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THE AMERICAN BANNER.—Americanism in its purest sense, has ever found in G. D. Prentice, Esq., editor of the Louisville *Journal*, a firm, unyielding, consistent advocate. How appropriate then, are the following lines dedicated to him, and recently published in the *Journal*:

Take the BANNER—may it wave
Proudly o'er the good and brave,
When the battle's distance waft
Breaks the silence of our vale;
When the clarion's music thrills
To the hearts of the hills,
When the spear in conflict shakes,
And the strong lance shivering breaks.

Take the BANNER—and forever
Through the dark sea of calm and fever
Guard it—till our lineage ar[illegible]
Our children will prosper there.
In the dark and trying hour
In the conflict with strong might,
Its right arm will shield them from.

Take the BANNER—and if ever
The gulf's dark, outcast lot [illegible]
Let thy eyes seek it and follow
There in words of burning gold,
That only mercy's hand doth scan,
Behold! hang upon the air
Their shelf-lined, countless lights,
[illegible]

Useful Information.

HOW TO LEND MONEY, IF YOU LEND AT ALL.

To your Friends! As a pure business transaction, you may not be too careful. But when a friend of other years comes along, who has not been as successful as yourself, whom disappointment or misplaced confidence, or unavoidable calamity has pressed to the earth, a friend who was once your equal in all things, inferior in none, except perhaps in that hardness of character, which is a general element of success in life, don't begin to hem and haw and stroke your chin; don't talk about "*bats*" and "*echs*," and the "*illness of the money market*," he knows that already—spare him the intelligence that you "once loaned Mr. so and a sum of money, which was never returned;" he don't want your biography, he wants your cash. Don't remind him that if he were to die, you would lose it; that arrow may sink deeper into his heart than any amount of money could cover or atone, and then close with a recital of this, that and the other thing, which, it really true, could not materially interfere with your furnishing him the required amount. If you have ordinary sagacity, you can make up your mind in a moment, whether to grant the accommodation or to refuse it. If you are a man and you decide a refusal, tell him at once in some kindly way, that you do not feel prepared to accede to his wishes. If on the other hand, you have a heart to help him, don't do it as if you felt it were a mountain grinding you to powder, or as if each dollar you parted from, was inflicting a pain equal to the drawing of a tooth; don't torture him with cross questioning, nor worm out of him some of the most sacred secrets of his life; away with your inquisitorial, brassy impertinence; don't lay him on the rack for an hour at a time, as if you gloated at the sacrifice of his manhood as if you wished to make him go down on his very knees to win his way into your purse, away with it all we say, and stand up like a man; give him a cordial greeting, let a holy sunshine light up your countenance, and speak out before he has done asking, tell him how much you are gratified at having it in your power to help him, and let that help go out in a full, free soul, and with a good slap on the shoulder, bid him look upward and ahead for there's sunshine there for him.—Why the very feeling in that man's heart as he goes away from you is worth more to humanity, than all the money you ever lent him, two times told. He goes out of your presence with a heart as light as a feather, in love with all the world, and full of admiring gratitude towards you. He feels his manhood, he feels that confidence is reposed in him, that he is still a man, and this conviction nerves him up to a resolution, to an ambition, to an energy which are of themselves a guarantee of after success. He goes to work with a will, which bows down the obstacles, and melts away the icebergs which hedge up the ways of men, and behold in a moment, rough places are made smooth, and straight places made plain to him.

Reader! suppose you never get your money back, and you have a heart-ed [illegible], that you can, notwithstanding his repayment, give him at every meeting a cordial smile of friendly recognition, can speak to him without ever reminding him of his indebtedness; it may be that you are his only friend, but if on you are the world to him; and however hardly that world may leave dealt with him, your single exception is placed to the credit side of humanity, a thousand times its individual value; that man can never die a misanthrope, for he will insist upon it to his latest breath, "there's kindness in the world after all." What a grand thing it is to have a man close his eyes in death, and one of the last thoughts of mortality be a prayer for blessings on your head.

We repeat then, if you lend money at all, do so freely, promptly, do it with a whole soul. Do it with a grace that becomes a man, with a cordiality which will do quite as much as your money in raising your friend from the depressing influences which surround him. We do not advise the loan of money in any given case, but write to show in what manner it should be done, when decided upon to bring the most pleasant reminiscences to yourself hereafter, and to carry with it the largest advantages to him whom you wish to befriend.—*Hall's Journal of Health.*

Miscellany.

EUROPEAN ITEMS.

SMITH O'BRIEN is traveling in Greece.

THE Nightingale Fund in England has reached $4,000.

AN advance of from 20 to 25 per cent has taken place in the price of diamonds in Paris, which are being bought up for Russia.

ALL the Paris *cafés chantants* have received orders to suppress the anti Russian songs that they have been in the habit of giving.

THE journey of the Emperor to Algeria after the ratification of the Treaty of Peace is talked of in Paris.

The Queen of Greece is expected at Vienna and other German Courts in the course of the summer.

The Empress Dowager of Russia is expected at the Court of her brother, the King of Prussia, Berlin, in the course of May.

Accounts reached Dublin on the 9th ult., of the murder of Mrs. Sarah Kelly, at Ballinderry, near Moate, County of Westmeath, on the preceding evening.

In order to testify the satisfaction he felt at learning the birth of the Imperial Prince, the Sultan made a present to M. Scheefer, first Dragoman to the French Embassy, who announced the event, of a snuff-box, valued at from 6,000 to 7,000.

The French Emperor has purchased the ancient domain of Fouilleuse, between Saint Cloud and Mont Valerien, where he intends to establish a grand model farm. He proposes to collect specimens of the best agricultural implements, and the most perfect races of all varieties of cattle.

Melbourne papers of recent date mention that Miss Catharine Hayes, after fulfilling a short engagement at the Bendigo diggings, (!) will sing for a few nights at Sydney, and then return to the Old World for "good and all."

The French Minister of Finance has been authorized by Imperial decree to raise to 250 millions of francs the amount of Treasury Bonds to be issued for the service of the State in 1856.

Advices from Trieste inform us of an important alteration just promulgated in the Austrian tariff. It effects in several cases a reduction of between 20 and 40 per cent., and is regarded as a first experimental step towards a more general establishment of the prohibitive system.

Alexander, Emperor of Russia, has issued a manifesto, to announce the signing of the treaty of peace. After speaking of the victories gained during the war, he says—"The concessions are not great when put in comparison with the charges of a so long and war, and the advantages promised to us by the tranquility of the empire, the destinies of which it has pleased God to intrust to us."

The Mediterranean submarine cable, which is to unite Sardinia with Algeria, and place the latter in communication with the lines of electric telegraph in Europe, will be laid down in the early part of May. The cable, it will be carried to Bona.

A correspondent of a Belgian journal reports the following anecdote of the Emperor. On a recent occasion, after a long interview between his Majesty and Count Orloff, in which the conversation had taken a wide range, the Count expressed surprise at the vast general information displayed by his Majesty. "Ah!" replied Napoleon, "that was because I studied four years at the University of Bath!"

Queen Victoria held her first Drawing Room on the 10th of April, when the Princess Royal "came out." How dressed? The Court Circular states that the young lady "wore a dress of white glace silk, with three skirts of white tulle, looped up with bunches of cornflowers, ribbon and blonde. The train was of rich white moire antique, trimmed with bouillonees of tulle and cornflowers. Her Royal Highness's head-dress was formed of a wreath of cornflowers, feathers and lappets."—And then adds, as the next most important incident, that "in the diplomatic circle the members of Mr. Dallas, the United States minister's family, were presented to her majesty.

A Fortnight with Brigands.—The Spanish journals record the capture of a gentleman of [illegible] by brigands. Count de Vallarino was carried off three weeks ago from the district of Toledo, and 10,000 dollars were demanded from his family for his ransom. The family paid the money; but the local authorities succeeded in seizing it before it reached its destination. The brigands, however, again notified to the family that they expected this ransom, and the latter deemed it right, in spite of the prohibition of the authorities, to forward it to them. On receipt of it, the brigands immediately released the Count, and he arrived at home eight days back. He relates that the brigands on capturing him told him that he need entertain no fear, as they had taken him not to murder him, but to do a good stroke of business by getting gain for his release, and they expressed their regret at being obliged to carry him into Portugal. He says also that when the brigands, who were always on the move during the day, encamped for the night they gave him blankets to wrap himself up in, and that when provisions happened to be scarce they even stinted themselves in order that he might have enough. He says, moreover, that they appeared to possess a certain degree of edification, and asked him if, in his visits to Madrid, he had not visited the opera and heard Rosa—expressing surprise on being answered in the negative.

Legislative Enactments of 1856.—Annexed is a list of the acts of general interest, and relating to Schuylkill county, passed at the late session of the Legislature, and approved by the Governor:

A further supplement to the act to encourage manufacturing operations in this Commonwealth.

To authorize the supervisors of Butler township, Schuylkill county, to elect two Supervisors.

Incorporate the Tuscarora Water-power Company, at Tuscarora, Schuylkill county.

Lay out a State road through part of Schuylkill county.

To protect fruit and punish trespass in this Commonwealth.

To incorporate the Minersville Gas Company.

To authorize the School Directors of Pinegrove to [illegible] money.

Supplement to the fee bill.

Relative to the road laws of Tremont Township, Schuylkill county.

Authorizing the laying out of a State road in Schuylkill county.

Relative to the fees of office in this Commonwealth.

To incorporate the Schuylkill Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Supplement to the act to enable joint tenants, tenants in common, and a joining owners of mines, lands to manage and develope the same.

Supplement to the act regulating Railroad companies.

Supplement to an act to provide for and equitable division of the taxes paid annually by the Delaware Coal Company, towards the support of common schools.

To repeal the first, second, and third sections of an act relating to Cass township, Schuylkill Co.

Authorizing Amelia Farquhar, trustee, to sell certain real estate.

Incorporating the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of West Penn, East Penn, East Brunswick and Manheim townships, in Carbon and Schuylkill counties.

Supplement to the charter of the Little Schuylkill River Railroad Company.

Supplement to act to extend the charter of the Miners' Bank of Pottsville.

Relative to the boards of Pottsville.

To incorporate the Miners' Mutual Live Stock Insurance Company of Schuylkill.

To incorporate the Schuylkill Haven and Lehigh River Railroad Company.

Supplement to the charter of the Pottsville Gas Company.

Supplement to an act relating to a burial ground in Pottsville.

Relating to streets, lanes, and alleys in Pottsville.

Selfishness.—Death is no more than the coldness of the heart—when its fountain ceases, and its streams freeze, and it heaves not in the swell of passion, nor the impulse of thought,—but, remaining still and turbid in its source, all the dependent channels of life wither, and contract, and are dry. This is a physical death—that which is ordained as the principle of mortals, through which they must pass, in the great and immutable changes of the material world.

Coldness of the heart is death. Not that it is always accompanied with funeral obsequies, the dark habiliament of woe, nor by the mourners passing through the streets. You shall meet it in the bustle and tumult of the world. It consists of the stagnancy of the affections—for selfishness is moral death.

The healthful ocean circulates, and is pure. It is the heart of the universe, pouring the floods of life through this magnificent body of the earth, which returns them in gratitude, only to receive them again in mercy. So it is with the sublime economy of the stars, and the floods of light from the fountain of the skies. The wisdom of Heaven has made communication essential to happiness, and has ordained that we shall enjoy as we impart. Thus it is with the glorious sun, whose undiminished fires, after lighting up the canopy of the world above, descends, in genial rays, to the world below—that the harvest may flourish, and the flower bloom, and the fruit ripen, and the laborer exult, and the desolate rejoice, and the earth put on its mantle of life and beauty.

Heaven is at war with inaction and selfishness. Stagnant waters are the uniform sources of offence and disease. And so it is with the moral torpor of the affections, which closes them up against the charities of life; and, if nature or education should have fortified you with such an organization of soul it is vain that your pulse beats, and your eyes sparkle, and health invests you with her roseate charms. For all the purposes of life you are dead, and be not surprised if the virtues should write your epitaph, and the graces and charities class you among the dead.

Barnum.—A meeting of the friends and neighbors of Mr. Barnum was recently held at Bridgeport, Ct. It was well attended, and much sympathy was expressed. Notwithstanding the errors which Mr. Barnum has committed in his business career, yet the courage with which he braves the "stings of fortune," elicits the admiration of even his enemies. We sympathise with Mr. Barnum in his reverses, and hope that the experience of the past will be beneficial to him in his future career. Mr. B. sent a letter to the meeting above alluded to, from which we make the following extract:

"No man who has not passed through similar scenes can fully comprehend the misery which has been crowded into the last few months of my life; but I have endeavored to preserve my integrity, and I humbly hope and believe that I am being taught humility and reliance upon Providence, which will yet afford a thousand times more peace and true happiness than can be acquired in the dire strife and turmoil, excitements and struggles of this money-worshipping age. The man who coins his brain and blood into gold, who wastes all of his time and thought upon the almighty dollar, who looks no higher than blocks of houses and tracts of lands, and whose iron chest is crammed with stocks and mortgages, tied up with his own heart strings, may console himself with the idea of safe investments; but he misses a pleasure which I firmly believe that his lesson was intended to secure to me, and which it will secure, if I can fully bring my mind to realize its wisdom."

Jenny Lind has written a letter, in which he says that so long as she has a dollar, Barnum shall never want. She also speaks in the most complimentary manner of Mr. B. during her professional association with him.

John A. Washington.—The efforts of this auctioneer of Mount Vernon to speculate in that estate, still further than he has already done, are exciting the disgust of the entire country. The man might have been content to coin money out of its sacred associations, by peddling off thousands of dollars worth of timber for the manufacture of canes and snuff-boxes, and levying a charge of fifteen hundred dollars a year upon a steamboat, for the privilege of landing passengers, which is but another form of toll upon all visitors.—He might have continued the unworthy business, and escaped notice. But this going into the market with the estate, and coquetting for a higher offer—for more money, is unworthy the name he bears, and disgraceful to the country that blushes to call him son. Yet we trust with the *Courier and Enquirer*, that the efforts to get the home and burial-place of George Washington into the possession and control of the State of his birth, or, better yet, of the United States, will not be abandoned. Pecuniary considerations are of little account, in view of the accomplishment of such an end. If coercion is to be practised, let it be submitted to. It is better to be overreached than to fail in the performance of a sacred duty. The home and tomb of Washington will continue to be visited as long as fragments of timber is left. Men from all quarters of the globe will repair to them as to a shrine, where to do homage. History has made them sacred to every best feeling of humanity, and it is a species of sacrilege to abandon them, or let them be abandoned, to neglect and decay. Mount Vernon, in spite of all difficulties, must be made public property, and the pet in a condition befitting the most dignified spot out of the Holy Land, on the earth's surface.

Going to Bed.—Going to bed we have always considered one of the most sober, serious and solemn operations which a man can be engraged in during the whole twenty-four hours. With a young lady it is altogether a different thing. When bed-time arrives, she trips up stairs with a candle in her hand, and—if she had pleasant company during the evening—with some agreeable ideas in her head. The candle on the toilette, and her luxuriant hair is speedily emancipated from the thraldom of combs and pins. If she usually wears water curls, or uses the "iron," her hair is brushed carefully from her forehead and the whole mass compactly secured; if not, why then her lovely tresses are soon hid in innumerable bits of paper. This task accomplished, a nightcap appears, perhaps edged with pink ribbon, or perhaps with heavy lace, which hides all, save her own sweet countenance. As soon as she tries the string, probably she takes a peep in the glass, and half blushes at what she sees. The light is out—her fair delicate form gently presses the couch—and like a dear, innocent, lovely creature as she is, she falls gently into sleep, with a sweet smile on her soft sweeter face. A man of course, under the same circumstances acts quite differently. Every movement in his chamber indicates the coarse, rough mould of his sullen nature. When all is ready, he snuffs out the candle with his fingers like a cannibal, and then jumps into bed like a savage. For a few moments he thinks of all the pecuniary loss he may have committed during the day—vows a vow to amend upon streams, turns over, stretches himself, and then all is silent, save the heavy groans of the slumberer.

The Feeling in England.—The London *Times* is now appearing in the garb of a pacificator. The *Times* fully appreciates the need of Eng and; it has taken the cue: the last and first word of an Englishman now is peace, but above all, peace with America.—Following up this new intent, nothing from this side, however forcibly illustrating "American ideas," excites censure; even the severest speeches of that good hater, Senator Cass, are mildly served up in gentle leaders, with their point really averted. All thought of war with us is deprecated by the best portion of the English press. Not among the least of the evidences of this great change in the tone of public feeling on the American issues, is the spirit of the cheap new-paper press of England—a press which is more faithfully the exemplar of the opinions of the masses than its high-priced and more noted cotemporaries.

Improvement in Coal Stoves.—A desirable improvement in stoves using anthracite coal, has been patented by the inventor, Mr. Benj. F. Fearing, of Philadelphia. His improvement consists in a person to remove cinders on the bottom of the grate, with out affecting the body of the fire. It is done by a supplementary grate, which when a stove is full of, fire, and it is desired to remove the clinkers, the grate is shoved in, and the upper part of the fire is supported, while the lower part where the clinkers form, may be removed by tipping the lower grate in the usual manner. The saving in time and kindling wood with his simple contrivance effect, is considerable, not to mention its great convenience. It permits a thorough removal of all clinker at any time, without putting out the fire. It is applicable to nearly all forms of coal stoves, furnaces, &c.

Advice to Boys.—You are made to be kind and generous. If there is a boy at school who has a club foot, don't let him know you ever saw it. If there is a boy with ragged clothes, don't talk about rags in his hearing. If there is a lame boy, assign to him some part of the game which does not require running. If there is a hungry one give him part of your dinner. If there is a dull one help him to get his lessons. All the school will show by their countenances how much better it is to have a great soul than a great fist.

The Erie Question.—The bill restoring the charter of the Erie and North East Railroad Company, which passed both branches of the Legislature, and received the signature of the Governor, restores the road to the company on the conditions that they shall subscribe $400,000 to the Pittsburg and Erie Railroad, or expend that amount in the construction of the same between the harbor of Erie and the coal fields of Mercer, and construct a road to the harbor.

One true happiness depends more upon one's judgment of one's self, for a conciousness of rectitude in action and intention, and the approbation of those few who judge impartially, than upon the applause of the unthinking, undiscerning multitude, who are apt to cry Hosanna to day, and to-morrow crucify him.

It is beautiful to behold at a wedding the sorrow-stricken air of the parent as he "gives the bride away," when you know that for the last ten years he has been trying his best to get her off his hands.

If we did but know how little some enjoy the great things that they possess, there would not be such envy in the world.

Never confide in a young man; new pails leak. Never tell your secret to the aged; old doors seldom shut closely.

A pleasant wife is a rainbow in the sky, when her husband's mind is tossed with storms and tempests.

A youth without enthusiasm of some kind would be as unnatural a thing as spring-time without wild flowers.

Prayer was not invented; it was born with the first sigh, the first joy, the first sorrow of the human heart.

☞ There will be five eclipses this year—two of the sun—two of the moon—and one of Franklin Pierce. The latter will be distinctly visible all over the United States in November next.

☞ American silver half and quarter dollars, by edict, are henceforth to be worth only forty and twenty cents on the island of Cuba. That is just about what Spanish coin of the same value should be rated here.

☞ In New York recently, a lady saw on a sidewalk a ragged, cold and hungry little girl, gazing wistfully at some of the cakes in a shop window. She stopped, and taking the little one by the hand led her into the store. Though she was aware that bread might be better for the cold child than cake, yet desiring to gratify the shivering an hungered one she bought and gave her the cake she wanted. She then took her to another place, where she procured her a shawl and other articles of comfort. The grateful little creature looked the lady earnestly in the face, and with artless simplicity, said, "Are you God's wife?" Did the most eloquent speaker ever employ words to a better advantage.