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Notice.—Mr. E. W. Frazier is our traveling agent, authorized to receive subscriptions, advertisements, &c., and to collect money for the Independent Republican.

We are indebted to Messrs. Myer and Chase for various documents from Harrisburg.

We learn by a letter from Lenox township, that we have again been imposed upon by a sham marriage notice, namely, that which a few weeks ago announced the marriage of Mr. William Conroy, of Mass., and Miss E. J. West, of Lenox. We should be glad to discover the perpetrators of these contemptible hoaxes, and shall take such precautions as we trust will lead to their detection, should any be attempted in future.

George W. Wilson, on his return from New York to his home in Auburn, this country, stopped at the St. Nicholas hotel in Wilkesbarre, on the 21st of August last, since which time he has not been heard from. His family are very anxious concerning him, and any information of his whereabouts, addressed to Mr. Wilson, South Auburn, Susquehanna county, Pa., will be thankfully received. Exchange, please copy.

Mr. Wilson continues to prevail in Europe. While preparations are going on actively in France, it is rumored that the Emperor is preparing a surprise for the world, and that war is certain.

Two men named William S. Leach and David Walton were arrested at Pittston, Pa., on Thursday last, for robbing the Pennsylvania Coal Company's office, last October. They were committed.

Mr. Ewbank, formerly Patent Commissioner, read a paper before the New York Ethnological Society, in which he said that "by the application of inanimate forces to raising and reaping staple products of tropical and semi-tropical regions, the labor of negroes may be made unprofitable."

The prospect of a revival of the tariff at the present session, is very beneficial to the revenue and to Pennsylvania's interests. It is very much to be desired that the President should abandon the Democratic doctrine in his recommendation of specific duties.

A fifty-poem prize was offered by a Committee, for the best poem on Burns, to be read at the Centennial celebration of the birthday of the poet, on the 25th ult., in London. There were 621 competitors, but the prize was taken by Miss Lee Craig, a poor Scotch girl, about 25 years of age, who, until recently supported herself and mother by sewing needles. She is now assistant secretary of the "National Association of Social Sciences" in London.

Several of the poems sent to the British prize committee were from the United States. The second poem in the estimation of the judges, was written by a boy of fifteen, named Myers, and is considered quite as extraordinary a performance for a boy of that age as anything of Chatterbox's.

The Harrisburg correspondence of the Pennsylvania Inquirer, of February 18th, contains the following complimentary notice of our Representative:

Mr. Chase, of Susquehanna, was in the chair yesterday and today. In his address to the Convention candidate for the Speakership at the commencement of the session, he withdrew his claims from before the Convention. He is the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, and although he speaks seldom, has much ability as an orator. His views are understood to be intensely Republican, but as the times are rapidly growing more Democratic, he is now leaning toward the party border.

He delivers an address this evening before the Young Men's Christian Association of Harrisburg, and from his abilities as an orator and a scholar, a masterly production may be expected.

Charles H. Weeks, the converted actor, having returned to the stage, publishes in the New York papers a letter, containing the following as his excuse for such a course:

"I will not speak of my anxiety, my sleepless nights, and days of meditation in my efforts to reach the church and serve the Master, nor of the struggles of mind with regard to the temporal present, and the future. Day by day provided me with bread, but day by day the same darkness hovered over my path. I was entirely dependent. This I could not bear; but I was able to bear this for the future good I might accomplish when I was settled as a pastor. I looked forward."

"I saw my mother sinking lower and lower, drawing near and near the grave. I saw the scanty winter clothing of herself and my young sisters, and with the picture of my mother's face before me, I thought, 'I cannot help them—when shall I be able to do so?' my heart grew sick."

"At last I consented, as my church wished it, to go to college for two years, in further preparation for the ministry, trusting in God for my support during this term. But a short time before my intended departure I heard from my mother. She cannot live long. I have two sisters, aged respectively 31 and 15. Shall I, with health and strength, and claiming to be a man, leave them to suffer as I have done? Shall I leave them to battle with this world alone? No! If God in his goodness does not deprive me of reason, which I have at this time feared would be the case. No, if I did not struggle to relieve them, if I did not try in response to their call, I should not be myself a coward, not fit to dwell among men, or worthy a house in heaven. At a moment when my heart seemed vacant, with these facts vividly before me, Mr. Connor, of the Troy theatre, offered me an engagement for three nights. I accepted."

"I ask God to judge the heart and motive. I am willing all Christ to see in this. I do not intend to remain on the stage, if I can help it. I can no longer be happy in a theatrical life. I am commended for this act it will be my own. I cannot help it."

This whole story of the destination of his mother and two young sisters (half sisters) is a pure fabrication. Mr. Caleb Weeks's family, whose scanty winter clothing and "calls for help" are so pathetically described, reside in Montrose, and are in comfortable circumstances, live well, and have never had any help from Charles H. Weeks, nor ever called for any assistance. Neighbor Weeks is an industrious mechanic, and feels quite able to clothe his two little girls, as well as provide education for his family, and would be very glad to have the young man do violence to his feelings by deserting the pulpit for the stage on their account.

The actor is evidently seeking to create a sensation and gain notoriety, but we think he made a great mistake when he sent that letter to the newspapers. About the sincerity of his religious professions there can be no question.

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