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SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 31, 1852.

☞ *READING MATTER WILL BE FOUND ON EACH PAGE OF THIS PAPER.*

☞ NOTICE.—The Young Men of the City of Pittsburgh and vicinity, wishing to form a Society for the purpose of giving substantial aid to Hungary, will meet at Philo Hall, on this (Saturday) evening, January 31st, 1852, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

(Signed by upwards of 100 Persons.)

HONOR TO THE LADIES,—the whole sum contributed by the Ladies Association of the Friends of Hungary, of Pittsburgh and vicinity, is *Eleven Hundred Dollars*, which has been paid into the hands of Gov. KOSSUTH, in American gold. There is still a small sum in the Treasury of the Association, as a nucleus for future efforts, and we are happy to learn that the Ladies are still bringing in the contributions. Heaven bless them. They are true friends of freedom—true lovers of their race.

Bishop O'CONNER published a letter in the *Journal* of yesterday morning, in reply to that portion of M. Kossuth's speech at the Masonic Hall, in which he refers to the Catholics of the United States. We shall publish the letter on Monday morning, with some remarks.

J. P. BARR'S STATEMENT.—Having observed a statement in the Chronicle of yesterday, signed J. P. Barr, (one of the editors) of which the following is the most material part—

"The bill for the expenses of Kossuth and his suite was $400, $280 of which *was* for wine, part of which wine I saw drank by the suite of Kossuth, and the balance, I was informed by the landlord, they took with them. Judge McFarland, of Hollidaysburg became responsible for the payment of the bill"—

we made inquiry of Capt. Massingberd, an English gentleman of the highest respectability, at whose house Kossuth and his suite stayed while in London, and who accompanied him to this city at his own charge, as to the facts. The following note is his reply:

ST. CHARLES HOTEL, JAN. 30.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

SIR: In answer to your enquiry, I beg leave to state that I was at the Mountain House with Gov. Kossuth and his suite; that he dined there only twice; that neither he nor his suite ever taken wine except at dinner, and that it is utterly false that they carried any away with them. Including himself and lady, the whole party amounted to fifteen. I did not count the number of bottles drank; any more than I did when I had the honor of entertaining Gov. Kossuth and his suite at my own house; but the alleged charge of $280 for wine, at once proves the absurdity of the statement—that sum representing one hundred and twelves bottles at $2 50 each, which I respectfully submit it was very difficult for fifteen persons (of whom five rarely exceed one glass) to have consumed at two repasts. Yours, &c. ALG. MASSINGBERD.

We leave Mr. Barr and "the landlord" to settle the question—as to which of them shall be responsible for this absurd story.

We have only to add, that any man who will outrage the simplest laws of hospitality by such attacks upon any gentleman holding the position of guest of the city, and of the citizens of the county, is unworthy to be associated with the ladies of respectability. How weak must be an opposition which is only supported by such arguments.

INFIDELITY AND SUPERSTITION.—Some people think these are opposites in their nature; but they are not. On the other hand, we generally find them in close alliance. Man is by nature a religious being—he must have some object higher than any thing around him, to believe in and trust. When he renounces revealed truth, he immediately clings to some figment of his own imagination, and makes it his god; no matter how grossly absurd it may be. Hence the insane ravings of Andrew Jackson Davis, and the fooleries of spirit rappings. This last humbug has been driven, by an avalanche of ridicule, into corners so dark and depraved that it is not likely again to trouble sensible people. But it still exists among the lowest order of infidels. The disciples of Paine in Cleveland have many of them become believers in the Spiritual Theory, and fearing their annual festival in honor of his memory, as formerly conducted, might not be acceptable to him, have consulted his Spirit, now in the 2nd Sphere, and have got through his amanuenses or medium, the Rev. Mr. Hammond, of Rochester, the following directions on this subject:

"I am well satisfied that my memory will not perish. The wisest course for Spiritualists is the best. I wish not to foster anything having a relation, to sectarianism. I wish no ceremony for my labor were done in the body with very great applause of men. I will say that my present advice is to those who wish to honor my name by an anniversary festival, that nothing can be gained by it. My writings will live when my name, and the unwise is not worthy of commemoration. My thanks are due to many who wish to honor me; and it gives me great pleasure to find them progressing with me in the philosophy of spirits. I would, therefore, recommend a meeting of the friends in Cleveland, who believe in the New Philosophy on the anniversary of my birth into the rudimental sphere, to aid each other in the progress of their minds in the knowledge of wisdom, as disclosed by the modern revelaments, at such time and place as may be convenient. T. PAINE."

FLAX COTTON WORKS.—The Chevalier Clausen has opened his flax works at Stepney. Mr. Claussen is now prepared not only to illustrate the practicability of his plan, but to challenge investigation into its commercial importance. It is said to have been proved by experiments made by Dr. Ryan and others, that flax cotton and flax wool, fit for many of the purposes to which cotton and wool are now applied, could be prepared from flax at prices not exceeding 3d per pound.

FROM NEW YORK.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Daily Gazette.)

NEW YORK, January 24th, 1852.

There is not much more variety to be seen here than in an ordinary ice house, which the city much resembles. The connection with Jersey remains unimpeded and, for a week, all the ferry boats provided an almost impassable barrier. No boats have navigated Long Island Sound for a week, and the ferry boats of Intersection with Brooklyn, Staten Island, and the rest of the suburbs, so the western has been a sealed book to much the out-door sportsmen, who live beyond Jersey City and Brooklyn. They now literally fly by night, both by steamboat and small ones at that. The trade of the city is still quite limited, and the change of weather, which will be hailed as a jubilee.

A resolution has been made in our State Legislature to secure the passage of a bill to suppress tippling shops, and regulate the sale of liquor. Quite a number of such cellar cleanses of the Maine law, but no one need hope for its passage. Our rum shops are numbered by thousands, and though we have laws to check the sale of this sort of poison without license, there are thousands of unlicensed rum holes which are not closed a single day in the year. Our mayor, judges and policemen, are daily obliged to violate their oaths, which require them to shut their doors on Sunday, as well as to shut up all the unlicensed ones. Rum knows its power at the polls, and our officials dread its effects. New York reeks with rum, and go where you will it meets the eye. It fills our streets with beggars, our prisons with convicts, and our alms houses with starved women and children. It rules our common council, which treats itself to rummy suppers at the public cost. It purchases our merchants, and is identified with all things so closely, that, much as all good men desire to well controlled by the legislature, the hope is an idle one.

The Forrest trial is about concluded, and the verdict will probably reach you per telegraph. Mr. O'Connor has finished his argument. Prince John Van Buren, and Mr. Forrest all at one stroke—and the general opinion here is that Mr. Forrest's friend from Philadelphia, Mr. "Mint Drop," has procured all the testimony against Mrs. Forrest, which so far as reliable evidence goes, is as injured and worthy the kind regards of her sex. Mr. O'Connor has had, in the whole of the suit, complete sway, and seems to regard the opposite counsel in the light of spectators or volunteers.

In Wall street there is some activity in Stocks, but it is confined to the brokers, who are now making things look upward for a week, and the result of