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Religious Statistics of England.

Last year the British House of Lords appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and take evidence upon Church-Rates, against the payment of which the Catholics and Dissenters have constantly raised the most decided opposition. This Committee lately published a Report, from which, and from the evidence which they heard, we have culled some facts bearing on the relative position both of the Church of England and of the leading Nonconformist sects towards the population at large.

It appears, then, according to calculations based upon accurate *data*, and carefully made, there are 7,546,948 actual churchgoing men of the Church of England, or 42 per cent. of the gross population; and 4,466,266 nominal Churchmen, but practically of no church, or 26 per cent. of the gross population. So that the field of operation of her clergy, ministerial and missionary, is spread over 67 per cent., or 12,013,214 of the community at large. On the other hand, the chapel-going Roman Catholics in England amount to 610,786, or 3½ per cent. of the whole population; the chapel-going Baptists (six different kinds) to 457,183, or 2½ per cent.; the chapel-going Independents are 1,207,861, or 7½ per cent.; the chapel-going Wesleyan Methodists (seven different kinds) are 2,264,621, or 13 per cent.; and all other "Protestant" Dissenters, including in the number Jews and Mormons, are estimated at 1,286,248, or 8½ per cent. The total of worshipping or *bona fide* Protestant Dissenters is 5,308,609, or 29½ per cent. of the gross population. This is considerably less than the per centage usually claimed by the Protestant Dissenters.

The Report presents an alarming picture of the irreligion in which large masses of the British population are steeped. For example, in Southwark there are 68 per cent. of the people who attend no place of worship; in Lambeth, 60½; in Sheffield, 62; in Oldham, 61½; in Gateshead, 60; in Preston, 59; in Brighton, 54; in the Tower Hamlets, 53½; in Finsbury, 53; in Salford, 52; in South Shields, 52; in Manchester, 51½; in Bolton, 51½; in Stoke, 51½; in Westminster, 50; and in Coventry, 50. So that in all those places, except the two last-named cities, the odds are on the side of those who habitually absent themselves from every religious service whatever. Of thirty-four of the great towns of England, embracing an aggregate population of 3,993,467, 2,197,888, or 55¼ per cent. of the community, are wholly non-worshipping.

To a considerable extent, however, this is attributable to the want of church accommodation; for the evidence goes to show that the sitting accommodation provided by the Church of England and Nonconformists together is only 57 per cent. of the whole population, and of this 27 per cent. is furnished by the Dissenters; 12 per cent. by the Wesleyans, who alone during the last twelve months have spent about £100,000 in chapel-building. The sum expended annually in the repairs of the fabrics and the maintenance of the church services is nearly £600,000, of which only about £250,000 is raised by rate.

The first ecclesiastical census in England was taken in 1851, so that few or no reliable means exist for comparing the religious phenomena of the present day with those of half a century, or a century ago; but, in answer to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rev. Dr. Hume, the incumbent of a parish, populous and poor, in Liverpool, and a witness before the committee, expressed his conviction, founded on long experience and observation, that the large masses of the population who attend no place of worship whatever are in danger of being lost not only to the church, *but to religion altogether*. The population of the country, always on the increase, is become, as there were 9,000,000 living in towns of 10,000 people and upwards, and only 8,000,000 in smaller towns, in villages, and in rural districts. Dr. Hume apprehends that at the close of the present century seventy per cent. of the gross population will be located in large towns; and, therefore, he adds, if our large towns are left to themselves, practical heathenism must inevitably outgrow Christianity.

The conviction which these painful facts must bring is that missionary enterprise, which abounds in England, is greatly wanted in that country, and that the Mrs. Jellabys, male and female, who devote time, labor, and other people's *money to the cultivation of coffee* and the education of the natives of Borriobola-Gha, on the left bank of the Niger, (for particulars, read "Bleak House,") might turn their philanthropic eyes nearer home, and preferably look to provide moral and religious instruction for the large towns of "happy England," which, if left to themselves, will become heathenized more rapidly than Borriobola-Gha can possibly become Christianized.

Washington Irving.

As there was every reason to expect, the death of Washington Irving has created a regretful sensation in the literary circles of England, where he was widely acquainted and greatly esteemed. He was so thoroughly amiable and genial, as well as gifted and original, that, in the double capacity of man and author he greatly conciliated the affection and obtained the admiration of all who knew him. Thousands who had never seen him in the body, knew him intimately in the spirit, through his delightful books. The last English journals mention his demise with regret and pay handsome tributes of respect to his genius.

In his native land, of course, the memory of Irving is duly appreciated. Numerous tributes have appeared from the pens of various men of letters, who know him well. The usual fate of such tributes is to be read, and not cared for beyond the moment. It gratifies us to say that it is not thus in Mr. Irving's case. Mr. Evert A. Duyckinck, one of the authors of the well-known Cyclopædia of American Literature, prefacing the collection with a biography, which he modestly terms "Memoranda of the Literary Career of Washington Irving," has put together a great many of the floating notices of the deceased, and has made them into a characteristic Memorial, to which he gives the title of "Irvingiana." It is got up with great neatness, and has just been issued by Mr. Richardson, publisher of the *Historical Magazine*, of which Mr. Zieber is the agent in this city.

In due time, no doubt, the Life and Correspondence of Irving will appear. Meanwhile, this small, neat quarto of sixty-four pages will satisfy general curiosity respecting the best-known American author. The frontispiece is an original portrait-sketch of Irving at Sunnyside, in July, 1848, drawn from life by Darley, and engraved by Smillie. This is faced by a fac-simile page of the manuscript of the Sketch Book, a leaf from "Rip Van Winkle," from the original in the possession of Mr. J. Carson Brevoort. Mr. Duyckinck's "Memoranda," (which constitute an admirable biography,) is followed by an account of the funeral; valedictories by Dr. Osgood, Luther Bradish, Charles King, George Bancroft, H. W. Longfellow, Edward Everett, George Sumner; articles from several newspapers; extracts from pulpit-discourses referring to him; accounts of visits to Sunnyside, by Willis, Tilton, Wilson, and Tiffany; brief papers by Curtis, Cozzens, and Saunders; Dr. J. W. Francis' Historical Society Address on the Characteristics of Irving, and various miscellaneous articles, including anecdotes of, and poems and letters by, the gentle Geoffrey Crayon. It is, indeed, a book worthy of being read and preserved.

We have read with great interest and satisfaction an address delivered before the literary societies of Lafayette College, at the last commencement of that institution, by Daniel Dougherty, Esq., of this city. The theme which Mr. Dougherty chose was the "Future of the Republic," and he discussed it with remarkable vigor and boldness. In his strictures on the political corruption of the times, Mr. Dougherty uses an outspokenness which we should be glad to see imitated by all who have occasion to deal with the subject, and throughout his entire address there is a manliness of sentiment that cannot be too strongly commended.—*Philadelphia North American of yesterday.*

Hon. John P. Verree, Hon. Roger A. Pryor, and others, will please receive our thanks for copies of public documents.

Affectionate Letter of James Gordon Bennett to James Buchanan.

The editor of the New York *Herald*, James Gordon Bennett, has fabricated a letter marked "private," which he has addressed to Mr. Weed of the Albany *Evening Journal*, and which he calls upon the editor of The Press to sign. Following the example of Bennett we subjoin a letter, which is so far an improvement upon his own invention, that it happens to be substantially made up from articles *written by himself, and published in the New York Herald*:

TO JAMES BUCHANAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Office of the New York Herald, New Year's Day, 1860.

My Dear Mr. Buchanan: You cannot conceive how greatly I am indebted to you for taking me to your ardent and sympathetic bosom; and I seize the opportunity, this blessed Sabbath—which I always greet with a contrite and penitent heart—that I may write to you in the freedom of affection, while sending to you the sweet greeting of a happy, thrice happy New Year, and add to it the prayer that there may be many more in reserve for you. Notwithstanding I have always entertained the opinion that you are "a cold and timid man, following in the wake of other men, and that the stuff of which popular enthusiasm is made, is not in you, and cannot be brought out of you," you are the solitary human being in this, or in any other country, who has responded to my abuse and my slanders upon private and public character, before this abuse and these slanders were recanted by me, by formally recognising me as a confidante and friend. I have been publicly insulted by Daniel O'Connell in Ireland; publicly cowhided by J. Watson Webb in New York; driven out of all social position everywhere, and compelled to live in a sort of moral quarantine in Paris, all because I have never yet failed to stain the reputation of man or woman, when I had any purpose to subserve by doing so. You can readily conceive, then, what an invaluable favor you have bestowed upon me by taking me into your arms. In doing so, you prove that I have been right in all my vituperation of your friends and *yourself*. It is a great triumph to a knave so characterless as I am to find that which I would gladly have apologized for, accepted as truthful and genuine, without regret or retraction on my part.

Besides, Mr. Buchanan, your whole course has proved that what I said before your election was said prophetically. I told the country that you were seeking to force upon Kansas and all the Territories of the great West a nigger-driving despotism; that you were "a Kansas affiliation;" "an Ostend filibustor;" "a rotten, disjointed, and demoralized Democrat;" and that "your whole policy would be to make room for niggers, at the point of the bayonet." I told the country that your letter to California, to secure her vote, was a fraud and a falsehood, and that if you were elected, "the same malign anti-Californian, secession, nullification, border-ruffian, and filibustering counsels that controlled your nomination at Cincinnati, would rule the roast should you get into the White House, even by the vote of California." I also denounced your Ostend manifesto as the manifesto of a "highwayman." I now boldly claim that all these declarations have been confirmed by the results, and that you have given them the sanction of your highest approbation.

But your liberality to me, my dear Mr. Buchanan, has gone further than this. You are a much "older fogy" to-day than you were in 1856—a very "old stager," before whose claims and pretensions all other Democrats, of high or low degree, must stand back!" "The fact is, you have no taste for matrimony, which plainly implies a lack of some essential quality, as, for instance, was the case with John Randolph, of Roanoke!"

This is what I thought of you a few years ago, and what I still think of you. Your course has proved, as I then said, "that no man who has not been married can thoroughly understand human nature, and, also, that you are the first President who has ever carried into the White House the crude, and possibly the gross, tastes and experience of a bachelor." If this had not been so, how could you have compelled those around you to take a wretch so covered with corruption and shame as myself into your innermost household?

But you are fond of frog, Mr. Buchanan. Bitterly as I have abused Forney, I have said worse things of you than ever I did of him. I charged you, in an editorial article, with turning your house at Wheatland "into an unlimited tavern-stand, where, night after night, you sought, by making men drink, to secure from them, in their drunken moments, pledges to support you," and I said, on the highest authority, that all "these things had been repeatedly transacted, Sabbath after Sabbath." Incredible as the charge seemed at the time, I then said that, "the very fact that you lived the life of an old bachelor afforded at once a substantial ground of belief." That you should have the greatest merriment in my delightful family circle, but that you should have forgiven me for saying that you had attempted to commit suicide because you had driven a young lady to despair, and that "the consequence was a contraction of the muscles on one side of your throat, which has given you that kink or twist in your neck, which you carry to this day," only shows that the stories of your malignity are simply true as against those who have been fools enough to serve you all their lives.

The fact is, Mr. Buchanan, your course to me is the best evidence of the truth of my declaration in 1856, "that you are a loquacious old dotard, whose testimony under oath is good for nothing—an old dotard, as ignorant of the importance of an oath as of the facts of history;" "that you are a 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." Because, if you were not so, you would have seen that every gentleman, North and South, would regard your intimacy with me as an evidence that all these accusations of mine were correct.

I have done all I could to serve you since you took me into your counsel, but it is in vain, and I must, therefore, conclude this part of my letter with my very words on October 27, 1856: "That a violent revolt of an indignant people, who have been so basely betrayed by party hucksters, swindlers, and scheming knaves, is at hand" to punish both you and me.

Let me close this affectionate epistle with the following poetic effusion, from my own pen, copied from the New York *Herald* of the 14th of July, 1856:

"THE FOUR YEARS' RACE.
TUNE—Few Days.

The four years' race is to be run
In a few days, a few days;
By slavery's hack-men to be won,
Oh, take "Buck" home.

"Buck's" wind was hurt on the Federal track,
In his young days, his young days,
And slavery's load has strained his back:
Oh! take "Buck" home.

'Tis cruel to run so old a hack,
In a few days, in a few days;
His shoes are loose, no spine in his back,
Oh! take "Buck" home.

Our free mountain colt will win the field,
In a few days, a few days,
And slavery's minions will have to yield,
Oh! take them home."

I ought to add that the above looks to the rapidly-expiring time of your Administration, and to the folly of all attempts to put you on the track again. Who the "free mountain colt" is that will win the field I cannot tell, but you may rest assured that I will be as warmly for him as I was bitterly opposed to you.

J. G. B.

P. S.—I hope it is not true that Forney can prove that you warmly defended him after he had written the Forrest letter, and while I was abusing him for it; because if he can I will be compelled to show that you insisted upon the republication of that letter in the New York *Herald* as the only way left to do him any injury.

P. S. No. 2.—I will continue to address you from time to time, a similarly affectionate epistle.

P. S. No. 3.—For the quotations in the above letter I refer you to the files of the New York *Herald*.

British Periodicals.

There are a few periodicals which have become indispensable to the American as well as to the British reading public. We shall name them, as is fitting, according to their respective standing, in point of age. The first is the *Edinburgh Review*, the great Whig organ, which Jeffrey and Brougham, Sidney Smith, and Francis Horner established in the early part of the present century. Next is the *Quarterly Review*, long edited by Gifford, and carried on, afterwards, with more ability and temper, by Lockhart. This always has been the literary exponent of Conservative politics. The famous *Blackwood's Magazine*, of which Wilson was long the main support, is the third—more Tory than the *Quarterly*. Fourth in the list is the *Westminster Review*, which is ultra-liberal in every respect, and has latterly contained numerous papers of the greatest ability. Lastly, we have the *North British Review*, liberal in politics, and, to a certain extent, representing the policy of the Free Church of Scotland. The price of these in England is $31 per annum. Add the import duty payable in this country, freight, and bookseller's profit, and the cost of those five periodicals would be not less than $50. Republished by Leonard, Scott, & Co., of New York, at $10 for the whole, the American reader gains immeasurably, besides having the reprints much sooner than he could receive the originals from England, as Scott & Co. print from advance-sheets. We simply state these facts, the character of the publications standing so high that it would be "gilding refined gold" to eulogize that.

☞ The advertisement of a weekly newspaper for sale, which will be found under the appropriate head in The Press, offers uncommon advantages to any young man who desires to succeed by energy and perseverance.

Sale of Clothing, shoes, wool and cotton-cuttings, &c., this morning, at Thomas & Sons' auction store.

Stocks and real estate, on Tuesday next, at the Exchange. See catalogues and advertisements of both sales.

Letter from "Occasional."

[Correspondence of The Press.]

Washington, Jan. 6, 1860.

The Cleveland *Plaindealer* expresses the opinion that the Democratic National Convention cannot possibly meet at Charleston on the 23d of April, inasmuch as, according to the declaration of the Charleston *Mercury* and the action of the South Carolina Legislature, now in session, the Palmetto State will or may be out of the Union in a very short time. Several contingencies have been suggested, the happening of either of which will precipitate the departure of that State from our national sisterhood. It would be a rather sorry sequel to the efforts of the Administration to sectionalize the Democratic party and to place it upon the ultra secession platform, if the very place where the National Convention is called should, before many weeks have elapsed, be found to be outside of the Union. Much as the extreme men of South Carolina have threatened and hectored lately, they cannot *again* recede from their ultra position. They, and those who co-operate with them, will be compelled to take the initiative, and I have no doubt that, the moment they attempt to break the bonds of Union, a large body of conservative men will be found in the slave States resolved to rebuke them. It will depend entirely upon certain events whether the patriotic men in the South shall succeed in the struggle.

It seems to be conceded that Judge Douglas will very easily carry the delegates to Charleston both from Ohio and Indiana. He has already obtained the unanimous support of his own State, and it is equally certain that he will be unanimously endorsed by Wisconsin and Iowa. The Southern secessionists, however, continue to show Judge Douglas and his friends no mercy, first insisting that they will never support him if nominated, and next that any other nomination must be made upon a distinctive platform in favor of the protection of slavery in the Territories against the popular will. Judge Douglas is, in fact, the only candidate now left who can save the Democratic party. Many Democrats who believe in the principle he represents do not concur with some of his friends in their readiness to submit to the decree of the Charleston Convention—whatever decree that may be. But it is unquestionable that the doctrine of which he is the embodiment is, after all, the only practical one for the adjustment of the vexed question of slavery. The last Illinois Democratic State Convention has, in the most explicit manner, stated its hostility to the demands of the extreme South, and as Judge Douglas no doubt approves, if he did not suggest this platform, he must be held to have added another to his many claims upon the consideration of the people as a Presidential candidate.

No business is done by either branch of Congress owing to the dead lock in the House. The departments of the Government are at a stand-still. The President makes no nominations to the Senate except such as are rendered necessary by emergencies. The consequence is general lassitude and laziness. Business is affected and money is scarce because trade is dull. Members come to the House to listen to long speeches and angry debates, and now and then to take an ineffective ballot. The Senators crowd in—well-dressed and indifferent spectators to the struggle. The galleries are filled with fashionable people of leisure. The secretaries are afflicted with the prevailing *ennui*, and even the President is left a good deal to himself, and has ample opportunity to contemplate the last three years of his rule, and to measure out the thirteen short months that are left to him. Inertness and stupidity are almost universal in Washington. Social life, of course, goes on as usual, but the hotels may be said to suffer more than any other branch of business, because extra preparations had been made for an exciting session. Their proprietors find their lists of guests comparatively small, and the financial ability of their customers greatly restricted.

The Republicans are looking forward to the meeting of their National Convention, in June, with a good deal of solicitude. The truth is, every organization is *Micawberized*, or in other words, "waiting for something to turn up," and the Republicans are quite in the fashion. Nearly all their prominent men have denounced the acts of John Brown and his associates in good set terms, and the call for their National Convention is so worded as to include everybody. The tendency of things is, unquestionably, to moderate the anti-slavery sentiment, and to make the contest next year more national than our prophets supposed it ever could be made. John Brown seems to have accomplished two things certainly. He has brought the Republican party to the consideration of such an amendment of their platform of 1856 as I have repeatedly suggested in this correspondence, and, on the other hand, it has made the fire-eaters of the South still more fiery.

The South Americans are in a strange quandary. They are compelled to oppose the Republicans on account of the strong sentiment against them in the South—and they oppose the Administration because every one of them was elected in distinct hostility to that Administration. A good joke is related of one of the South Americans, who being invited by an Administration man to join with the Administration party—inasmuch as every [illegible] was defeated—replied, in reply, "I must decline your invitation. I have heard of rats deserting one sinking ship, but this is the first time I ever heard of them leaving such a ship to join another that was still more rapidly sinking."

Occasional.

Letter from Washington.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

Washington, Jan 6, 1860.

Quite a lively, though somewhat disreputable, display took place yesterday evening, between some of Indiana delegation. It thus came about: Porcher Miles, of South Carolina, an eloquent, courteous, and gifted gentleman, got up in a paroxysm of patriotism to make the proposition which he presented to-day. Before coming to his proposition he indulged in a brief review of the party of patties in the House, and was doubtful if he could apply the term "organization" to the anti-Lecomptonites, as they seemed—and he said it with respect—rather to be disorganizers. This of course brought up Messrs. Adrain and Clark, the former of whom said there were five of them. This inspired Hickman. He wanted to know who the five were, and whether they included those who had been elected by Republican votes; and took occasion to denounce with his accustomed vigor the Administration Democracy in the House, as a type of the Administration itself in being demoralized, disorganized, without coherence, and in a pitiable and discreditable condition.

Then came up John G. Davis, of Indiana, who, by his speech, dragged up his colleagues, Porter, and Dunn, who both declared they heard him in Indianapolis, during the canvass, denounce the Dred Scott decision, and deliver an honest speech, which entirely met the approval of the Republicans. Indeed, it was a Republican speech. Davis evidently "riled," denied it by every possible means—denied it emphatically, fearlessly, furiously, and denounced those who made the charge on that floor as slanderers, and utterers of what was not true. This fell upon the House with effect and force, and Davis was cheered by the Administration side. But judge—you are a lover of the drama—of the effect, when Mr. Porter, in the coolest manner possible, put his hand in his pocket, and drew therefrom the Indiana *State Sentinel*, the Democratic organ of the State, with a report of the speech alluded to.

A perfect hubbub, then a murmur—then mingled cries of "Read it," "Read it," and "I object," "I object," while for a moment Mr. Davis—announcing that he was cool, never more so—seemed nonplussed. Quickly regaining himself, he denounced the editor of the *State Sentinel* as a personal opponent. After considerable skirmishing the paper was read, and substantiated, I think, the statements made by the *other* Indiana gentleman, when the House adjourned, Mr. John Cochrane being but too glad to compromise the reading of the paper and the personal explanations by Messrs. Porter and Dunn with the proposition to adjourn immediately after. The House was considerably excited; but it was altogether a very theatrical passage, and only shows how true to nature the stage generally is in its best efforts.

To-day, Mr. Miles had an opportunity of presenting his proposition, which was that a temporary Speaker be selected, the appropriation bills passed, the Government credit sustained with the contractors; and that then the Representatives resign *en masse*, and go home to their constituencies, and take counsel. The project, I need not say, is one which would be of a most serious and I think disastrous nature. It was received coldly by a jammed gallery.

Mr. Adrain of New Jersey, replied to Hickman's query as to "the five anti-Lecompton Democrats" alluded to yesterday by the gentleman from New Jersey. He regretted that Mr. Hickman had as such an early period of the session left his friends and voted for Mr. Sherman. Had he not done so, the House might probably have been organized by the selection of an anti-Lecompton Democrat. The Hon. Mr. Jerseyman suggested that the House might still be organized *if*—that wretch'd and rather satirical syllable—*if* a sufficient number of Representatives would vote for an anti-Lecomptonite—not himself, for he had no ambition for the Speaker's chair, but for Horace F. Clark, of New York, or John G. Davis, of Indiana. The gentleman defined his own position relative to his constituents and the Democracy. He was elected in opposition to the Lecompton policy of Mr. Buchan; and on the ground that he would vote for the admission of Kansas with a Constitution chosen by the people of that Territory. He proceeded to eliminate his principles, and to show how he had voted and why.

Mr. Porcher Miles wished to ask whether it was reasonable that ninety men should go over to five, or that five should go over to ninety.

In reply to queries by Mr. Hickman, the gentleman from New Jersey said he received more Republican votes than Democratic in his election, and that the Republicans did not put any man in nomination against, but gave him the field; from which, added Mr. Hickman, the House and the country—as the stereotyped phrase was—would understand that the ground taken by Mr. Adrain in his canvass was acceptable to the Republicans.

Mr. Adrain declared that they went for him because they believed in his honesty; that they were thoroughly aware of his political sentiments, as he had never failed to avow his position as an anti-Lecompton Democrat. An allusion to the position of the South Americans, brought up Mr. Laban T. Moore. He was ready, for one, and he avowed he spoke for seventeen thousand people of the Ninth Congressional district of Kentucky, in a choice between a Republican and a Democrat, to vote for a Democrat—except he was a squatter-sovereignty Democrat; which elicited some applause from the Virginia bench. He was no Democrat, though he would vote for one, and he appealed to his friends to "do likewise."

Mr. Adrain resumed, and as the only means of organizing, moved the plurality rule, and spoke strongly in favor of it. He discountenanced the project of Mr. Miles, as it would lead to dissolution.

Mr. Warren Winslow, of North Carolina, next appealed to all in a few patriotic sentiments, and virtually revived the proposition of Mr. Keitt, made more than a week ago. He presented it in a more perfect form, to wit: that the three parties opposed to the Republicans should appoint committees to confer, in the hope of selecting some one on whom they could unite.

Mr. Dejarnette, of Virginia, has the floor. Mr. J. B. Haskin made his reappearance to-day.

The American party, or Southern Opposition, held a meeting in committee last night. Crittenden, Rockwell, and Jewett, of Buffalo, and other leading men, were present. The chief business was the enlargement of the committee for the purpose of correspondence and active co-operation throughout the States. The members of that party here are very enthusiastic as to their prospects, and say that letters pour in from all quarters of a very cheering nature. The effect must be to seriously affect the Republican party.

Ezek Richards.

Barrington's New and Reliable Railroad Map and Shippers' and Travellers' Guide of Pennsylvania, for 1860.—This is a map and guide combined, just published by Jacob M. Duncan, of this city, showing the name and county of every city, town, village, and hamlet in the State, alphabetically arranged, with nearest railroad station. It is published in large map-form, the upper portion of which contains a beautifully colored map of Pennsylvania, and portions of adjoining States; every railroad is distinctly delineated, each station properly located, and the distance between stations correctly given. Below the map there is a large amount of typographical matter, which will be of great value to merchants, shippers and travellers. Altogether, this is the best work of the kind we have ever seen, and should be encouraged by every business man. Copies can be had at the very low price at Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Bros, No. 306 Chestnut street.

Convocation Services.—During the past week, a series of meetings have been held in Trinity (Episcopal) Church, Rev. Thos. M. Martin, which, we should judge from the impressive closing of last evening, bid fair to produce very happy results. A short time since, the Episcopalian ministers, of the lower portion of the city, concluded to have a series of convocation meetings at each other's churches. The first was held at Dr. Durbrow's; the second series, closing last evening, have been held at Rev. Thos. M. Martin's; and the third, of which notice will be given, will be held at Dr. Clay's. They, no doubt, will prove beneficial to all concerned.

At Dan Rice's Great Show, to-day, an afternoon exhibition for the juveniles and family parties will be given, when, in addition to a great variety of other attractions, the distinguished tightrope dancer, Herr Cline, will appear. The usual night performance will also take place. The ingenuity manifested in the management of this justly-popular resort is worthy of all praise. Instead of the sameness which usually characterizes similar exhibitions, scarcely a night passes that some new feature is not introduced. Among the latest novelties are a beautiful equestrian scene entitled "Zephyr and Cupid," in which Miss Sallie Stickney and Mr. Dale appear, and an extraordinary act of hurdle-riding, upon two spirited ponies, by a little fellow apparently not more than six or seven years of age.

Valuable Coal Lands for Sale.—We would invite the attention of capitalists to the very valuable property of the West Pittston Coal Co., which is now offered for sale. The lands are located in Luzerne county, at the junction of the Susquehanna and Lackawana rivers, a region of country abounding in rich veins of anthracite coal. This is a rare opportunity for the profitable investment of money. For particulars see advertisement, in another column.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Harrisburg, Jan. 6.

The Senate is not in session to-day.

HOUSE.

The House met at eleven o'clock. The Speaker, among other communications, laid before the House the annual statement of the Auditor-General [illegible]

Mr. Pinkerton, of Schuylkill, announced the death of Marks D. Whitman, member elect to the House from Dauphin county, speaking in terms of eulogy of many excellent qualities as a citizen, and a Representative and friend.

Mr. Boyer followed in a brief speech, and offered the customary resolutions of condolence, which were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wright offered a joint resolution, appropriating $300 to the family of the deceased, which was agreed to.

Mr. Bryson read in place a bill erecting the counties of Lawrence and Mercer into a new judicial district. The bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Neill offered a resolution for the printing of five thousand copies of the report of the commissioners appointed to revise the penal code of the State, which was agreed to.

Mr. Lawrence, chairman of the committee on the contested seat from Philadelphia, offered a resolution directing the prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia to transmit all the depositions taken before Samuel P. Hall, in the case of the contested election in the Sixteenth Legislative district of Philadelphia, to the committee of the House appointed on that subject. The resolution was adopted.

A communication was received from the Governor, returning, with his objections, seventeen bills passed at the last session of the Legislature. The veto message was duly read, and the yeas and nays being taken, they were sustained.

The use of the Hall was granted to the Presbyterian congregation of Harrisburg for religious service upon the Sabbath.

Mr. Mann moved that ten thousand copies of the report of the State Treasurer be printed, which was agreed to.

Mr. Winslow, of North Carolina, suggested that the three parties opposed to the Republicans should appoint committees to confer together and see if some scheme to organize the House could not be agreed on by mutual sacrifice of minor differences, on the altar of the country. His political friends were ready to do so. Would the Republican and anti-Lecomptonites agree to this proposition?

Mr. Mallory, of Kentucky, replied that the Southern Opposition were willing to organize the House upon any fair basis of opposition to the Republicans. He did not think by so doing they would sacrifice their principles, and illustrated the position by an anecdote of Randolph and Calhoun. When Mr. Randolph was near his end he wished to die in peace with all the world, and sent for his opponents to effect a reconciliation. Mr. Calhoun, among others came to see him, and their former differences having been amicably settled, Mr. Calhoun was about leaving when Randolph beckoned him back and said, "Remember, if I get well all this is forgotten!" (Laughter.)

Mr. Clark, of New York, denied that the Lecompton Democrats were dead. He has been declared here. The Lecompton Constitution was dead. He proceeded to die, and when it died killed its authors. But the Kansas controversy is by no means ended. The English bill, which passed both Houses, remains in full force and the application for the admission of Kansas, which will be made as soon as the House organizes, will encounter that at the threshold. Before he could answer the interrogatories of Mr. Winslow he desired to be informed whether the Democratic party in the House intend to resist the application of Kansas for admission. That is the material point which affects the action of all the anti-Lecomptonites.

Mr. Dejarnette replied that the purpose of those with whom he acted would be made known when that question arises before the House. He proceeded to allude to the resolutions unanimously passed by the Virginia Legislature, requesting the members of that State to unite with the conservative elements of the House for the purpose of defeating the election of the Republican Speaker. Those resolutions reflect the public sentiment of Virginia, as expressed at the public meetings held in sixty counties of that State.

The people of Virginia are determined, in the future, to demand the observance of the guarantees of the Constitution, and repel by force any violation of them. This is not the result of a sudden impulse, but a long-continued and careful observance of the aggressions of the North. They have yielded to these aggressions for the sake of the Union, but their expulsion from the common territories of the nation, can only be done upon the hypothesis that they are unequal, and to that they never will submit. This purpose was the only object for which the Republican party was formed.

The Republicans indirectly endorse John Brown in endorsing the Helper book. He said that Mr. Seward stood before the country a perjured traitor, and this man, with his hands stained with the blood of our citizens, it was proposed to elect President of the United States. He might be the President for the North, but never for the South.

A call of the House was made preparatory to a ballot.

Mr. John Cochrane, of New York, said that the Democrats were not yet prepared to vote for Speaker, as Mr. Curry was confined to his room by sickness. As his friends were unable to effect a pair for him, they were compelled, as a last resort, to send for him.

Mr. Colfax, of Indiana, remarked that he had been authorized to pair Mr. Reynolds off with a Democrat.

Mr. Cochrane said he did not consider Mr. Reynolds in the same position as Mr. Curry, politically.

Mr. Hickman claimed the floor in order to move the plurality rule.

Mr. Houston, of Alabama, regarded the course of Mr. Hickman, in offering to amend the motion to proceed to a ballot, as unprecedented and unparliamentary.

Mr. Briggs, of New York, wished to define his position. He had been assailed by private letters and in telegraphic despatches, and persons claiming to be constituents of his had endeavored to prevail on him to pursue a course contrary to what he had marked out for himself. A paper at Keesville had copied what purported to be an extract from the *Courier and Enquirer*, in which it was represented that he (Mr. Briggs) had said he was with the Republicans, and that the Republicans took him at his word and elected him. The Keesville editor was right when he said that he (Mr Briggs) would scorn to violate any honorable pledge. His political position was known to every man, woman, and child for the last twenty years. He was formerly a Whig. In 1855 he was elected as a Whig delegate to the Syracuse Convention, but being satisfied that there was a conspiracy to annihilate that party, he remained at home. This was the first known of the Republican party. He found the American party existing. In the language of Webster, he asked where he was to go? He was not long hesitating, and connected himself with it. He traced his political career down to the last Congressional election. His party was unanimous against the Kansas policy of the Administration, and the Republicans of course shared in the opposition. Eight or nine Republican members owe their election to the American element. He came here as an American, opposed to the Kansas policy of this Administration.

In his district he was nominated by the Americans and supported by the Republicans. His party was not sufficient in number to retain him here. There never had been any approaches made to him to abandon any principle that he ever maintained. He never said that he would vote for a Republican here in any party sense. But he did say that he could support such a man as Mr. Corwin or Mr. Pennington—men of national views—but not any who could endorse the incendiary teachings of Mr. Helper's book. He believed that the Southern republican sentiment was and were it not for the restraint of his friends, the gentleman from Ohio would emphatically so declare.

In reply to Mr. John Cochrane's remarks, made the other day, he defended the Americans from the charge of proscription, and in support of his position pointed to the fact that the American vote last autumn was the cause of electing one half of the Democratic State ticket. He was the only Representative here from the North as the embodiment of the American sentiment, affording a nucleus around which all the national elements could rally.

Mr. John Cochrane, of New York, in reply, said there was last fall an election of a body of patriotic men, who approached half-way to the Democratic party, and elected half of the State ticket. He congratulated his colleague that this much was accomplished. He asked them to be not merely half-way Democrats, but altogether, such as he was.

Mr. McMean, of New York, asked Mr. Cochrane whether he excepted the Buffalo platform? (Laughter.)

Mr. Cochrane responded that the purity of the Democratic party could bear even that. But let him advise the gentleman to forsake the ulteries and tempests of the past, and advance to where the light is now. [Laughter.] Had the platform not been announced that mountains had to be scaled, rivers passed, and the midnight darkness penetrated by those who are in search of truth. There was [illegible] of the Democracy of New York, [laughter,] for they had wandered through the byways until they had reached some bectling cliff from which they looked down on the plains below, and exclaimed, "How goodly are thy tents, O Israel!" [Laughter.] He was loyal to the principles found, and where the lion and the lamb lie down together. [Roars of laughter.] You will find that Democracy which pervades and will save the Union. He did not know that he had made use of the term "proscription" in the killing of Senator Broderick, to the Fourth District Court. He had appealed to the Supreme Court.

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THE WAR ON THE TEXAN BORDER.

EXCITING NEWS.

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A NUMBER OF CITIZENS KILLED.

The City Taken by the U. S. Troops and Texan Rangers.

SIXTY MEXICANS AND NINE AMERICANS KILLED.

CAPT. FORD, THE LEADER OF THE ATTACK, WOUNDED.

Flight of Cortinas Across the River.

New Orleans, Jan. 6.—The steamship Indiano's has arrived at this port, bringing Brownsville advices to the 2d inst. The following intelligence is furnished:

Cortinas, with 400 mounted men, captured the city of Rio Grande on the 28th of December, killing a number of the citizens.

A party of United States troops and Texan Rangers immediately started from Brownsville, and attacked Cortinas' force. After a hard fight they retook the city, capturing Cortinas' guns.

In this encounter, sixty Mexicans and nine American citizens were killed, and a number of the latter wounded.

The list of the wounded includes the name of Captain Ford, who gallantly led the attack.

After his defeat, Cortinas fled across the river.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

BY OVERLAND MAIL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 6.—The overland mail from San Francisco on the 12th ult., arrived here at one o'clock this afternoon.

Gold Diggings.—The following summary of the

D. F. Belgrano had been appointed administrator to the estate of the late Senator Broderick.

Four hundred and fifty Indians had been captured in the Fitt river region. They were at San Francisco on the 14th and were to be sent to the Mendocino reservation. All arrangements had been made for their reception.

General Totten arrived at San Francisco on the 12th ult., and was to leave for Golden Gate. It was known that his mission is to report on the condition of the fortifications, and military reservations, on the Pacific coast.

F. L. Horn, a tobacco merchant, at San Francisco, had failed, with liabilities amounting to $15,000.

The Democratic press of California is warmly discussing the claims of various parties to appointment as Senators from the State to succeed Broderick.

The Administration Democrats appeared disposed to nominate Gwin at the State Convention till after the choice of United States Senator had been made by the Legislature.

The new Federal United States steamer Saginaw had made a successful trial trip.

Judge Terry had been refused a mandamus to advance his trial for the killing of Senator Broderick, to the Fourth District Court. He had appealed to the Supreme Court.

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