

The Family Circle.

Who are the spirits watching by the dead? Faith, from whose eyes a solemn light is shed...

The greatest flood has the sweetest ebb, the sweetest calm the most sudden calm; the hottest love the coldest end; and from the deepest desire often times ensues the deadliest hate.

I did not know, till she was lost, How much she was beloved; She knows it in that better world To which she is removed.

Call not that man wretched, who, whatever else he suffers as to pain inflicted or pleasure denied, has a child for whom he hopes and on whom he leans.

I felt my sorrow ere it came, As storms are felt on high, Before a single cloud descends Their presence on the sky.

So great a portion of our time is occupied by the mere pleasures of life that few hours of leisure is allowed for reflection on the past, or meditation on the future.

Strong as the death it masters, is the hope That onward looks to immortality; Let the frame perish, so the soul survive, Pure, spiritual, and loving. I believe

Mr. BARBER—Should you consider the following lines worthy a place in the "Sunday Evening" corner of your Journal, they are at your disposal.

ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE SCRIPTURES. We have weeks wrote and published, whose style of composition we look upon with pleasure and admiration; many of which are indeed wonderful, and constitute ornaments, leaving ornaments of the ages in which they were originally produced.

Support your Mechanics.—There is scarcely any thing, says the Knickerbocker, which lends more to the improvement of the town, than a fair liberal support of the mechanic of every description.

Population is necessary to the prosperity of any country—and the population being of an honest and industrious character, renders prosperity more certain, uniform and unvarying.

To afford ample support to this class of citizens, so highly useful and necessary, is certainly the duty of those engaged in other pursuits. Some branches of the mechanic arts to sustain no competition from abroad; the nature of their business preventing such inroads or interferences; others are, however subject to be innovated upon by the importation of similar articles of foreign produce, made at rates, inducing a preference over our own productions.

It is a singular fact in history that the tribe of Indians called Comanches, who lived a wandering life in the Mexican Territory, in and about Texas, have maintained their independence against the power, of Spain and the Mexican States since the days of Cortez and Pizarro.

The Public Men of Texas.—A letter written in Texas, thus pictured the public men of that republic: "She [Texas] is cursed with a drunken, reckless, unprincipled President, a weak and imbecile cabinet, a corrupt Congress, (the last I mean—the present is not known yet) a drunken—not as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—all backed by a banditti turned loose upon our country by the disbanding of the army, altogether rendering our prospects rather gloomy."

Female Orator.—The Boston Representatives' Hall was crowded on Wednesday afternoon with people of both sexes, "black spirits and white," to hear a lady from South Carolina, who rejoiced in the name of Miss Grimke, declaim upon the subject of abolition.

When Mr. CLAY was making his speech in the Senate, against Mr. Galboun's slavery resolutions, he made use of the following striking similitude:—"In private life, if a wife, points, and frets, and scolds, what would be thought of the good sense or discretion of the husband who would threaten her with separation, divorce, disunion! Who would use these terrible words upon every petty disagreement in domestic life! No man, who has a heart or right feelings, would employ such idle menaces. He would approach the lady with kind and conciliatory language, and apply those natural and more agreeable remedies, which never fail to restore domestic harmony."

Prospective Economy!—Silas Wright's Sub-Treasury Bill appropriates HALF A MILLION OF DOLLARS for the construction of buildings, safes, vaults, fixtures, &c. for the convenience of those who have charge of the public funds, and to store the gold and silver for the office holders. Besides this, the Receivers General and under Secretaries are to have salaries of from THREE TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS each for superintending the precious stuff! Won't the party have glorious times if the Bill only passed! "News with the Eagle."

Written by Master Lester Stenhouse Buckingham. At the close of the Temperance Festival on the 23d inst. Mr. Buckingham spoke of the great importance of leading our children to understand and adopt, from principle, the temperance cause; and observed that, as the habits of our youth are the foundation of the habits of our manhood, so he had led his son to declare an uncompromising war with all intoxicating drinks. To show the strong hold the cause of temperance had on the mind of his son, he would read a few lines written by this youth, then standing by his side, and wearing the temperance medal on his breast.

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Hear Mr. Rives! He is surely entitled to credit from the Administration party, and he closes his late speech in the Senate in the following terms. If an enemy had said it!—As I said on the former occasion, Mr. President, I stand here as no advocate of the banks. I have not the slightest interest in, nor connection with them, direct or indirect, present or prospective. I am as sensible as any man of the danger, in doing that, to ruin the banking energies of trade, to quicken the labor and the hopes of the husbandman, the manufacturer and the mechanic, to raise enterprise again upon its feet, and above all, to put an end to that unnatural and suicidal war, which, for the last eighteen months, has grown up between the government of the country, and its business and industry.

In taking this course, I know full well, Mr. President, I am to incur the anathemas of party. But I can never forget that I have a country to serve as well as a party to obey. "His Honor demands our help" and for our help he has our mind, according to the humble means of my abilities and the best lights of my understanding. The scold of both parties may denounce and condemn me but sustained by the consciousness of upright intentions and a faithful devotion to the interests of my country, I shall hold my course unflinching—and even with the terror before my eyes of sinking into the Senator from New York, (Mr. Wright) so charitably named, I shall yet, animated by a sense of duty, "find in my soul one drop of patience."

A Movement.—The American Sentinel, one of the leading organs of Van Burenism, is out in the most decided manner against the New Constitution. The Editor says:—"The Reform Convention has adjourned; and after a session of ten months, at an expense of upwards of three hundred thousand dollars, has presented the fruits of its labors for public approbation or rejection. During its protracted and wearisome existence, we carefully noted its proceedings, and their results; and early arrived at the conclusion, that they would mar what they professed to amend, and defeat what they pretended to improve. The final completion of their work has convinced us of the correctness of our impressions, and confirmed us in our determination to oppose its sanction before the People, their and our common masters. Until the second Tuesday in October, therefore, when the people of this Commonwealth shall decide on abandoning or sustaining the great Constitutional Charter, under which, for nearly half a century, they have lived free, prosperous and happy, this paper will be found the indefatigable opponent of the vague, crude, and undigested shams presented to us under the name of 'Amendments to the Constitution.'"

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We put the question seriously—Is the county of Schuylkill at present represented in the legislature of Pennsylvania? They will answer almost with one voice, it is not. Unfortunately for us, our representatives have deserted the county and gone over to the representative of a few stock-jobbers and speculators, some living in, and some out of the state. Verily, they will have their reward! Like him who betrayed, his Master for a few pieces of silver, they will richly deserve the fate which awaits them.

We publish in another column, a communication from William Bobyshell, esq. of Port Carbon, in relation to our remarks on his alleged apology. We have done so in pursuance of our invariable rule to open our columns to all who conceive themselves aggrieved by anything we may have published concerning them. This is but even handed justice.

In this communication we are directly charged with being concerned in a "plot" against neighbor Bobyshell, having for its ultimate object collision and division among the members of the Democratic family. This is a serious charge; and should be seriously met and answered. We, therefore, in the first place, plead "not guilty;" and, in the second place, call for the proofs, none having yet been exhibited. Without waiting for these however, we will observe, that our remarks were predicated upon an extract from the published proceedings of the Senate of Pennsylvania, and that we had a clear right to attach full force and credit to the record until the same was proved to be false. The only proof yet adduced of the falsehood of the record, is a simple denial of any apology; the best evidence being the letter itself, which is yet withheld. Then with regard to the alleged political plot. We have never yet wished to see politics mingled with the coal company question—because it is a question in which all parties are alike equally interested. We should act with even less skill and prudence than our neighbor appears to have done, did we endeavor to mix up politics with the coal company question. No! we deny this charge, because totally without foundation; and we trust that our political opponent will believe us when we pledge our word and honor to this denial.

Welsh Procession.—St. David's Day was celebrated, in Port Carbon, by a procession of the members of the Welsh Society. The procession was formed at Port Carbon, and marched over to Pottsville, accompanied by a band of music, and appropriate banners, the members, numbering about a hundred, exhibiting the insignia of their order, where they attended divine worship in the Welsh Church. The marshals of the day were Reppé Thomas, Robinson Kays, William Thomas, Thomas Jones, and David Richards. The society afterwards dined at Mr. Laing's Port Carbon, where an excellent entertainment was provided, and after partaking of convivial pleasures, with good order and moderation, separated at an early hour in the evening, highly gratified with the events of the day. The day was also celebrated by the Welsh Society, at Mioraville. We have not yet received any account of their proceedings.

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The Duel.

We publish, below, an extract from the statement of facts, made by the Hon. George W. Jones and Henry A. Wise, relative to the fatal meeting between Messrs. Cilley and Graves. The correspondence between the principals shows, that the affair grew out of a "point of honor," as it is termed, both parties entertaining for each other sentiments of mutual respect. Mr. Graves had been the bearer of a challenge to Mr. Cilley from Col. Webb, which the latter had declined, "because he did not choose to be drawn into a controversy with Col. Webb," and Mr. Cilley refusing to state "whether he declined to receive his communication on the ground of any personal exception to him as a gentleman, or man of honor."

After the reception of this note from Mr. Jones, Mr. Wise called on him, at Dr. Reilly's, and informed Mr. Jones that Mr. Graves had procured a rifle other than that left at his room by Dr. Duncan, and would be ready for the meeting at 3 o'clock, P. M. It was then agreed that the parties should meet at the Anacosta bridge, on the road to Marlborough, in Maryland, between the hours of one and a half and two and a half o'clock, P. M.; and if either got their rifle he should wait for the other, and that they would thence proceed out of the District. Accordingly, the parties met at the bridge, Mr. Cilley and his party arrived there first, and all proceeded about 2 o'clock, P. M., to the place of meeting. On arriving at the place, Mr. Jones and Mr. Wise immediately proceeded to mark off the ground. They then decided the choice of positions, and consequently Mr. Jones had the giving of the word. At this time Mr. Jones was informed by Mr. Wise that two gentlemen (Mr. Cahoon of Kentucky, and Mr. Hawes of Kentucky) were at some distance off, spectators, but they should not approach upon the ground. Mr. Jones replied that he objected to their coming on the ground, as it was against the articles of the meeting, but he entertained for them the highest respect. Mr. Wise also informed Mr. Jones that, contrary to the terms, he had brought on the ground two rifles; that if he (Mr. Jones) required him to do so, he would immediately send one of them away. Upon Mr. Jones finding that the rifle was unloaded, he consented that it should remain in one of the carriages.—There were, it is proper to remark, several persons on the ground, (besides the hack drivers, and the two gentlemen before mentioned at a distance,) who were there without the authority or consent of either party or their friends, as far as is known either to Mr. Jones or Mr. Wise, and one of these persons was supposed to be the owner of the field. Shortly after the hour of 3 o'clock, P. M., the rifles were loaded in the presence of the seconds; the parties were called together; they were fully instructed by Mr. Jones as to their position, and the words twice repeated to them, as they would be, and as they were, delivered to them, in the exchange of shots. After this they were ordered to their respective positions, and the seconds assumed their places, and the friends accompanying the seconds were disposed along the line of fire, to observe that each obeyed the terms of meeting.—Mr. Jones gave the word distinctly, audibly, and in regular succession, and the parties exchanged shots without violating in the least a single instruction. They both missed. After which, Mr. Wise called upon the friends generally to assemble and hear what was to be said.

Upon the assembling of the friends, Mr. Jones inquired of Mr. Wise whether his friend (Mr. Graves) was satisfied? Mr. Wise immediately said in substance:—"Mr. Jones, these gentlemen have come here without animosity toward each other; they are fighting merely upon a point of honor; cannot Mr. Cilley assign some reason for not receiving at Mr. Graves's hands Col. Webb's communication, make some disclaimer which will relieve Mr. Graves from his position?" Mr. Jones replied, in substance:—"Whilst the challenge is impending, Mr. Cilley can make no explanation." Mr. Wise said, in substance:—"The exchange of shots suspends the challenge, and the challenge is suspended for the purpose of explanation."

Mr. Jones thereupon said he would see Mr. Cilley, and did go to him. He returned, and asked Mr. Wise again:—"Mr. Wise, do I understand aright, that the challenge is suspended?" Mr. Wise answered:—"It is." Mr. Jones was then about to proceed, when Mr. Wise suggested that it was best, perhaps, to give the explanation or reason in writing. Mr. Jones then said, in substance:—"Mr. Wise, if you require me to put what I have to say in writing, I shall require you to put what you have said, and may say, in writing." Mr. Wise replied:—"Well, let us hear the explanation beforehand, as it may not be necessary to put it in writing." Mr. Jones then proceeded, as he now thinks, substantially to say:—"I am authorized by my friend, Mr. Cilley to say, that in declining to receive the note from Mr. Graves, pur-

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After this, the seconds and the friends again assembled, and the challenge was again withdrawn, and very similar conversations to that after the first exchange of shots again ensued. Mr. Jones then remarked:—"Mr. Wise, my friend is coming to the ground, and exchanging shots with Mr. Graves, has shown to the world that in declining to receive the note of Col. Webb, he did not do so because he dreaded a controversy. He has shown himself a brave man, and disposed to render satisfaction to Mr. Graves. I do think that he has done so, and that the matter should end here." To this Mr. Wise replied in substance:—"Mr. Jones, Mr. Cilley has already expressed his respect for Mr. Graves in the written correspondence, and Mr. Graves does not require of Mr. Cilley a certificate of character for Col. Webb; he considered himself bound not only to preserve the respect due to himself but to defend the honor of his friend Col. Webb." These words of Mr. Wise, Mr. Jones recollects, and Mr. Wise thinks he added the words:—"Mr. Graves only insists that he has not borne the note of a man who is not a man of honor, and not a gentleman." After much more conversation, and ineffectual attempts to adjust the matter, the challenge was again renewed, and whilst the friends were again loading the rifles for the third exchange of shots, Mr. Jones and Mr. Wise walked apart, and each proposed to the other anxiously to settle the affair. Mr. Wise asked Mr. Jones, "If Mr. Cilley could not assign the reason for declining to receive the note of Col. Webb, that he (Mr. Cilley) did not hold himself accountable to Col. Webb for words spoken in debate?" Mr. Jones replied, in substance:—"Mr. Cilley would not assign that reason, because he did not wish to be understood as expressing the opinion whether he was or was not accountable for words spoken in debate." Mr. Wise then according to his recollection, asked Mr. Jones, whether "Mr. Cilley would not say that in declining to receive the note of Col. Webb, he meant no disrespect to Mr. Graves, either directly or indirectly?" To which Mr. Jones replied affirmatively, adding:—"Mr. Cilley entertains the highest respect for Mr. Graves, but declined to receive the note, because he chose to be drawn into no controversy with Col. Webb." After further explanatory conversation, the parties then exchanged the third shot, fairly and honorably, as in every instance, immediately previous to the last exchange of shots, Mr. Wise said to Mr. Jones:—"If this matter is not terminated this shot, and is not settled, I will propose to shorten the distance." To which Mr. Jones replied:—"After this shot, without effect, I will entertain the proposition."

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