The Press.

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The News.

The steamship Anglo Saxon has been intercepted off Father Point, and news obtained four days later than that brought by the Europa. The most important intelligence is that there is a strong probability that the Great Eastern will not come to this country this season. This will be unwelcome news to thousands who waited anxiously for her arrival.

A correspondent of the New York *Times*, writing from the steam frigate San Jacinto, Cape de Verde Islands, under date of Sept. 9, 1859, says:

"I have no news of especial local or general interest to communicate from these outposts of Portuguese barbarism. From the slave coast we hear of the capture, by the United States sloop-of-war Vincennes, of a slaver having a cargo of 500 slaves aboard, which prize was taken into Sierra Leone. I give this to you as a rumor; its correctness I will not vouch for, though I may say that it is accredited aboard of the ship. The particulars of this capture—the news of which we learned at Port-a-Praya—have not come to hand as yet. By the next mail I shall probably be able to inform you definitely as to the affair, if correct."

The *Simbury American* says that the short connecting link of road wanting to unite the Shamokin Valley and Pottsville road with the Mine Hill and other roads leading from Pottsville and Minersville, will be completed before another year elapses. The Reading Railroad Company have been making surveys, and the Mine Hill Company have not been idle. Both companies are impressed with the importance of a speedy connection. An intelligent gentleman, well informed on this subject, assured us at Philadelphia, that a connection with the latter company could be made in four months, at a cost not exceeding fifty thousand dollars. We have no doubt several connections will be made. This is an important matter to Philadelphia, and will make the Shamokin Valley and Pottsville road an important branch in connecting Philadelphia with the Lakes—the shortest route by way of the Sunbury and Erie road.

Hon. Joshua R. Giddings, of Ohio, will deliver a lecture this evening before the Harrison Literary Institute of this city. The subject of this lecture will be "Scenes in Congressional Life." Mr. Giddings is a venerable man; he comes among us in a peculiar time, and as we do not approve his political opinions on many things, we can ask for him on the part of our citizens a courteous and a respectful hearing. We can do no more, and we express a hope that our citizens will imitate the noble spirit of Henry A. Wise in his late speech at Richmond.

A correspondent of the Erie *Gazette*, writing from Franklin, Penna., says: "The oil feeling has not subsided since I wrote last. The well spoken of by Judge Thompson, in your last, is still in existence. During the summer months, when the water is low, the oil is quite perceptible, and becomes at times quite offensive. This is the case with other wells in town. There are various points near the creek and river where the oil oozes from the surface of the ground in such quantities as to be smelled at quite a distance. In fact, the oil sites are quite numerous in the town and vicinity. Preparations are making for drilling in several places. These sites are quite as promising, as far as outside indications are concerned, as that of the celebrated well of Mr. Drake, near Titusville. My own opinion is that oil exists in immense quantities beneath the surface here, as it has probably been accumulating for ages, but the difficulty *may be to strike* the exact veins beneath the bed rock."

The arms recently furnished to the colored volunteer company of this city have been taken away by the Adjutant General, in consequence of the Harper's Ferry affair.

The new Government stamped envelope is out. The envelopes are so manufactured that three distinct lines are visible on the face, to guide the pen in making a straight and uniform direction. When the letter is inserted, these lines, being really imprinted in the inner part of the backpiece of the envelope, disappear.

The Detroit *Advertiser* alludes to an opinion prevalent that the track at Kalamazoo, over which Flora Temple trotted in 2.19¼, is short of a mile, and says:

"For the benefit of such as these, we would state that the track is one of the best bedded of any in the country, was in excellent condition, and is a *fraction over a mile*, four feet from the pole, or inner edge."

The following post offices in Pennsylvania have *recently been discontinued* by the Postmaster General:

Breckinridge,	Clearfield county.
Narkonks,	Bradford "
Venice,	Washington "
Wexford,	Allegheny "
Spring Creek,	Warren "

One of the madman Brown's party has been arrested at Tiffin, in this State. He is the same person who was supposed to be Cook, because seen talking to that person's wife. When arrested he had on his person three revolvers and two bowie-knives. He gives his name as William Harrison.

The Paris correspondent of the New York *Times* thus describes the death of Hon. John Y. Mason, late minister at Paris:

"You will have already heard of the sudden death of the American minister at Paris, the Hon. John Y. Mason. Mr. Mason had never recovered completely from his first attack of apoplexy, which occurred four years ago, and which then came near terminating his life. An incomplete paralysis of the left side remained as a result of the first attack, but so entirely had his health of mind and body been restored in other respects that there is reason to believe that he looked forward to a prolonged life, and was far from anticipating so early and so sudden a death. To all, however, who know the implacable character of the disease, and its tendency to a surer and more fatal return, the end event was scarcely a surprise. Thus, while to the slightest premonition, and in a state of perfect health, was the deceased visited with the last fatal stroke. He retired to rest on Sunday evening, after taking a glass of water, as he usually did, and died at his house, and in his usual health. At one o'clock in the morning, Mrs. Mason heard an unusual noise in her husband's room, and, approaching the door, found him in convulsions and unconscious. He remained in this condition until he died, eight hours later, suffering intensely, although unconscious of surrounding objects. Several physicians were at his bedside, but they were unable to give any relief."

American Timber for the British Government.

It may not be known to our readers that at this time there are being cut and prepared at the Rowlesburg Iron and Lumber Company's mills, Virginia, some fifty thousand sticks of white oak, for gun-carriages for the British Government. Rowlesburg is on the West river, where it is crossed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on which road the timber is carried to Baltimore and then shipped to England. The person who is getting this timber has been shipping white oak timber to the British Government, or for the British markets, largely, during the last two or three years, and has sent to Liverpool from Baltimore this year nearly or quite twenty large ships' cargoes. We learn he has just chartered four ships, the least of which is over a thousand tons burden, to load immediately for the same port.

He has over three hundred men employed in getting timber in the mountains, near Rowlesburg—a part of which is for the entire frame of a ship of eighteen hundred tons. His expenses in the woods and for railroad freight alone, are said to be over five hundred dollars per day.

The finest river oak is said to be the best yet imported into England, and far surpasses the Canada oak, which it is fast superseding.

Mr. THORNTON, the gentleman above referred to, is said to have contracts for as much timber as he can get out for near two years ahead.

The large forests of white oak that but a few years ago were everywhere over New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Eastern Virginia, have nearly all disappeared, and it will not be many years till all those States will be entirely stripped of this valuable species of timber. We think our Government should look ahead a little, so that our live and white oak timber may not all be carried away, and we left without a supply.

British View of the San Juan Question.

The *London Times* of October 3d thus gives the British view of the question, as to the Island of San Juan:

"There can be no doubt that the treaty of 1846 gave, and was intended to give, to Great Britain and the United States the free navigation of the Gulf of Georgia, and that this could be alone effected by making the channel which divides the San Juan archipelago from the main land—what is usually considered to be—the broad estuary which flows to the eastward of San Juan. This was the channel in those days when California had not yet been colonized—when British Columbia was yet unknown and unnamed, and when Oregon itself was a wilderness, wandered over only by the hunter and the trapper. Nothing was thought of other channels between San Juan and Vancouver, passable, indeed, to the steamers of the present day, but never navigated in those times, and surely never present to the minds of the statesmen who, map in hand, negotiated the treaty of 1846. This is the view of the matter, according to the spirit of the treaty, but if we take the letter it bears out no less our claims. The express words are, that 'the line shall be continued westward along the forty-ninth parallel of latitude *to the middle of the channel which separates the continent from Vancouver's island*, and then southerly, the middle of the said channel and of Fuca straits to the Pacific ocean.' On these words the British Government is content to rest its claim, and it is mere surveyor's work to determine whether the line southward from the middle point of the channel, in forty-nine degrees north, and through the middle of Fuca straits, does or does not give the island of San Juan to the British Crown."

Honor to Governor Wise.

Governor WISE, of Virginia, is reported to be a man of violent impulses. But if the telegraphic despatch, giving an abstract of his speech to the people of Richmond on Friday last, is correct, he has displayed a sagacity and a liberality which should entitle him to the thanks of all Union-loving and Constitution-obeying citizens. It was natural that one of his excitable temperament should respond to the popular feeling which followed the Harper's Ferry tragedy. Here was an opportunity to commend himself to a sort of political deification at home; and we confess that when we heard of his arrival at the scene of bloodshed, we anticipated that he would not be among those ready to curb or to moderate the intense excitement which then and there reigned supreme. We repeat that it is scarcely possible for Northern men to conceive the sensitiveness of the Southern people on a question like this. Surrounded by a servile population, the slightest rumor is apt to excite the most fearful apprehensions, and the counsel of political demagogues is never wanting to increase this excitement. Gov. WISE has, however, looked over Virginia, and abroad into other States. *He has elevated himself into the atmosphere of the Union*, and, by abstaining from all violence, has, we think, done more by the unaffected moderation of his speech, on Friday, to calm excitement at home, and to strengthen a sound sentiment elsewhere, than he could have done by any other process. Nothing would be more unfortunate for the South, at the present time, than a demand for extreme measures on account of the Harper's Ferry tragedy. Nothing would do so much to disturb and unsettle the almost solid feeling now existing in the free States, in sympathy with Virginia and the Southern States, than the expression of a determination to make that affair the basis of new demands upon Congress or the Federal Government. We are glad to put upon record our hearty endorsement of the tone and temper of Gov. WISE, conscious, as we are, that while he thus proves himself to be the best friend of his own people, he, at the same time, shows that he appreciates the value of an honest and patriotic public opinion in other quarters of the Union.

A Single Word to the Attorney General.

Judge BLACK says that *property acquired in a State* is to be regarded as sacred in the hands of its owner; that the citizen acquiring it may go with it into a Territory, and hold it like any other property; that all property *rights are of the same character.*

In another part of his paper he says that the States have the authority to determine whether the black race shall be bond or free. He denies this authority to the Territories, maintaining that *the latter possess no attribute of* sovereignty by which alone this power is to be exercised. Now, if slave property is to be held like any other property, is it in the power of a State Legislature to declare negroes free, as claimed by Judge BLACK? If this power is conceded to the State Legislature, does it not carry with it absolute authority "to confiscate private property of any kind," to use his own language? If there is no difference between slave property and any other property, and it is claimed that the States may confiscate the former, we do not see how the conclusion is to be avoided that the States may confiscate any property.

Judge BLACK, it is true, limits his rule to property acquired in a State of any kind; but it is not seen how property acquired in a State is any more sacred than property acquired elsewhere within the Federal jurisdiction. But, conceding for the argument that slave tenures have a peculiar force, how is Judge BLACK to get over the difficulty of allowing it to be taken from the citizen (who, according to the express theory of the Attorney General, had a right to take it into a Territory) by the action of a Constitutional Convention or the machinery of a State Government?

Judge BLACK's subsequent denial that he intended to maintain the right of a State to confiscate private property, is simply an appeal from his own decision. The logical deduction from his premises he repudiates, and, in doing so, warns the country not to trust to his paper.

Judge Douglas and Dr. Gwin.

Senator GWIN, now the *sole* Senator from California, is, we believe, in Washington, having left San Francisco in the steamer of the 19th of September. We hardly suppose that the grave duty of announcing Senator BRODERICK's death will devolve upon Mr. GWIN; but in looking over our late California files, we find a letter from Mr. Senator DOUGLAS, published in the *National* of that city on the 16th of September, which may require some notice at the hands of Mr. GWIN. The following passage will suffice to show the temper of the letter of the distinguished Senator from Illinois:

Mr. GWIN said in the speech to which Mr. DOUGLAS replied:

"To contend for the power—and a sovereign power it is—of a Territorial Legislature to exclude by non-action or hostile legislation, is pregnant with the mischiefs of never-ending agitation, of civil discord and bloody wars.

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"It is an absurd, monstrous, and dangerous theory, which demands denunciation from every patriot in the land; and a profound sense of my duty to my constituents has led me, at this time, to offer this brief statement of my views upon a question so vital to the welfare of our common country."

Mr. DOUGLAS remarks in his letter to the San Francisco *Herald*:

Why did not the same "profound sense of duty" to the people of California require Mr. Gwin to denounce this "absurd, monstrous, and dangerous theory" when pronounced and enforced by Gen. Cass, in support of the Compromise Measures of 1850, and thence repeated by that eminent statesman at each session of Congress until 1857, when Mr. Gwin voted for his confirmation as Secretary of State? Why did not Mr. Gwin obey the same sense of duty by denouncing James Buchanan as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, when he declared in 1856, that "the people of a Territory, like those of a State, should decide for themselves whether slavery shall or shall not exist within their limits?" Why did he not perform this imposing duty by assisting to defeat the man who made Northern votes for Mr. Buchanan by advocating this same "absurd, monstrous, and dangerous theory of 'non action' and 'unfriendly legislation,'" when he was appointed Secretary of the Treasury? And, in short, why did he not prove his fidelity to a high sense of duty, by protesting against my selection as chairman of the Senate's Committee on Territories in the Democratic caucus by a *unanimous vote*, at every session that he has been a Senator from 1850 to 1858, *with a full knowledge of my opinions?*

Mr. DOUGLAS concludes his letter as follows:

In faithful compliance with the pledges, creed, and platform of the Democratic party, I stand now, as I did in 1850, in 1854, and in 1856, by the great cardinal principle that, under our political system, every distinct political community, loyal to the Constitution and the Union, is entitled to all the rights, privileges, and immunities of self-government in respect to their internal polity and domestic institutions, subject only to the Constitution of the United States.

An Example for Pittsburg.

We are pleased to announce that the authorities of the city of Maysville, Kentucky, have, in obedience to the mandamus of the Court of Appeals of that State, in the case of the municipal subscription to the Maysville and Lexington Railroad Co., assessed a tax to pay the interest on the bonds. This puts at rest the fears that were entertained that there was not power in our courts to enforce their decrees, and further shows that it is only in certain quarters that citizens can be found who are not ready to comply promptly with the law. The opinion that seems to prevail abroad, that our courts are powerless, and that our citizens are capable of violently resisting their decrees, is erroneous. In all free governments bad counsel will sometimes prevail and mischievous men will be found to foment disorders and disobedience to law. But this state of affairs cannot continue long. The strong arm of the Government—only another name for the people themselves acting through the constituted authorities—will in the end triumph.

The Compliments of the President's Personal Organ.

[From the New York Herald.]

"The Chevalier *Forney* is expecting the reward of the fat office of Clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington from the Republican party, for his services to the Republican cause during the last two years. But he may be disappointed. He may be unable to bring up the half-dozen anti-Lecompton recruits that will be necessary to elect the Republican Speaker, and what then? Why, then, we may have occasion to lament the follies and misfortunes of poor Forney; and then, perhaps, we may find him asking forgiveness and a bone to pick from his old friend and much-abused benefactor, Mr. Buchanan."

[From the New York Herald.]

"*James Buchanan is an old dotard, an imbecile, a miserable, gabbling old granny, who has lost his mind and his memory, and who is, consequently, utterly unfit for the important duties of the Presidency.* We plead that James Buchanan told the truth in his opinion of Fremont's public services; but if our Democratic organs will have it otherwise, and that Mr. Buchanan *is a talkative old fool, no let it be; and let the superannuated dotard be condemned to stay at home.*"

Kossuth and Villa Franca.

The sympathies of America have been so fully aroused for the cause of down-trodden Hungary, that when the treaty of Villa Franca was signed there was as much regret felt that KOSSUTH's schemes were indefinitely postponed as that Venetia was suffered to remain under the dominion of Austria. Since that period but little has been heard of the famous Hungarian Governor, except vague rumors that he had lost the confidence of some of the Republican leaders of Europe by his combination with LOUIS NAPOLEON. He has recently, however, spoken for himself, in a letter to a gentleman of Glasgow, dated London, September 26, in which he says he was "disappointed" and "deceived," when that "thunderbolt from a clear sky," the Villa Franca Arrangement, frustrated plans which, but for it, would have certainly resulted, in his opinion, in the liberation of Hungary. He still cherishes hopes for the future, and says: "We believe in our future freedom, therefore we shall be free. The corresponding resolution has, with the whole nation, become a religious creed." He also adds:

"I have the satisfaction to know that by not allowing myself to be influenced by promises, that by insisting on the guaranty of irretrievable facts preliminary to my giving the signal for rising, I have preserved my country from great misfortunes, for aims which were not our own, and have preserved its future uncompromised—intact. This, at least, is a bright speck on the dreary horizon of my deep grief.

"I was particularly careful to warn my fellow-countrymen in exile not to be led away by impatience, to throw up their positions which they may have gained by industry, before events take a turn which will warrant my calling on them. I even warned, in public papers, my countrymen in America to wait, and not to stir. Thanks to this precaution, no harm has accrued to any one on my account. But the prisoners of war from the Hungarian regiments flocked spontaneously to our banner.

"We had already five battalions (upward of 4,000 men) organized—alas! in three weeks more we should have had 25,000 of them. When the war was brought to an untimely end I considered it a duty to guaranty the condition of the gallant band. I wished them to return home, rather than be scattered in misery over the face of the earth, provided I could secure to them a return.

"I therefore insisted on a double stipulation for them—that of amnesty and that of exemption (*congé definitif*) from further Austrian military service. I succeeded in both regards. France insisted peremptorily, and Austria felt obliged to yield—both points are guaranteed, as far as stipulations are guarantees; it remains to be seen how Austria (false Austria) will execute them."

Money Value of the Late War.

A statement has appeared in one of the Parisian journals, of the cost of the late war in Italy, which is said to be correct. We learn from it the following particulars:

France contracted a loan of $100,000,000. The whole of this was not disbursed, but at least $80,000,000 was expended on the war.

Austria has spent about $100,000,000, taking into account only the two loans taken from the Bank, and the forced loan imposed on Venice.

Piedmont contracted a loan of $10,000,000, and borrowed 7,000,000 francs from the Bank of Turin. It is said also that France rendered her largo material assistance, in money as well as in the munitions of war. On the whole, her expenditure was about $20,000,000.

The other States of Italy borrowed about $4,000,000.

The British Parliament allowed $50,000,000 for warlike preparations, which would not have been made but for the threatening aspect of affairs. Part of this sum was expended during the war, the balance has since been disbursed.

The German States obtained $40,000,000 in loans, on account of the war. Russia was put to an expense of about $6,000,000. The amounts, exhibited at one glance, run thus:

France	$80,000,000
Austria	100,000,000
Piedmont	20,000,000
States of Italy	4,000,000
England	50,000,000
German States	40,000,000
Russia	6,000,000
Total	$300,000,000

Thus it will be seen that the game of war requires very large stakes—every cent of which is lost ere the play is over.

Schamyl.

SCHAMYL, the Imaum and gallant defender of the Caucasus, has been interrupted in his journey to Petersburg. He was taken ill, *en route*, in the South of Russia, and the Czar immediately sent a despatch to beg that he would not resume his travel until perfectly restored to health, adding that, as his Majesty was about to travel south, perhaps they might meet upon the road. The old palace of the Taurida, at St. Petersburg, will be the residence of SCHAMYL, and there is no doubt, from the humane and courteous character of the Czar, that the old chief will be treated with the utmost kindness and consideration.

Apother Victim.

The Washington *Constitution* of Saturday evening has the following significant announcement:

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.—John L. Vattier, to be deputy postmaster at Cincinnati, Ohio, in place of James J. Faran, removed.

Mr. FARAN is, we believe, the editor of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, and his removal was no doubt caused by the refusal of that paper to endorse all the heresies of the Administration and to misrepresent the views of the Democracy of Ohio.

Letter from "Occasional."

[Correspondence of The Press.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23, 1859.

In one of Mr. Dickens' latest productions he is very severe upon what he calls Society, ridiculing, with inimitable skill and merciless satire, the deceptions of many of those who move in the sensitive atmosphere of fashionable life, and who cravingly ambition of others to be permitted to enter the charmed circle. Probably no public man that has ever lived paid more court to Society than James Buchanan. Essentially aristocratic in his tastes, he has looked upon the system erected by wealth and fashion, for the purpose of excluding humble and gifted men and women from their presence, with as much adoration as the Turk regards Mecca, or as the idolator worships the sun. No man has been more exacting and cynical against admitting what he might call counterfeit coin into the *circulation of this social Eden. Every one* having the stamp of Society has been welcomed to his hearth and his home. In New York, Philadelphia, and Washington he has himself sought entrance into patrician saloons; and in London, Paris, and St. Petersburg he gathered many new reasons for his respect and veneration which he always indulged for the exclusive few of position.

But, however Society may boast of its conquests elsewhere, there is not on the face of the earth a city in which it is more delightful than at this same Federal capital. In some other cities men and women of wealth make up the *coteries* that regulate the conventionalities of community, and often the learned and the brave find themselves shut out from all connection with the limited sphere in which these influences move and have their being. *Society here is very differently constituted.* It is pervaded by a more liberal and elevated tone. Conduct and character come first, and these being unquestioned, money is mostly the last consideration. The poorest man, if he has intellect and an unstained reputation, is taken by the hand and placed side by side with those who are in the ascendant in our social system.

It was to be hoped, when Mr. Buchanan was elected to the Presidency, that he would bring to Washington society a pure and exemplary standard; that he would set an example which would chasten the relations existing between citizens and strangers, and that from the White House would proceed such a moral lesson as would penetrate every family and correct every error. Say what we may, there is a vast deal in the thing of Etiquette and Society. Even those who sneer at it are compelled to pay respect to it. A virtuous lady and an upright and conscientious gentleman can put themselves into such a position as to make all good men and good women desirous of forming their acquaintance; and the combination thus created may prove to be an inestimable blessing. Before such a spectacle the libertine, the *roué*, the scandal-monger, and the suspected of both classes—the Mrs. Potiphars, the Becky Sharps, and the Madam Pompadours—will be compelled to retire, in their turn to establish a *Dens Mondo* in which they may offer incense to each other, and abuse the execellencies they cannot imitate. Say, too, what we may of the Southern people, there is no class more sensitive in regard to society than our fair countrywomen in that quarter of the Union. It would be invidious, if not improper, to mention the names of many of the ladies who come hither during the winter from the Southern States, who adorn and almost etherealize the circles in which they move, and who, by their domestic qualities, their intellectual and personal graces, and their sweet and touching manners, are models by which others may shape and improve their conduct.

The first tribute that the President of the United States paid to this sentiment was his love adventure with the James Gordon Bennetts of New York. *Here now was an opportunity to make a* mark, not in favor of a false social system, but in honor of those relations which are observed wherever Christianity and civilization, reputation and virtue, are respected. These odious and suspected influences had sought, in vain, admission into former Administrations. They had been ejected and rejected by Mr. Polk, Mr. Fillmore, and General Pierce. Even in Paris they had ineffectually sighed for recognition in the higher walks of Society, and had entitled themselves, too, to the haugh. tiest reception at the hands of Mr. Buchanan. Rolling in ill-gotten wealth, gathered through long years of defamation of the best men of the Republic, and carried away by an exaggerated belief in the power which their journal conferred, it never entered into their calculations that the once "favorite son of Pennsylvania" would achieve the Presidency. And, therefore, they made him the subject of their own characteristic ridicule, calumny, detraction, and falsehood. Even when he became a candidate for this high office, they did not relax in their contempt and their hatred. Every step that he took towards the White House had to be taken through their slanders, and while their missiles of vituperation hurled, like so many fatal bullets, around his head. They had, indeed, rendered it not only an *easy thing for him to trample* them under foot, after his election, as others had done, but, as it was supposed, an impossible thing for him to do otherwise. In the North their antagonism of him, added to their other disabilities, had made them objects of horror, even to those they had praised; while in the South—as if to show that even the most depraved can still further degrade themselves—they had fallen into utter shame by their wanton attacks upon the leading public man of that region, and upon that peculiar institution which is so indissolubly connected with their whole social system. And yet, among the first acts of Mr. Buchanan was his introduction of these Bennetts into his own family and into the society of Washington. Kings sometimes enact strange freaks. Possessed of regal power, as all *history has shown, they occasionally* endeavor to do that which in others would be followed by a storm of resistance. I need not multiply instances in which they have succeeded. But our Majesty has failed in his experiment. However bold and exacting and persevering he has been in his effort to set the fashion in the matter referred to, he has failed, to the infinite damage of himself, and by no means to the satisfaction of those people he has patronised. The lesson is a good one. It will teach those who may follow him, that not all of the patronage of the President, not all his hordes of sycophants and dependants, can sanctify that against which the moral sense of the country is a living protest, nor make the "furred gown" and spangled robe that covers, but does not hide, a bad heart and a tainted character, the passport to decent *society*.

Reading over an old newspaper the other day, I picked up an "allegory" that might not be unacceptable to your thousands of readers. As the Hon. William B. Reed said, when he attacked you at the Administration meeting in Philadelphia "I leave you to make the application:"

"A wise and venerable brahmin of the East, whose austere virtue and expansive benevolence had won for him gifts of mighty power from Vishnu, while meditating in his solitary walks, beheld a small dog fleeing in terror from a ferocious mastiff. The mastiff had seized upon *his panting prey*, and had already crushed him to the earth beneath his heavy paw, preparatory to devouring him. The good brahmin promptly interposed for the benefit of the oppressed, and by the exercise of the mighty power which had been conferred upon him, changed the little dog into a powerful tiger. The tiger prostrated the mastiff on a single blow, and revelled in his blood. The brahmin turned and fled in terror from the spot. When the mastiff recovered, he feared the tiger and fled from him, when the latter had so much cause for gratitude to him, as the preserver of his life, he answered:

"I am the only living person that knew him as a dog."

"And such is life. Gratitude for favors received is too often smothered in hatred for the giver. In miserable, false shame concerning former circumstances over which he could have no control, man often loses sight of the real shame which he should feel for a want of gratitude towards his benefactor. In fact, the very sense of obligation to gratitude seems to engender hate in some men's minds, and a vengeful thirst to injure those who have done them benefits. Thus are we many times in this the world who were the dogs of yesterday; and having now slain the mastiffs which sought their lives, their eyes glare wildly in search of the benefactors who have known them as dogs. Many times, many times, and thus obliterate all knowledge of their former lives. The moral is, O reader of ours, when you make a great man of a small one, expect no favor from him. look for no gratitude, and then you will avoid the plague."

It is now stated that Governor WILLIAM WELLER, of California, will appoint THOMAS J. HENLEY, late superintendent of Indian affairs for the Pacific States, to fill the vacancy created by the murder of Broderick. Mr. Henley is a very able man, an accomplished debater, and will make an active and useful Senator. OCCASIONAL.

Public Amusements.

The dramatic town-talk is upon the rival versions of "The Cricket on the Hearth," at the two leading theatres. At the Arch, a new adaptation, by Mr. Boucicault, a wonderfully good judge and master of stage-effect, elicited general applause. At the Walnut, Dickens' own dramatic version was brought out, on Friday evening, by Miss Davenport, for her benefit, to follow and relieve the heaviness of "The Stranger," a play which has fewer real attractions, in plot and moral, than any other of the indifferent school to which it belongs. Miss Davenport was the *Dot*, and surprised her auditors by assuming such a part, apparently out of her line. She played it well, however, though too dignified for an humble carrier's young wife. The last scene was her best: in this she was touching and effective. As a whole, Miss D.'s *Dot* is not so good as *Mrs. John Drew's. Perry, as Peerybingle*, was about equal to Dolman's at the other house—the comparison, if strictly carried out, would rather award the superiority to Mr. Dolman, whose playing was more thoroughly artistical. Mrs. Cowell's *Bertha* bears the palm from Miss Taylor's, at the Arch. Tout Ensemble made the blind girl less helpless, and more assured in her action. She walked about like one who knew her own residence, at least, and with little groping, like a person in the dark. There was nothing of Walnut-street better than Mr. Wallis's *Tackleton*. We prefer Mr. Gilbert's *Caleb Plummer* to Mr. Thayer's. As for *Tilly Slowboy*, in the Walnut-street version, Mrs. Thayer (whose original character it was) played it so as to make it the great feature of the play—we might say three-fourths of the play. To be appreciated it must be seen. It is worthy of note, on the other hand, that when Dickens himself originally cast the characters of "The Cricket on the Hearth," at the Adelphi, in 1845, *Tilly Slowboy* was played by Mr. Wright, the comic actor, and, in the version played at the Haymarket Theatre, a fortnight later, the part was played also by a gentleman, Mr. Buckstone. Indeed, so far as we recollect, the part was invariably played in London by the low comedian, and there were half-a-dozen different theatres playing "The Cricket" all at once. The force of precedent, therefore, is in favor of Mr. Clarke's playing the character, which he does most amusingly. The Arch-street adaptation admits of the introduction of the beautiful scenery and music, which we have previously commended. Indeed, the music which Mr. G. Bodworth has arranged, especially for the fairy introduction, is very beautiful. At Arch-street Theatre, considerable time was bestowed, as is obvious, in getting up "Dot." At Walnut-street Theatre, it was merely produced as a benefit after-piece, though it will be repeated to-night and to-morrow evening; Miss Davenport remaining in town for the purpose of playing in it.

The success of "Dot," at Arch-street Theatre, has been so great that it will be played every night this week—aye, and for several weeks, we expect. The scenery, with its sudden changes, is very beautiful, and the whole performance very good. The fairy introduction capital, and, by the way, we must draw attention to the excellent manner, with clear voice and graceful action, of Mrs. George Stoddart's impersonation of *Home*.

Mrs. Farnum's New Tragedy.—We are far from holding that an original American play must be criticism-proof because it is the production of "native talent." If it be good, its being written by an American must be gratifying to the public. Genius, however, is not confined to any particular soil or climate, and must be judged by itself, and not by its birth-place. Now plays are not always good plays; but when a new production has been successfully performed for eight successive weeks in New York and Boston, winning unanimous eulogy from the journals of both cities, there must be something more than mere novelty thus to delight large audiences and thoughtful critics. Mrs. Bateman (we believe the mother of the interesting young girls who charmed and interested the public a few years ago) is author, among other plays, of the tragic drama called "Geraldine," or the Hunchback Bride, to which we here refer. What peculiar charm this play exercises upon the public sympathy, and what its attractions are to the critics, we shall learn on Wednesday evening, when, for the first time in this city, it will be acted at Walnut-street Theatre, with that thoroughly accomplished actress, Mrs. Waller—now the best *tragedienne* in this country—in the *rôle* of the heroine. The play will be produced under Mr. Bateman's own supervision and direction, for it is his wife's production. The cast is very strong, including, besides Mrs. Waller, nearly the whole strength of the Walnut-street company—viz: Mr. Perry, Mr. Shewell, Mr. Kench, Mr. Vining Bowers, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Young, Mrs. Thayer, and Miss Miller. This is a sufficient guarantee that it will be played well. New scenery and decorative appointments have been prepared expressly to present a correct view of the feudal times in which the play is laid. If "Geraldine" be as successful here as it has been elsewhere, a series of fashionable and crowded houses will amply repay the management for its liberal outlay.

The Ravels continue at the Academy of Music. This evening the pantomime of "Mazulm" will be performed, and Mlle. Maria Hennessen, François Ravel, and Paul Brillant will dance in the ballet of "Le Diable a Quatre."

At McDonough's Gaieties, where she played and sang, on Wednesday evening, for T. D. Rice's benefit, Mrs. Frank Drew made such a decided hit that she was immediately put on a star engagement. Hernandez brings out a new pantomime this evening, called "Vol au Vent," and, besides a score of other amusing things, Messrs. Thomas and J. H. Budworth will appear as "Damon and Pythias."

At Sanford's, they will give a new extravaganza, called "Am she Come? Yah!" and we know not how many more amusing entertainments in the way of singing, dancing, Ethiopian palaver, &c.

Signor Blitz, like a star which has disappeared to arise with new brilliancy, makes his bow to-night, in a beautiful saloon, second story of Tenth and Chestnut streets. He calls it the Temple of Wonders, and he means to perform in it every evening, and on the afternoons of Wednesday and Saturday. This new drawing-room entertainment will include a variety of new tricks and deceptions, as well as the vontriloquism and canaries of old.

Donetti and Wood's company of trained animals appear for three days longer at National Hall. The dogs, monkeys, and goats are said to be very wonderful indeed.

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION.

OFFICIAL RETURNS.

The returns of the late State election foot up as follows:

For Auditor General, Richardson L. Wright, Democrat, received 164,544 votes; Thomas E. Cochran, Opposition, received 181,835 votes. Cochran's majority, 17,291.

For Surveyor General, John Rowe, Democrat, received 163,070 votes; Wm. H. Keim, Opposition, 182,282 votes. Keim's majority, 18,312.

	Auditor Gen.		Surveyor Gen.	
COUNTIES.	COCHRAN, Opp.	WRIGHT, Dem.	KEIM, Opp.	ROWE, Dem.
Adams	2629	3459	2626	3446
Allegheny	7934	4729	7930	4729
Armstrong	2281	1943	2281	1943
Beaver	1793	1131	1748	1133
Bedford	2011	2107	2009	2150
Berks	6781	7441	6781	7393
Blair	2090	1419	2302	1419
Bradford	3743	5649	3733	5651
Bucks	5172	5129	5176	5134
Butler	2078	1514	2047	1514
Cambria	1923	1856	1891	1900
Carbon	1491	1640	1513	1620
Centre	2146	2251	2144	2281
Chester	5056	6044	5056	6045
Clarion	632	1216	631	1225
Clearfield	1127	1418	1122	1453
Clinton	1220	1600	1256	1580
Columbia	1935	1782	1970	1824
Crawford	2766	2141	2765	2125
Cumberland	2221	3221	2042	3274
Dauphin	3311	3217	3188	3277
Delaware	2097	1230	2111	1231
Elk	317	309	318	309
Erie	2325	1119	2239	1144
Fayette	2624	2251	2631	2217
Forrest	30	31	30	31
Franklin	3696	3367	3652	3393
Fulton	176	851	715	851
Greene	785	1896	760	1888
Huntingdon	2264	1174	2283	1775
Indiana	1922	827	1932	795
Jefferson	1071	881	1070	905
Juniata	1123	1310	1223	1266
Lancaster	7602	5133	7598	5443
Lawrence	1331	1237	1329	1239
Lebanon	2161	1849	2161	1231
Lehigh	3615	3484	3622	3484
Luzerne	5077	4113	5079	4139
Lycoming	2690	2219	2698	2201
M'Kean	600	507	603	505
Mercer	3770	2225	3755	2222
Mifflin	1372	1439	1376	1434
Monroe	1077	1455	1077	1455
Montgomery	4898	6968	4873	6922
Montour	602	1142	613	1142
Northampton	4797	4077	4791	4066
Northumberland	1952	2145	1942	2147
Perry	2 70	2003	2019	2051
Philadelphia	20822	26366	20701	26393
Pike	133	721	127	720
Potter	918	502	893	517
Schuylkill	4879	4574	4905	4469
Snyder	1246	737	1122	709
Somerset	2187	1159	2189	1175
Sullivan	536	307	536	307
Susquehanna	2427	2091	2305	2092
Tioga	1940	1013	1939	1031
Union	1357	1013	1357	1013
Venango	2032	1192	2032	1192
Warren	1122	757	1120	759
Washington	3749	3396	3749	3396
Wayne	1029	1915	1010	1947
Westmoreland	3803	4163	4132	4163
Wyoming	731	945	705	942
York	4983	8203	4941	8255
Total	181,835	164,544	182,282	163,970

Harper's Magazine for November.

We have received this number, which closes the 19th volume, from Peterson & Brothers. It is a surprising periodical, whether its merit or circulation be considered. Its publishers state that in less than ten years it has paid more than a quarter of a Million of Dollars to American authors and artists. The number before us contains, as it illustrated articles, the conclusion of "The Virginians;" The Rice Lands of the South, by T. Addison Richards; the Volcanoes of Central America, by E. G. Squiers; and Tea Culture in the United States, by Charles Nordhoff—following these are *various tales and poems, of which the best are* Robert Fenton's Victory, That Disagreeable Biggs (an eccentric and amusing sketch,) Match-Making, by Alice B. Haven, and a thrilling ballad, by T. D. English, called The Fall of Mauhita. Indeed, there is