☞ We doubt if the following lines, taken from a book recently published in London, have hitherto appeared on this side of the Atlantic. The Book of the Prophet Ezekiel furnishes the subject:

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES.

BY THE REV. DR. CROLLY.

I was in the hand of God;
Borne upon the rushing gale,
On a visioned mount I trod,
Gazing o'er a boundless vale—
Far as the eye could glance, 'twas spread,
With the remnants of the dead.

Sons of the Captivity,
Prince and peasant, warrior, slave,
There lay naked to the sky—
'Twas a ruined Nation's grave;
Death sat on his lonliest throne
In that wilderness of bone.

Morn arose and twilight fell,
Still the bones lay bleached and bare
Midnight brought the panther's yell
Bounding through his human lair,
Till above the world of Clay,
Ages seemed to wear away.

On my spirit came a sound
Like the gush o' desert springs
Bursting o'er the burning ground—
"Prophet of the King of Kings,
Shall not Israel live again?—
"Shall not these dry bones be men?"

Then I stood, and prophesied:
"Come together, bone to bone"
Sudden as the stormy tide,
Thick as leaves by tempest strown,
Heaving o'er the mighty vale,
Shook the remnants cold and pale!

Flesh to flesh was clinging now;
There was seen the warrior limb,
There was seen the princely brow—
But the stately eye was dim;
Mailed in steel, or robed in gold,
All was corpse-like, all was cold.

Then the voice was heard once more—
"Prophet, call the winds of Heaven!"
As along the threshing floor
Chaff before the gale is driven.
At the blast, with shout and clang,
On their feet the myriads sprang!

Flashed to Heaven the visioned steel,
Whirlwind, axe and lightning sword,
Crushing on a bloody field
Syria's chariots, Egypt's horde,
Till on Zion's summit shone,
Israel's Angel-guarded Throne.

Then the Vision swept away;
Thunder's rolled o'er Earth and Heaven,
Like the thunders of the day
When Earth's pillars shall be riven.
Hear I not the rushing wings?
Art thou coming, King of Kings!

Goodness of God.

Wherever we direct our eyes, whether we direct them inward upon ourselves, we behold His goodness to occupy and penetrate the very root and centre of our beings; or extend them abroad toward the things about us, we may perceive ourselves enclosed wholly, and surrounded with His benefits. At home we find a comely body framed by His curious artifice, various organs fitly proportioned, situated and tempered for strength, ornament, and motion, actuated by a gentle heat, and invigorated with lively spirits, disposed to health, and qualified for a long endurance; subservient to a soul endued with divers senses, faculties and powers, apt to inquire after, pursue, and perceive various delights and contents. Or when we contemplate the wonderful works of nature, and, walking about at our leisure, gaze upon this ample theatre of the world, considering the stately beauty, constant order, and sumptuous furniture thereof, the glorious splendor and uniform motion of the heavens, the pleasant fertility of the earth, the curious figure and fragrant sweetness of plants, the exquisite frame of animals, and all other amazing miracles of nature, wherein the glorious attributes of God (especially His transcendent goodness) are most conspicuously displayed, (so that by them not only large acknowledgements, but even congratulatory hymns, as it were, of praise, have been extorted from the mouths of Aristotle, Pliny, Galen, and such like men, never suspected guilty of an excessive devotion,) then should our hearts be affected with thankful sense, and our lips break forth into His praise.—[*Doctor Barrow.*

Thus is Life.

If we die to-day, the sun will shine as brightly and the birds sing as sweetly as to-morrow. Business will not be suspended for a moment, and the great mass will not bestow a thought to our memories. "Is he dead?" will be the solemn inquiry of a few; as they pass to their pleasure or to their work. But no one will miss us, except our immediate connexions; and even in a short time they will forget us, and laugh as merrily as when we sat beside them.

Thus shall we all, now in active life, pass away. Our children crowd close behind us, and they will soon be gone. In a few years, not a living being can say, "I remember him." We live in another age, and did business with those who have long since slumbered in the tomb. This is life. How rapidly it passes? O, blessed are they who are held in everlasting remembrance!

Industry.

Boys should be industrious, busy, and active ever desiring and aiming at improvement. Happiness and success in life depend upon this usefulness in the world—an object worth living for—is greatly promoted by an economical appropriation of our time. Spare moments—the golden sands of life—should all be turned to good account.—Much is to be learned, and more if possible, is to be accomplished. Time, even if lengthened beyond our reasonable expectation, is not too long to be appropriated to those virtuous uses which the Great Dispenser of all our blessings requires of our hands.

When not actively engaged in bodily labor, let the mind take its alternate turn at some laudable object or useful purpose; even then, when the muscles are in action, the higher organization of thought and mental application may not remain idle; mind may, and should, predominate over matter; therefore let the faculties of the soul expand and mount upward on the rapid wings of improvement and a legitimate and rational system of enjoyment.—[*N. E. Farmer*

Allegorical.

A traveler, setting out upon a long journey, was assailed on the road by curs, mastiffs, and half-grown puppies, which came out of their kennels to bark at him as he passed along. He often dismounted from his horse to drive them back with stones and sticks, into their hiding places. This operation was repeated every day, and sometimes as often as twenty times a day. The consequence was, that more than half the traveler's time was consumed in chasing these dog-puppies. At last, he was overtaken by a neighbor, who was going the same road, but who had set out a long time after him. The latter traveler was very much surprised to find the other no farther on his journey; and on hearing the reason, "Alas!" said he, "is it possible that you have lost your time and wasted your strength in this idle occupation? These same animals have beset me along the road, but I have saved my time and labor in taking no notice of their barkings, while you have lost yours in resenting insults which do you no harm, and chastising dogs and puppies, whose manners you can never mend."

Hints to Ladies.

If you dance well—dance but seldom.
If you dance ill—never dance at all.
If you sing well—make no puerile excuses.
If you sing indifferently, hesitate not a moment when you are asked, for few persons are competent judges of singing, but every one is sensible of a desire to please.

If in a conversation you think a person wrong, rather hint a difference of opinion, than offer a contradiction.

It is always in your power to make a friend by smiles, what folly to make enemies by frowns.

When you have an opportunity to praise, do it with all your heart.

When you are forced to blame, do it with reluctance.

If you are envious of another woman, never show it but by allowing her every good quality and perfection, except those which she really possesses.

If you wish to let the world know you are in love with a particular man, treat him with formality, and every one else with ease and freedom.

If you are disposed to be pettish or insolent, it is better to exercise your ill-humor on your dog, your cat, or servant, than your friend.

If you would preserve beauty, rise early.
If you would preserve esteem, be gentle.
If you would obtain power, be condescending.

FREEDOM.

Better to sit in freedom's hall,
With a cold damp floor and a mouldering wall,
Than to bend the neck and bow the knee
In the proudest palace of slavery.

The Morning Post.

L. HARPER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

PITTSBURGH:
THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 14, 1849.

☞ For Commercial and River News, see next Page.

The Latest News, Market Reports, &c., will be found under Telegraphic Head.

A Reward.

We shall pay a handsome reward to any person or persons who will deliver to us, any time before the election, a genuine copy of the ten hour resolutions which were prepared by a portion of the whigs of this city, to offer in their late Convention, but which were rejected by the old-hunkers and monopolists, who now control that party. We are in earnest in this matter; and we assure the Whigs that the reward will be paid, *not in Taylor promises*, but in the real "Benton Mint Drops."

Col. Benton's Speech.

The editor of the St. Louis Union has printed for circulation a pamphlet edition of 20,000 copies of Col. Benton's great speech, at the Capitol. Mr. Phillips says: "We trust that every citizen in the state of Missouri, will read this speech and reflect on it dispassionately. On it alone, so far as the subject discussed is concerned, Col. Benton might with safety rest his political fate. It is in fact, in the main, unanswerable."

Gen. Larimer.

We have just learned the vote by which our friend *(late Major)* Larimer was elected to the office of *General*; and popular as we know our friend to be, we must say that he has distanced our expectations. The contest was between him and Col. HIRAM HULTZ—who is a whig, is Prothonotary of this county, is Aid to Governor Johnston, has been in the Legislature, and of course is popular. But, it may be said Gen. Larimer was no new "Richmond in the field," and not unknown to fame. We do recollect that he was a Senatorial Elector on the Free Soil ticket, but that was not a very lucrative office, nor was it calculated to produce the results which we wish to chronicle. We can only ascribe the popularity of Gen. Larimer to his *bon-homme*, and his *democracy*, for we claim him as the democratic candidate. Well, now for the vote: Major Larimer had 622 votes; Col. Hultz had 188 votes; and thus by the extraordinary majority of 434 Larimer was made Brigadier General. May he long wear his blushing honor!

We observe that our old friend, R. M. RIDDLE, of the *Pittsburgh Journal*, is engaged in the Herculean labor of explaining Gen. Taylor's pledges. There is no man more able to explain the General's views than the editor of the *Commercial Journal*. He knows him like a book, and, besides, he has had a conversation with him on the Tariff. JOHN MINOR BOTTS slept with President TYLER, and from that slight intercourse, he was enabled to indicate the whole policy of the great Accidency. R. M. RIDDLE has had a talk with President TAYLOR, and he is now as competent to post up old Rough and Ready as JOHN M. BOTTS was to expose TYLER after he had slept with him.—*St. Louis Union.*

☞ Nothing has recently appeared in the columns of the Commercial Journal, explanatory of Gen. Taylor's pledges and opinions; and the idea now generally prevails in this community, that the Editor of that paper does not enjoy the confidence of the Administration at Washington. Certain it is, that no Executive patronage has, as yet, been bestowed upon Mr. RIDDLE, in consideration of his early and zealous advocacy of Taylorism. He had old Zach's name at the head of the Journal, when a dozen of individuals could not be found in Pittsburgh to organize a Taylor meeting in the old Court House. For some reason, to us inexplicable, the Gazette has managed to secure all the Government patronage for this region, notwithstanding its opposition to and abuse of, Gen. Taylor, previous to his nomination. Indeed, the Gazette refused, for some days after the election, to raise the Taylor Banner at all.

We therefore protest against the Editor of the Journal being considered as an exponent of the views of Gen. Taylor, until we have some visible signs of the Old Chief's benevolence in the columns of that paper. We hope that our friend PHILLIPS, of the Union, will not insist upon Mr. RIDDLE "explaining Gen. Taylor's views."

☞ We find that the effort will be a fruitless one, to induce the whig Editors of this city to explain why no ten hour resolutions were adopted in the recent Whig County Convention. Has the whig party of this county changed its views, on that subject, since their Convention of 1848? That is a plain question, and easily answered. If the whigs intend to repeal the ten hour law next winter, they should say so now, so that the people of the county, especially the workingmen, may vote understandingly. From all we can hear we believe it is the intention of the whigs, should they be in the majority at the next session of the Legislature, to repeal the ten hour law. Let whig workingmen who have so often been deceived by the false and treacherous leaders of that part, act hereafter with the Democracy, who are their only true, honest and sincere friends.

The Lady's Book for July.

The July number of Gody's Lady's Book has been received. It contains 84 pages, 36 of which are extra. The engravings are very fine indeed, especially the one entitled "returned from his travels."—The contents are of the most pleasing character. Altogether, it is a good number, and excels any of its predecessors. The book can be had at all the periodical agencies in this city.

☞ We are indebted to some unknown friend, who says he is "a whig," for a pamphlet of 65 pages, entitled, "A Defence of the Grant Street Baptist Church, against the charge of Corruption in the Administration of her Discipline: Published by order of the Church. Pittsburgh: printed by A. A. Anderson, 1848." We have read this pamphlet with considerable interest; and shall probably, hereafter, make extracts from its pages. We would advise those who may wish to see a picture of the christian meekness and benevolence of one of the candidates on the whig assembly ticket, to procure a copy of this pamphlet.

☞ The work of Proscription is going on at Washington without intermission. This no-party administration are carrying out their professions with a vengence. The very best men in the nation have been dismissed from office, solely on account of their supposed partiality for the Democratic party, and brawling "ultra whigs" appointed to fill their places. And yet Gen. Taylor says that he is a "second Washington!"

PHILOSOPHY.—A curious instance of philosophy, under trying circumstances, occurred at St. Louis, on the night of the great fire there, the 17th ult. A very worthy commander of one of the burning boats had saved his trunk, and had returned to the boat to assist the pilot, but on coming on shore he found his clothes had absquatulated. "Your boat is burning, captain!" chimed a host of friends who were standing near, as if the blazing cabin was no sufficient evidence. "Oh, damn the boat!" exclaimed the bereaved of his linen—"they've stolen my trunk."

L. HARPER.—Permit we through the columns of your paper, to let the people know that the promises of the *Whig* party are not in accordance with their actions. The Collector of the Third Ward, Allegheny city, will not take scrip for the payment of taxes due the city when the amount due is under one dollar. In this way hundreds and thousands of the honest sons of toil are imposed upon because they are poor, while the *rich man* can pay his taxes in scrip, because he is rich. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

SHAME.

EDITORIAL VARIETY.

☞ The Columbia Democrat, at Bloomsburgh, has raised the name of John A. Gamble, Esq., to its mast head, as the Democratic candidate for Canal Commissioner, subject to the decision of the State Convention.

A PRIZE FIGHT IN NEW YORK.—Two Irishmen entertained a crowd in an open lot in the 1st Avenue, New York, on Friday, by a regular ring fight. Sixteen to eighteen rounds were fought, when one *was* conquered, and the parties dispersed, unmolested by the police.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Legislature of this State met at Concord, on the 6th inst. In the Senate William P. Weeks, dem., was chosen President; and in the House Samuel H. Ayer, dem., Speaker.

KENTUCKY.—Gen. Leslie Combs declines being a candidate for Congress in the Eighth District of Kentucky. The reason is, that he is not willing to distract the Whig party. C. S. Moorehead is the regular Whig candidate, and S. F. J. Trabue, is the candidate of the Natives.

☞ The whole number of children in Missouri, over 6 and under 20 years of age, reported for the year, 1848, is 149,632. Upon this basis, and not upon the number attending school, the school money is distributed. The amount apportioned to the several counties is $59,687 46.

☞ Isaac P. Walker who was instructed to resign his seat in the United States Senate by the Wisconsin Legislature, is to issue an address to his constituents, in which he will attempt to prove that those legislators had acted injudiciously in calling upon him to yield up his office.

☞ A young lady about eighteen years of age, named Louisa Anderson, daughter of Mr. Anderson of Warren, Marshall county, Ala., was killed by lightning on the 21st ult. The lightning struck the chimney, killing her, but not hurting others of the family in the same room.

☞ We learn from the N.Y. Express that arrangements are in progress for the formation of a company to manufacture American steel. A site has been selected on the banks of the Potomac, which has the requisite power for converting and melting the metal.

CALIFORNIA GOLD.—Peter H. Burnett, of Missouri, writing to Col. Doniphan, says:

"The accounts you have seen of the gold region are not *over colored*. About $25 per day is the amount of the produce of one hand. I was in the mines forty days, and was careful to make an accurate estimate. THE GOLD IS POSITIVELY INEXHAUSTIBLE. ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS will be taken out annually in the course of two years.—Town lots at San Francisco are worth $10,000, for the best, and no title at that."

☞ The Oxford Herald mentions a report hitherto uncontradicted, that the late Viscount Melbourne was privately received into the Church of Rome several years previous to his death, and was a Catholic when he was Premier of England.

☞ Mr. G. W. Hildreth, of Lockport, N. Y., has completed a model for a telegraph, in which the wires were laid under ground, enclosed in iron pipes. The expenses of a single wire will be $200 per mile.

The following is a true copy of a superscription of a letter which passed through our city post office last week.—*Hannibal Journal.*

"to my dear ant Sally
She Cawgar
Ilinoize

I had a short ager spell to-day."

Allegheny County Agricultural Society.

June 13th, 1849. Board of Managers met, according to adjournment, and organized by calling Mr WM. MORRISON, of Ohio Township, to the Chair and appointing JOHN BOYLE, of Indiana Township, Secretary.

The first business was the reading of the Minutes of last meeting, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the By-Laws, as reported by Messrs Scott and Murdock, be brought before the Managers for adoption.

The various sections read by the Secretary of said By-Laws, was considered by the Board and adopted.

Resolved, That Mr. J. Scott be appointed Treasurer.

The Committee from each township being called to Report.

Lower St. Clair,	ALEX. CARNAGHAN, Esq.
" "	W. DILWORTH.
" "	WM. PATTON.
Borgh Sharpsburgh,	B. WOOD.
" "	JOHN MILLER.
" "	JAMES O'HARRA.

Resolved, That John Herron pay over to the Treasurer the money on hands and report.

Resolved, That the present Committee continue their exertions in soliciting subscribers.

Resolved, That we meet on the first Saturday of July.

WM. MORRISON,	President.
JOHN BOYLE,	Secretary.
JOHN M'CLOSKEY.	
ERASMUS COOPER.	
JAMES WILLIAMS.	
JOHN HERRON.	
JOHN SCOTT.	
JOHN GARRARD.	
SAMUEL M'CASLIN.	

Resolved, That the Editors of the papers friendly to the cause, be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

Pacific Railroad.

The St. Louis Union of the 6th inst. contains the proceedings of a public meeting, held in that city, in relation to the project of a railroad to the Pacific ocean. Hon. JAMES G. BARRY, Mayor, was called to the Chair, and Col. JOHN O'FALLEN, DAVID CHAMBERS and A. R. MCNAIR appointed Vice Presidents. Capt. *Richard Phillips* and *A. B. Chambers*, Secretaries.

The Union states that the meeting appeared to act with unanimity, so far as the great project of the Pacific Railroad was concerned, discarding all jealousy, or party feeling with the undertaking, and inviting a cordial participation from all parts of the United States, in the National Convention, on the subject, in October next.

The following amongst other resolutions were adopted by the meeting:

Resolved, That this meeting cordially approve of the recommendations made by the city authorities, of holding a great National Convention in St. Louis, on the third Monday of October next, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency and practicability of establishing a line of electric telegraph, and of constructing a Railroad from St. Louis to the Bay of San Francisco.

Resolved, That the project of a great line of railway across the American Continent, is, in all its aspects, a national project—that, as such, it is due to every state and section of the Union, that their opinions and views shall be heard, and their interests fairly considered—and that we deprecate any attempt to excite sectional jealousy, party rivalry, or personal feeling, in reference to this important subject.

Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of twenty-five, whose duty it shall be to prepare an address to the people of the United States urging them to take into their serious consideration these interesting subjects—to open and conduct a correspondence, with every portion of the Union, in such manner as to further the objects of this meeting—to collect, prepare and publish all the facts calculate to recommend these subjects to public consideration, and to suggest when and how they ought to be accomplished—and, finally, to prepare and classify, and have printed for the use of the members of the October Convention, every fact within their power, calculated to shed light upon these subjects, together with a map and profile sections, made up from the best authorities.

Resolved, That the whole people of the United States be, and they are hereby invited to send delegates to the contemplated convention, and that the hospitalities of this city are hereby cordially proffered to all such as may honor us by their attendance.

On motion of G. R. Taylor, it was

Resolved, That the committee of twenty-five be instructed to invite distinguished persons of the several states in the Union to attend the proposed convention.

The meeting then adjourned until the first Monday in September next.

Public Meeting.

The following Proceedings of the great meeting of the People, held in the Eighth Ward, on Saturday last, were accompanied by the Report of the Committee and their correspondence with Messrs. WILLIAMS, DARRAGH and FORWARD.

The Report and Correspondence were received at too late an hour for publication in the Post of this morning.

WHEREAS, The conduct of the city councils, the street commissioner of the second district, and of the contractors in relation to the grading, paving, and other projected improvements of Pennsylvania Avenue, rendered it necessary to call attention to the public and private [grievances created thereby, and to ask for redress.

AND WHEREAS, The contractors not content with obstructing, unnecessarily, improperly, and illegally the said Avenue, by the mode pursued in filling and grading the same, have avowed that it was so done with the design to embarrass the business of the citizens using said street; and further, the street commissioner not only neglected said street, but has considered it as not at all under his supervisory care during the existence of the contract.

AND WHEREAS, The memorial of the people and of the turnpike company, has been treated with inattention by the councils, and with marked disrespect by the President of the Select Council, therefore,

Resolved, That duty to ourselves and the public impels us to recommend to all individuals who have received special damage from the passive neglect or mischievous action of city authorities or agents, to sue the city as well as the contractors, and for the purpose of bringing the street commissioner to a sense of his responsibility, as an officer of the public, this meeting recommends that he be prosecuted for neglect of duty, if such neglect be longer continued.

Resolved, That though the contractors to grade and pave Pennsylvania Avenue, are held under a heavy penalty to fulfil faithfully their contract, past experience of the inefficiency of city authorities, in such cases, forbids the expectation that even if incurred, said penalty will be willingly enforced by them; therefore, be it further

Resolved, That George Moore Wm. P. Scaife, Thomas T. Marks, Edward D. Gazzam, Wm. Reis, George C. Bowers, John Stephens, Ralph Reed, and Daniel Sheran, be a committee of vigilance and inspection, whose duty it will be to notice the manner and time in which the work is done, and to secure during its progress the necessary witnesses to prove any breach of contract that may take place; and that said committee be instructed to address the citizens of Pittsburgh in case the city authorities neglect or refuse to enact the penalty to which the city will in such case be entitled.

Resolved, That if the contractors do not finish the work within the requisite time, and do it for the future in a proper and legal manner, it will become the duty of councils to exact the prescribed penalty, and also to instruct their committies and recommend to their successors never again to give a contract to the said contractors.

The question on the resolutions having been put, they were unanimously adopted.

It was then, on motion of Dr. E. D. GAZZAM, seconded by Dr. *Alex. Black*,

Resolved, That a committee of this meeting be requested to see the chairman of the street committee, and ascertain the present views of the street committee, in relation to the contract and work on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published in the daily papers of the city.

DANIEL SHERRAN, Chairman.

RALPH REED, } Secretaries.
GEO. C. BOWERS, }

Collection of Newspapers.

TO THE EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS OF THE UNITED STATES.—Mr. Vattemare wishes to place in the "American Library," which is now being formed in the City Hall at Paris—"A collection of American Newspapers, presented to the City of Paris, by the Journalists of the United States,—July 4th, 1849." He will thank all editors and publishers to send to the "Boston Daily Bee" (the editor of which has undertaken to form the collection) a copy of their paper published on the Fourth of July, 1849, with a copy of each semi-weekly and weekly which they may issue during the first week in July. Papers published in other American nations, and old or rare newspapers, will also be thankfully received. Acknowledgements will be made through the Bee of all donations received.

A CONFIDANT OF MARRIED LADIES.—The editor of the Racine Advocate, in a long article on politeness to ladies, gives the following advice, resulting from his valuable experience as a confidant:

"A word to married men. We have nothing to say to married women, *because they understand* just what to do; but we regret to say that married men are not what they ought to be, one half the time. They do not show enough attention to their wives. This is strange, but it is true. *We know it from what we have seen, and from revelations made to us by married women.* Now then,—" A word to married men. *Remember to be polite to your own wives, for if you are not, others will be.*"

He should write a book on this interesting subject.

A QUESTION.—The Editor of the National Whig says:

"We notice that many of our cotemporaries predict, with a good deal of assurance, that we will be sent out as Minister either to France or to Spain, while others assert, with equal assurance, that we will be made a Charge des Affaires to either Rome, Naples, or Brussels."

We are not greatly astonished at the anxiety manifested to get our cotemporary out of the country; his transcendant political abilities are disturbing the settled condition of the world. By the way, is there not a Consulate at New South Wales?—*Philadelphia News.*

☞ It is in this manner that Judge CONRAD, of the News, compliments his brother whig of the government paper (that wishes to be) at Washington. The Judge must have a care, or perhaps the bloody-minded Snethen will have him removed from the Collector's office in Philadelphia!

HE MENDED A BROKEN HEART BY BREAKING HIS NECK.—We learn from the New Castle (Ia.) Courier, that on the 28th ult, Solomon Conrad, living near Louisville in that county, cut short his earthly career by hanging himself with a piece of check lines, which he fastened to the joice of a stable. He was about 30 years of age, and the cause which led to the rash deed was unrequitted love. The Courier makes the following philosophical reflections upon the occurrence:

"Strange, that in this country, where there is such a variety of female beauty and excellence, that any person can become so enamored with a single lump of humanity that "reason forsakes her throne," and causes the ill-fated one to end his mortal career in such a shocking manner. But it seems that there are, and always will be individuals, who cannot withstand the crosses to which the human race is liable."

THE OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA.—George Buckhard, living in Harlan county, Kentucky, is one of the most extraordinary men of the age, and perhaps is the oldest man now known to be living. He is one hundred and fourteen years old; was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, and has lived for several years in a hollow sycamore tree, of such dimensions as to contain his family, consisting of a wife and five or six children, bed, and bedding, cooking utensils, &c. The exploring agent of the American Bible Society, in his travels in Kentucky, recently found him, and also saw respectable gentlemen who have spent one or more nights with him in this singular home. He professes to hold the Lutheran faith, being of a German family, and received the Bible with peculiar manifestations of gratitude. What a life for one man to spend! What a long train of events has marked the century through which he has drawn the thread of existence!—*Bible Society Record for May.*

☞ We are not ashamed of any thing the National Whig ever said.—*National Whig.*

The National Whig introduced General Taylor's Signal letter to its readers under the startling head of a "*a Forged Letter from General Taylor*," and remarked, "We do not hesitate to pronounce it a forgery—a base, contemptible forgery." " " " "There is nothing like General Taylor in this *silly* letter. The whole world will pronounce it a counterfeit at once, because the whole world knows the *style* of the hero of Buena Vista."

Such are some of the base slanders you published against General Taylor. You are now publishing equally base ones against the Democratic party.—Who can expect such a man to be ashamed of any thing.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

THE LOVE OF PRAISE.—The love of distinction pervades every class of society. The lines of the poet Young are beautifully expressive of this universal passion:

The love of praise, however concealed by art,
Glows more or less, and reigns in every heart.
The proud to gain it toils on toils endure;
The modest shun it, but to make it sure,
'Tis aids the dancer's skill, the writer's head—
And heaps the plain with mountains of the dead,
No ends it here; it nods with sable plume—
Shines on our hearse, and glitters on our tomb.

A GEM.

Once from a cloud a drop of rain
Fell trembling in the sea,
And when she saw the wide spread main,
Shame veiled her modesty.

"What place in this wide sea have I,
What room is left for me?
Sure it were better that I die,
In this immensity?"

But while her self-abashing fear
Its lowliness confessed,
A shell receiv'd and welcom'd her,
And press'd her to its breast.

TO DRIVE AWAY RATS.—Mr. Charles Pierce, of Milton, pounded up potash and strewed it around their holes and rubbed some on the sides of the boards, and under parts where they came through. The next night he heard squeaking among them, which he supposed was from the caustic nature of the potash which got among their hair and on their bare feet. They disappeared, and he has not been troubled with them since that time, which was nearly a year ago.—*Boston Cultivator.*

HEROIC AGE—*Gen. Taylor's Shirts.*—An able and witty writer for the Union says:

"The anticipated recommendation to have the public grounds closed, because the Executive lost a shirt from the clothes-line in the Park the other evening, will be resisted by the unwashed Taylor men, on the ground that General Washington never kept the people from the public grounds for a shirt, and never would have put such a thing in his message to Congress, even if the plunderers had taken breeches and all."

MDLLE. JENNY LIND.—We have it, on good authority that the marriage of Mdlle. Lind with Mr. Harris is finally broken off on the ground of settlement. A handsome annuity was to have been settled on him, but it transpired that a still larger amount would have been more convenient. This raised doubts as to the disinterestedness of the party and Mademoiselle departed for Paris. We have seen it stated that Mdlle. Lind had recently been married at her villa at Brompton by special license, and that she had settled £700 per annum upon her husband. Of course such statement is incorrect.—*Manch. Cour.*

INDIANA DEBT.—Mr. Collins, financial agent of the State of Indiana, has issued a circular to the bondholders, requesting their assent to a proposition to defer the payment of the January instalment of interest until the first Monday in March in each year, for three years to come; interest for the extended period to be paid at the rate of 6 per. cent. No change is contemplated as to the July dividend. The reason for wishing the January deforment is that the annual payment of taxes does not take place till February, thus rendering the negotiation of temporary loans necessary to meet the payments.

RAILROADS IN THE WEST.—Charters for a railway from Toledo, through Southern Michigan and around the southern bend of Lake Michigan, to Chicago, have been secured by a company of New York capitalists. A railway from Chicago west to the Mississippi is being constructed. It is expected that the Ohio Railroad Company will be soon revived, under its character, and the line from Toledo to Dunkirk completed at an early day.

WHO IS ORLANDO BROWN?—Since the appointment of this gentleman to the office of Superintendent of Indian affairs in place of Col. Medill, removed, the press of both parties have asked "who is Orlando Brown?" We are glad to be able to inform the anxious. A Cincinnati paper knows him. He is the son of John Brown, has a brother Mason Brown! We got this important information from the Cincinnati Chronicle, which came through by Express.

NEWSPAPERS IN EUROPE.—The London Times, a daily paper, costs $45 per year. The same rate is charged for the Morning Chronicle, Daily News, Globe, Herald and Post. The London Evening mail is published three times a week at $25 a year. The London semi-weekly, $16 50 per annum, and weeklies at $12 and $9. The French Daily papers, the large ones, are about the same price as the London prints; those about the size of our penny papers cost $20 and $25 per annum. The German dailies cost $22 to $36 per annum.—*Phil. Enquirer.*

SINGULAR DISCOVERY.—We are informed that last week, Mr. Samuel Blanchard of Prospect was looking for some stones of peculiar shape, at low water mark, on Sandy Point, near William French's, when he discovered thirty-six cannon balls, from 10 to 24 pounds, lying buried beneath the surface, covered with a sort of cement, and stacked in as perfect a pyramid form as they are in Charlestown navy yard. It is a matter for much speculation how they came there.—*Belfast Journal.*

THE LAST CALIFORNIAN.—On Monday last we saw a man standing his way to El Dorado in a covered Canadian French cart, drawn by a single poney. He had come all the way from Kingston, Canada. It is supposed that he was the last Canadian going to California; and there being but this poney and half a wagon left, he "ordered it up and went it alone."—*Iowa Reporter.*

TURNED BACK.—Four Canadian gentlemen passed through this city yesterday on their return from Independence, having abandoned their expedition to California. The party originally consisted of eight, but the bones of four of the number now moulder in the earth at Independence.—*Chicago Dem.*

A LONG PAUSE.—An old gentleman riding over Putney bridge, turned round and said—"Do you like eggs, John?"

"Yes sir," was the reply.

Here the conversation ended. The same gentleman, while riding over the same bridge that day twelvemonth, again turned round and said,

"How?"

"Boiled, sir," was the answer.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.—A lady whose education had been neglected, says the N. Y. Star, lately desired her black girl to go to the store on the corner, and ask some one if Austria was in Hungary. The girl delivered her errand—"Missus wants you to send her some oysters as she is hungry."

Married.

On Tuesday morning, June 12th, Mr. JOHN ARMSTRONG, of Pittsburgh, to Miss MARY JANE MATTHEWS, of Allegheny City.

At Chillicothe, Ohio, on Thursday evening, 7th inst., by the Rev. T. Woodrow, Rev. JOSEPH R. WILSON, of Canonsburgh, Pa., youngest son of Hon. James Wilson, Steubenville, Ohio, to Miss JANE E. WOODROW, of Columbus, formerly of Chillicothe.

At Wellsburgh, Va., by the Rev. J. Dallas, Dr. MILTON BRICKLAND, of North Carolina, (late Florence, Pa.,) and Miss LUCY COX, of Wellsburg, Va.

OBITUARY.

DIED:—On Sunday evening, June 10th, after a few hours' illness, of Cholera, Mrs. MARY BAILEY, consort of Mr. JOHN P. GLASS, in the 26th year of her age.

That fell destroyer of human life, that "walketh in darkness"—the Cholera—has thus early taken from her sphere of usefulness, the kind mother, the faithful and affectionate wife, and the happy companion of the domestic hearth.

There are few, perhaps, gifted with a more versatile and practically useful mind, than was possessed by the subject of this obituary. She was one of that class whose virtues shone most conspicuously in the domestic circle, and around her own fireside. She possessed that rare vivacity of disposition that not only rendered herself happy, but enabled her to diffuse the same happiness throughout the circles in which she moved. She was generous, benevolent, and frank; and in the various relations of life, where this happy combination of character was exhibited, she necessarily became the admiration of friends, and the desirable companion of all who knew her.

That she has gone to that other, that better, and that brighter world, where the "weary are at rest," none who knew her will doubt. A fond husband and three dear children now bewail her loss. May they, in their lives, fully appreciate her example, and emulate her virtues.

J. P.

☞ BRIG. GEN. J. H. WATSON will be supported for Major General, at the ensuing election.

YORK INFANTRY.

Elizabeth, June 13, 1849.—jel4:d&wtd)

NOTICE.—The Stockholders of the Farmer's Deposite Bank of Pittsburgh intend making application to the next Legislature, for such alteration of their Charter as will give them Banking privileges; or, if deemed expedient, will ask to be incorporated as a new Bank.

By order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN MAGOFFIN, Clerk.
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☞ Harrisburg Telegraph copy till Legislature meets, and send bill to this office.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE—A valuable Property of 90 feet front by 250 deep, with a good Frame Dwelling House of hall and six rooms, cellar, &c.; out oven, pump, stable and garden; also, fruit and shade trees, grape vines, &c.; situate on Saw-mill Run or continuation of East street, Allegheny. Price, $1,000.—Terms: $300 in hand; balance at four equal yearly payments. S. CUTHBERT, Gen Agent,
jel4 Smithfield street.

DEARBOURN WAGON AND HARNESS AT AUCTION.—This day, Thursday, June 14th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold, at McKenna's Auction Rooms, 1 splendid second-hand Dearbourn Wagon and Harness. JAMES McKENNA,
jel4 Auctioneer.

30 BBLS. NEW HERRING—Just received and for sale by (jel4) ARMSTRONG & CROZER.

PECANS—6 bbls., just received and for sale low by
jel4 ARMSTRONG & CROZER.

20 SACKS DRIED APPLES—Just rec'd and for sale by (jel4) ARMSTRONG & CROZER.

BACON—4 casks, just rec'd and for sale by
jel4 ARMSTRONG & CROZER.

50 SACKS OATS—Received and for sale by
jel4 ARMSTRONG & CROZER.

LOCAL MATTERS.

SALE OF LOTS.—The sale of Allegheny City Lots, the proceeds to be appropriated toward the redemption of the Allegheny City Scrip now in circulation, and so much depreciated, took place on Tuesday. Forty of the Lots were sold to the following individuals at the following prices, rating in all $57,445 to the city. Nineteen of the lots remain unsold, but will be disposed of on Tuesday next:

No. 1.	J. T. M'Cance,	$3,180
" 2,	John Lindsay,	2,425
" 3,	do	2,400
" 4,	John Gebhart,	2,400
" 5,	John McGratty,	2,500
" 6,	H. P. Swartz,	2,600
" 7,	Edward Greer,	2,590
" 8,	L. McIntosh,	2,650
" 9,	Marshall, Wallace & Co.,	2,790
" 10,	do	3,500
" 11,	John Vickery,	3,170
" 21,	M. Connelly,	2,750
" 29,	Marshall, Wallace & Co.,	2,300
" 30,	do	3,180
" 31,	John Alexander,	3,660
" 32	do	2,610
" 33	do	2,370
" 34,	John Horner,	2,370
" 37	John Parker,	2,340
" 39	Alexander King,	2,370
" 49	Mercer & Robinson,	3,170
		$57,445

ASSAULT AND BATTERY, WITH INTENT TO KILL.—A young man, named Addison Parsons, made information before the Mayor, yesterday, against Andrew Connor and his wife, for assault and battery with intent to kill. From the testimony before the Mayor, it appears that Connor attacked Parsons with a stick, and after striking him several times, pulled out a pistol and shot at him. Mrs. Connor, thinking that her husband would not be enough for Parsons, went to his assistance with a butcher knife, and made an ugly gash in Parson's ear. Warrants were issued and Mrs. Connor arrested, and, in default of bail, committed to prison. The officers have been unable to catch Connor. Parsons was badly injured. From what we have been able to learn, they are all a "bad lot."

A GOOD SPRING.—It is said that they have a spring in the 8th ward, (remember we do not vouch for the truth of it,) whose waters are of a quality generally sought after by the votaries of the jolly god Bacchus. The Squire informs us that a worshipper at the shrine of the above named ancient gentleman, has been lying beside this spring in a "happy state of sweet oblivious" drunken stupor, since Saturday, and that apparently the water which gushes forth from the aforesaid "bubbling spring," is his only meat and drink. To be drunk so long on water, we presume that the fellow must have had a "good time of it."

THAT BOX.—That box which has created so much surprise and inquiry in the 8th ward, a few days since, still remains untouched, and the object of the visit and gaze of hundreds daily. If some practical joker has been "trying things on," he has done it successfully, for nothing is talked of in that ward but the box and bloody sheet. If not a joke, there is certainly a mystery about it that time alone will solve. "Foul deeds will rise, though all the world o'erwhelm them to men's eyes," so says the great poet, and we believe him right.

BILLIARD ROOMS.—Messrs. Chestnut & Armstrong have fitted up their Billiard Rooms on Fourth street, near Smithfield, in an excellent manner