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HON. JOHN B. PACKER,  
OF SUNBURY.

#### ALEXIS.

The long expected arrival of the Grand Duke, Alexis, son of the Czar of all the Russias, was accomplished at New York on Sunday Morning. He was formally received and welcomed to the country on Tuesday, by one of the most imposing civilian military demonstrations ever witnessed there. Gen. Dix was deputed to make the address of welcome, which he did in a very felicitous manner, as follows:

YOUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESS is in the name of the citizens of New York, I have the honor to tender to you a cordial welcome to the United States. It is a great gratification to see within our harbor the gallant squadron which has brought you safely to our shores. It is a still greater gratification to receive among us one of the imperial family of Russia, whose illustrious chief has done so much for the cause of human civilization, and in whose hands the possession of power, under the guidance of Providence, has been devoted to the noblest of uses—the social and political elevation of those who come within the sphere of its exercise. The long and uninterrupted friendship which has existed between Russia and the United States has naturally created a strong sympathy on our part in all that concerns her welfare, and has caused us to regard with deep interest her silent but steady progress eastward, shedding at every advance the lights of Christian civilization over regions which have been bound for ages in comparative darkness and barbarism. Your Imperial Highness will no doubt see much in our country which is novel to a European. Our existence as an independent nation does not yet date one hundred years. Our forms of improvement in industry and art differ in many respects from those of countries whose lives are measured by the lapse of centuries. But in a community in a rapid course of development we trust there may be found much which shall be found interesting and perhaps worthy of being remembered as a source of useful suggestion to political societies of greater age than our own. In the name of those in whose behalf I speak I tender you their sincere wish that you visit to America may be a pleasant one, with the hope that on the return to your own country your Imperial Highness may be able, from what you have seen and heard among us, to convey to his Majesty the Emperor such assurances of the respect and the good will of the Government and the people of the United States.

During the delivery of this short and neat address supreme silence reigned. At its conclusion Alexis, in fluent English, a composed manner, and a voice which revealed his gratification, stepped forward and made this REPLY.

GENERAL DIX, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I present my warmest thanks for the kind feelings to which, on behalf of the people of this great city, you have given expression. The feelings between the United States and Russia are as strong as they are lasting, and never can be broken. I shall pass rapidly through New York to pay my respects to the President of the United States, whose high character is greatly appreciated in Russia. But when I return to New York I shall have great pleasure in accepting the kind hospitality which has been so generously extended to me. I thank you heartily.

The Grand Duke is described as a fine, sturdy fellow, with no nonsense about him. He was dressed in the blue uniform of a lieutenant, and it became him well. He was no decorations. He is a little over six feet in height, broad shouldered and well built, and of good physique in every way. His features are regular and not noticeably prominent in any given particular, but bear a striking resemblance to those of his imperial grandfather, the Emperor Nicholas.

He has a high, intelligent forehead, and his face is open and frank as that of an innocent schoolboy. His hair is blonde, of a darkish hue. He wears short side whiskers, and a neat mustache of the same hue. He has grayish blue eyes, which look straight ahead. His teeth are white and sound, and the word "sound" describes the man. He is in excellent health, and is a fine specimen of manhood, who would be just as much of a man if he were obliged to travel on his merit instead of his title.

THE National Virginian (Republcan), of Richmond, declares that Grant can carry that State by an overwhelming majority, and that in so State of the Union has he warmer or more devoted friends. It says:

His whole course from the termination of the war, the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, through the ordeal of reconstruction to the present day, has been characterized by a degree of chivalrous magnanimity, mistaking as we have at times considered it, that challenged the admiration and secured the respect and affection of the people of Virginia. There is not a Democratic paper in the State which has not been forced to pay tribute to the wisdom and integrity of his administration, and their present attitude toward him,

#### The Democratic Party.

SCRANTON, Nov. 24.—A slight sinking of land over Pine Brook mine, in this city, occurred yesterday, causing no damage. In consequence however, sensational despatches were sent to some papers, which are not justified by the facts, which are as follows:

Years ago a large plot on the outskirts of the city was purposely robbed of all its pillars and supports, with the view of sinking the entire surface. Acres of this ground have fallen during ten years past and become quite solid. The remainder of this plot must fall in time. There are not half a dozen buildings on the whole tract, and these are cheap frame tenements built with the knowledge that the land was expected to cave.

The main portion of Scranton is not undermined and never will be, as there is a vault in the coal mine extending from Stafford and Meadow Brook south, to Providence on the north. The damage by the sinking of the Oxford mine at Hyde Park has been greatly exaggerated. The effect on the surface by the falling of Pine Brook mine is hardly perceptible.

The condition of affairs in Cuba is truly deplorable. Spain, notwithstanding the fact that her treasury is bankrupt, and her people at home discontented and impoverished, is determined to hold on to the island at any cost. The alternate successes of the Spaniards and the insurgents have produced anarchy and confusion nearly all over the island. In Trinidad, for instance, there is a great misery, and robberies are so numerous as to keep the inhabitants in constant alarm. The miserable, tyrannical policy of the Spanish authorities has given them trouble in regard to the slaves, in addition to that caused by the insurgents. The negroes know that the Cuban patriots set all their slaves free, and consequently survive insurrections are constantly to be feared on Spanish plantations. To sum up: the Spaniards seem to have attained but two ends thus far in their efforts to subdue the Cuban insurrection—first, they have still further exhausted their treasury, thereby rendering affairs at home more complicated; and second, they have unloosed the Cubans and caused them to resolve more firmly to be free.

HUSBAND'S LIABILITY FOR WIFE'S BILLS.—An action was decided in Philadelphia, Wednesday, by Judge Thayer, in favor of a husband who had been sued by a dry goods firm for the amount of a bill run up by his wife. Thayer set up that defendant furnished his wife with an ample supply of necessaries. In the course of his charge Judge Thayer said: "It is a false and foolish notion to entertain that a husband is bound to pay all bills contracted by his wife. No such monastic doctrine is allowed in the law. Tradesmen most ascertain the fact, and the true relation of man and wife before allowing the latter to run up bills which is to be looked to for payment." Commenting upon this exposition of law, which ought to be more familiar to all, the Philadelphia Record thinks that when tradespeople come to distinctly understand it, "a very sensible step will have been accomplished toward reform in the wanton extravagance and ruinous folly which under the merciful impulse of the stupid droppings called fashion, so waste the substance, mars the manners, deforms the person, degrades the morals and wrecks the happiness of myriad households and individuals, not only in this community, but throughout the country."

THIRTY years ago the following advertisement appeared in the New Orleans *Advertiser*:

\$5 REWARD—Run away from the subscribers, on the 23d of last month, the negro boy Oscar Dunn, an apprentice to the plastering trade. He is of Griffe color, between 20 and 21 years of age, and about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high. All persons are cautioned not to harbor said boy, under penalty of the law. —Wilson & Parker, corner St. John and Commerce streets.

On Tuesday last this runaway boy died in New Orleans rich, respected, the Lieutenant Governor of the State. Wonderful indeed have been the changes in the South.

The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church met at Rochester recently. The Lutheran denomination in this country number now about five hundred thousand communicants, under the care of two thousand two hundred ministers. They are organized in fifty-five Synods, about forty of which are grouped in three general organizations, of which the general council is the largest and most conservative, and the most substantial. The laity of this church are composed of some of the best citizens of the country, and the clergy rewarded for their learning and theological culture. The Rochester Convention was attended by delegates from Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Texas.

RISTER'S NOTICE.—Notwithstanding the statement we gave in our account in the Register's Office, at Middlebury, that the said account will be paid to the Orphan's Court to be held in Middlebury on the 21st of November, the same will be paid to the court on the 21st of December next, using the 11th day of next month as the day of payment.

The account of Daniel Weirich, Journalist of Henry Clay, one of the other officers of the court, will be paid to the court on the 21st of December, having been granted to the unrepresented, all persons knowing the same. The testator of the will and testament of Mrs. Maria Hall died on the 1st of January, 1869. The first and final account of George Schenck, Esquire of the will and testament of Mary Catharine Becker dead.

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ERICH LEWIS, Of the Pennsylvania Central R.R.

State of Samuel Fuhrman, deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

A Letter of administration on the estate of Samuel Fuhrman, of Middlebury town, Snyder county, deceased, having been granted to the executors of the will, and the same is indebted to said estate are required to make payment without delay, and those having claims on

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