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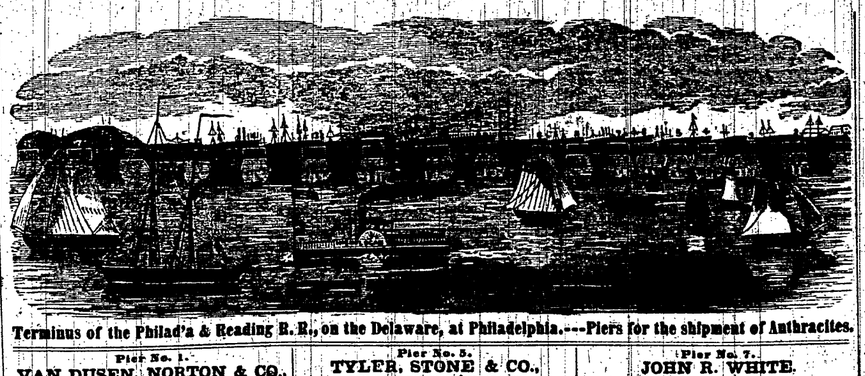

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January 25, '58 1-tf MATTHEW BAIRD.

Poetry.

TALES OF A MOON-BEAM.

BY STELLA.

The sun bowed low in a stately wave,
And one by one, on the floor of eve,
The stars danced out in their spangled dress
With a diamond clasped to each radiant tress;
When a timid ray on the frosty pane
Tapped lightly, to say who stole again
From the festive throng of her own blue sphere,
To weave a tale for my listless ear.

And her bright locks streamed till their outline fair
Lay folded close in my own dark hair;
And she sang such songs for my eager ear
And she breathed such tales that I wept to hear;
She had tapped at many a door that night,
And entered with tread as of fairy light;
And silently, sadly, mused all
In lonely hovel, and palace hall.

She had crept through the curtain's heavy fold
Where crimson splendor burned out the cold;
And leaned on the gorgeous window seat,
To watch the reveller's glancing feet—
And she mutely listened, nor thought it long
Till a sigh burst forth on the breath of song;
Then a rob, from a breaking heart near by,
And she fled away, with herself a sigh.

She had peeped o'er the edge of a cottage nest
Where the birdlings slept in a balmy rest;
And there, in the glow of a radiant fire,
Were toiling matron and weary sire;
But not the light from the breast of care,
Or no tearful eye, or no sob was there—
And all the world could not give their wealth—
A cheerful heart and a brow of health.

She whispered softly a touching tale
Of a maiden, whose cheek was now grown pale—
But who, 'mid the bloom of a year gone by,
With hair pressed tightly, and cheeks aglow,
Had listened to words that a sweet hope stirred—
But now, like a wounded and sorrowful bird,
Her plumed hopes are all drooping low,
And she weeps at the light o'er the crystal snow.

She murmured then of a serenade,
Just warbled out 'neath a window's shade;
And she paused, and sighed o'er the pitiful thing,
A harp, with a shrivelled and shattered string—
And a sad spirit with this broil on fire,
Still sweeping o'er the discordant lyre:
And wringing out with a trembling hand
His hopeless grief from that riven strand.

She sang of the light in an infant's eye,
That faded out 'neath the jeweled sky;
Of the fearful mother, who tore her hair,
And cursed her God in her wild despair.
Till at length, on the bed of that mother's lip,
The ripple of song sank to sleep;
And she leaned o'er her dying babe still lower,
But those eyes will open—oh, never more!

And then she hinted of lovers gay,
That scatter glances as beads of spray;
And fling light words from a smile wreathed lip,
As light as the foam that the sea spills flip:
And she longed to know, if that rose-hued glow
Would blush o'er the years as they come and go
And just this shade of a cloud crept by,
On the fluttering breath of a moon-beam's sigh.

She rose to leave, and I could but grieve
For the gentle breath of a moon-beam's sigh.
But she must away, for each starry ray
Was peering out for the morning fay:
And her silver robe, with its regal fold,
She flung over me for the air was cold:
And she touched my cheek with a lover's kiss,
And left me then to a dreamer's bliss.

The Death of Schwartz.

The Remarks of Hon. JAMES H. CAMPBELL in announcing the Death of Hon. JOHN SCHWARTZ.

Pressure upon our columns, has prevented us from giving earlier, the remarks of Mr. CAMPBELL made while announcing to the House recently, the death of the much lamented SCHWARTZ of Berks County. We now give them, simply remarking that they are creditable alike to the heart and mind of our distinguished representative:

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Pennsylvania, said:

Mr. SPEAKER: In the unavoidable absence of those who with more propriety than myself might be expected to take precedence on this occasion, I rise to announce to the House the death of the Honorable JOHN SCHWARTZ, a Representative in Congress from the Eighth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, which sad event took place at his hotel, in this city, last night at 11 o'clock.

Being myself the Representative of the district adjoining, and having borne to the deceased close and intimate relations since the commencement of the present Congress, I feel constrained from friendship, and a sense of duty, to pay my tribute to his manly, exemplary qualities as a man, and his uprightness and zeal as a legislator.

JOHN SCHWARTZ was born at Sunbury, Northumberland county, Pa., October 27th, 1793. He descended from a Revolutionary ancestor who, like his son, the subject of this brief notice, was distinguished for devotion to his country, and for an unblemished reputation in every relation of life. His father, Philip Schwartz, having emigrated from Sunbury to Pennsylvania upon the breaking out of the Revolution, enlisted as a soldier in the ranks, and served throughout that long and doubtful struggle with constancy, bravery and the utmost devotion to the cause. At the termination of the war he was honorably discharged.

When the deceased was ten years of age he was indentured to a merchant in the city of Reading, where he has ever since resided. Truth, economy, and punctuality in the discharge of every obligation, enabled him, after a series of years, to retire with a competency, and to leave his sons the business which he had so carefully built up. Their misfortunes, consequent upon a revulsion in trade, disabled him to rescue them from ruin, and to discharge every obligation against them.—Generosity like this was always his leading characteristic, and to yield his own comfort to the happiness of others an object near to his heart.

It does not become me, Mr. Speaker, on this melancholy occasion, to refer at length to the political events with which Mr. SCHWARTZ has latterly been identified, but I must be permitted to say that I have rarely known a man who combined so many excellent, and so few objectionable elements. In his intercourse with his fellow members he had the happy faculty of making friends on all sides.

His conscientious discharge of his duties; his independence of thought and action; his strong aversion to corruption; his ardent attachment to his party associates; and his self-sacrificing assiduity, as exhibited in his constant, unwearied attendance upon the sessions of this House, while laboring under a disease that was rapidly and surely carrying him to the grave, made him, all unused as he was to Congressional excitement, a conspicuous character in this hall.

Fully sensible of the important trust confided to him, desirous of discharging his whole duty at all times, no tongue of mine can convey to this body the anxiety and determination of my late colleague to be always present during the deliberations of this House. This resolve, on his part, to guard well the interests of his people, arose from a high sense of the character of the trust. To him it was a commission directly from the people, whom he loved—their confidence in, and regard for them, must not be disappointed. It was patriotism to watch over and serve the country of his love, the highest emotion next to love of God, that can fill the heart of man, and could he fail in patriotism? It was a trust—could he be false to it? And so day by day, and night after night, my aged but resolved colleague was at his post. His disease was gaining ground. His friends and colleagues remonstrated, and urged that his life, thus imperiled, was of value to his family and his country. But, despite all arguments and remonstrances, *John Schwartz remained at his post*, like the Roman soldier at Pompeii, amid the showers of volcanic ashes that threatened to overwhelm him. "He had not been discharged," and died faithful to his trust, and in the discharge of duty.

Those who construed the simplicity of his nature into ignorance of the duties assigned him, greatly mistook the man. Disdaining the arts of the demagogue, and always admitting his want of learning, the strong good sense of his race supplied every deficiency, and enabled him instinctively to judge between right and wrong, and to take and to hold whatever position he assumed, fearlessly to the end.

His devotion to the interests of Pennsylvania, particularly of that vast industry of which his great district may be said to be one of the chief capitals, was exhibited in his persevering efforts on all occasion to respond to the wishes of his constituents. With a heart as liberal as ever beat in human breast, and a love of country that embraced all sections, he came here imbued with a determination to yield everything in order that the prosperity of Pennsylvania might be promoted.

Mr. SCHWARTZ had little taste for politics; his desire was to win and to maintain the affection of his family and the confidence of his neighbors.

The example of the patriotic sire was not lost upon his brave son. Loving liberty as the free and the devoted only can love, his whole heart being with his country and her institutions, upon the breaking out of the war of 1812, and after the burning of this Capitol by the British troops, JOHN SCHWARTZ enrolled his name as a private soldier, and joined the American army at Baltimore, and while on the ground was selected by his Brigadier General as a member of his staff, and commissioned by Gov. Snyder as Regimental Quartermaster, in which capacity he served until the close of the contest.

Returning home, and resuming the business he had left to resist the foreign invader, he became extremely popular among his fellow-citizens. Declining all public station, although it was repeatedly offered, he moved along the quiet paths of private life, and though generally cooperating with the Democratic party, never became an active participant in political strife until the memorable struggle growing out of the Lecompton question. Then it was that the people of Berks county turned to him as the man who, of all others, could best embody their sentiments on this question, and secure the largest vote at the election. They called on him to become their candidate for Congress, and after much hesitation he consented. The conflict was a severe one. The country knows the result. He was chosen to the seat he has so worthily filled, over the candidate of the Administration, who had succeeded in the former election by a majority of nearly 8,000 votes!

It was his intention, frequently expressed, never to ask a re-election at the hands of his constituents, but another Power has called him away from us, and "the place which knew him once will know him no more for ever."

The memory of a good man lives after him, and is *not* "interred with his bones." True, life here is transient. It is but the shadow, if *bad*, or light, if *good*, passing over the landscape. But who that has once seen the glory of God's light can ever forget it?

So lives in the memory the recollection of a good man. His kind acts, his charitable works, his gentle influences remain in grateful remembrances to cheer in adversity, and to inspire others to noble deeds. Pass on, then, great heart and noble warrior, to thy repose on the green banks of the Schuylkill, amid the people of thy love. But not to be forgotten. A heart-broken and devoted family, a large circle of bereaved friends, a mourning people will embalm thy memory in grateful recollection.

Mr. Speaker, I now have the honor to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this House has received with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Hon. JOHN SCHWARTZ, a member of this House from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That this House tenders to the family of the deceased the expression of its sympathy on this affecting event; and as a testimony of respect for his memory, the members and officers of this House will attend his funeral to-morrow at 6 o'clock, A. M., and wear the usual badge of mourning on the left arm for thirty days.

Resolved, That the Senate be invited to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate a copy of these proceedings to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a committee of six members of this House to escort the remains of the Hon. JOHN SCHWARTZ to the place designated by his friends for his interment.

Political.

ARREST OF DECAY.—You remember reading how upon a day not many years since, certain miners, working far underground, came upon the body of a poor fellow who had perished in the suffocating pit forty years before. Some chemical agent to which the body had been subjected—an agent prepared in the laboratory of Nature—had effectually arrested the progress of decay. They brought it up to the surface; and for awhile, till it crumbled away through exposure to the atmosphere, it lay there, the image of a fine sturdy young man. No convulsion had passed over the face in death—the features were tranquil; the hair was black as jet. No one recognized the face; a generation had grown up since the miner went down his shaft for the last time. But a tottering old woman, who had hurried from her cottage at hearing the news, came up and she knew again the face which through all these years she had never quite forgot. The poor miner was to have been her husband the day after that on which he died. They were rough people, of course, who were looking on—a liberal education and refined feelings are not deemed essential to the man whose work it is to get up coals, or even tin—but there were no dry eyes there when the grey headed old pilgrim cast herself upon the youthful corpse, and poured out to its deaf ear many words of endearment unused for forty years. It was a touching contrast—the one so old, the other so young. They had both been young these long years ago; but time had gone on with the living and stood still with the dead.—*Fraser.*

MRS. LUCINDA S. STANDIFORD, now about thirty-two years of age, wife of Jarvis T. Standiford, residing in Tolesburg, Lewis county, Kentucky, has a full suit of beard about five inches in length, grown upon her face since the 1st of September, 1859. She has been married about thirteen years, and had no indications of beard until the 1st of last September; it is very thick, very dark and coarse like a man's beard and has never been shaved or trimmed.

☞ The greatest living tragical poet of Italy, Giovan Batista Niccolini, now 80 years old, was lately received by the King of Sardinia at Florence.

☞ Bulwer says, "there is nearly always something of nature's own gentility in very young women, except when they get together and are full of giggling."

☞ The Philadelphians are going to New York to see the Big Ship. We suggest the propriety of cheap excursions, so as to afford everybody in the country opportunities of seeing her.

☞ The *on dit* is, that the authoress of "The Mill on the Floss" received £2,000 for that work, and that contingent interests in future editions will amount altogether to $5,000—not bad pay, if true.

Miscellany.

SPREADING IT ON THICK.—A writer in one of the New York "flash" papers, has the following description of the heroine of his tale, which we give our readers as the finest specimen of the overpowering style we have ever met with. Will our readers please observe the sublime metaphorical conception introduced, in the figure of the "indolent eagle:"

"Celestial love rounded out her luxurious form; the polished limbs which supported her frame were goodness and truth, and her little feet and toes were a thousand charities to the poor. The flowers delighted to grow in her path that she might tread upon them. The zephyrs lifted her robe and played with her brown locks to attract her attention, and to win from her a smile if possible, while the indolent eagle swept near her cheek to catch her balmy breath and save himself the trouble of flying to heaven in search of ambrosial nectar."

Pomeroy says he saw the female going down street yesterday. We couldn't see her cheek because of the thickness of her lips, and her flat nose. But suddenly a dog came rushing up the street, and striking her amidship, "her little feet and toes" glistened for a moment in the air, and her "luxurious form" struck the pavement. Enveloped in crinoline the animal didn't know which way to go; but kept pitching around on general principles. Our angel essayed to speak—her ruby lips opened, and these words came forth in tones of gentle remonstrance:—"Go 'way—go 'way from 'dar! You'm makin' mischief!" *Our heroine was black.*

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LETTER FROM ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

From The Augusta (Me.) Journal.

The Republicans of Boston celebrated Thomas Jefferson's Birthday on the 13th of April, 1859. Among those invited to be present was the Hon. Abraham Lincoln, who responded in a letter of characteristic and forcible felicity of expression. We thought at the time that of all the political letters we had ever read, it was the most pointed and most forcible, and our great surprise is that up to this time, so far as we know, it has not been republished. After diligent search among some old "clippings" we have succeeded in finding it, and with peculiar pleasure lay it before our readers. It is a platform in itself, worthy of the indorsement of all who believe in the fundamental doctrines of Free Government as taught by Thomas Jefferson. Here is the letter:

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 6, 1859.

GENTLEMEN: Your kind note, inviting me to attend a festival in Boston, on the 13th inst., in honor of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, was duly received. My engagements are such that I cannot attend. Bearing in mind that about seventy years ago two great political parties were formed in this country; that Thomas Jefferson was the head of one of them and Boston the headquarters of the other, it is both curious and interesting that those supposed to be political descendants of the party opposed to Jefferson, should now be celebrating his birthday in their own original seat of empire, while those claiming political descent from him have nearly ceased to breathe his name in every breath.

Remembering, too, that the Jefferson party was formed upon its supposed superior devot