes of his friends. We repeat that we perceive that the President has signified his wish that the Hamilton party shall be defeated in Texas, and has given to General Davis, who is the leader of the true Republicans, his cordial sympathy and support. We do not perceive how he could have taken any other course, or indeed how any intelligent Republican can be blind enough to fail to perceive the meaning of the shallow device which places a single Union man at the head of a rebel party in the hope that the real character of the organization may be disguised.

The exhibition of the Horticultural Society closed last night. It has been a most beautiful affair, in all its details, and the best proof of its public appreciation of the efforts of the Society was given by the throngs of delighted visitors who crowded Horticultural Hall until the closing hour.

To-night the Grand Pomological Banquet and Reception comes off, at the same place, at eight o'clock, and will be a most attractive and pleasant affair. We understand that there are a few tickets yet for sale at Mr. Dreer's, and we are requested to enjoin punctual attendance upon the guests of the Society, as the programme for the evening is a full and rich one, and its discussion will commence promptly at the appointed hour.

At the Academy of Music this evening Mrs. Caroline Richings Bernard will have a farewell benefit. *La Traviata* will be produced. We sincerely hope that this entertainment may produce a handsome sum, and we ask that opera goers will see to it that such is the case. Mrs. Bernard is entitled to such a proof of popular regard for her, and more than ever at this time, when she has concluded a rather unprofitable engagement.

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LONDON, Sept. 17, 11 A. M.—Consols opened at 92¾ for money and 92⅝ⅰ for account. American securities quiet. U. S. Five-Twenties of 1862, 93½; 1865s, old, 93½; 1867s, 93½; ten-forties, 78; Erie 25 lbs., 27; Illinois Central, 95. The cotton market is quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 17, 11 A. M.—Cotton steady; Middling Uplands, 13d.; Middling Orleans, 13½d. The sales of the day are estimated at 8,000 bales; the sales of the week were 65,000 bales, of which 17,000 were for exportation and 13,000 for speculation. Stock, 400,000 bales, of which 70,000 are American.

LONDON, Sept. 17, 11 A. M.—Spun Oil, £23. Tallow, fine, 44s. 6d.

LONDON, Sept. 17, 1 P. M.—The rain continues. There is no money for the discount market. American securities quiet; Five-twenties, 93½.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 17, 1 P. M.—Cotton—The sales of the week are now reported at 80,000 bales, including 2,000 for exportation and 3,000 for speculation. Middling Orleans, 13½d.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 17, 3 P. M.—Cotton—The sales of the day will not exceed 7,000 bales. Middling Orleans, 13½d.

Financial Affairs in New York

Money Market Quiet and Easy

Gold Firm with Slight Fluctuations

A Firmer Tone in Governments

[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

NEW YORK, Sept. 17—The money market was quiet and easy this morning at 7 per cent. Gold was firmer, opening at 135¼, and ranging from 135¼ to 135½, and closing at 135¼ bid. The gold market was dull and nominal on the basis of 107½ @108 for coupons of 1862, 107½ @108 for 1864, and 107½ for 1865.

Gold was higher, then firm and the fluctuations slight.—The price ranged from 135¼ to 135½, and closing at the lowest figure, 135¼ bid, 135⅜ asked, at 10 A. M. The balance of the gold not disposed of by the Government was generally sold to-day. The bids amounted to $1,230,000, the offers ranging from 135¼ to 135½. The whole amount, $500,000, was awarded to N. Gelston at 135½, and to Fisk and Hatch at 135¼.

The Government bond market was dull and heavy at the opening, but after words assumed a firmer tone. Southern State securities were quiet and lower on the new Tennessees, but dull on the balance of the list.

The stock market was very heavy at the opening, with a continued pressure to sell, and there was a further marked decline in prices.

At the lowest point of the morning: New-York Central sold down to 192½; Erie, 72½; preferred, 87; St. Paul, 72½; Rock Island, 93; and Pacific, 102. After the noon hour there was some covering on the part of the bears, to compel the Democratic Convention and a firmer tone. New York Central, 201½ @201¾; St. Paul, 73½@73¾; Erie, 73 @73⅝.

Pacific Railway mortgages were decidedly firmer on the Unions to-day; $31 was bid for the Union offerings at 86. Centrals were quoted at 86½.

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