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HENRY S. IRWIN has been appointed Messenger, and will commence his duties on Monday, Dec. 24, 1855.
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PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

MONDAY MORNING, JAN. 7, 1856.

Advance Payments.—Hereafter no subscription will be taken for the Daily or Weekly Gazette, unless payment is made in advance. Whenever the time is up to which the subscription is paid, the paper will be invariably stopped, unless the subscription is renewed by advance payment. All transient advertising, of every description, will be required to be paid in advance. The only exceptions will be where special monthly or yearly contracts are made.

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For the Pittsburgh Daily Gazette.

To the Independent Whig, Democratic, and Free Soil Voters of Pittsburgh.

Within two months past, I was urgently solicited, publicly and privately, by a large number of my fellow citizens, without distinction of party, to again become a candidate for re-election to the Mayoralty. The feeling which prompted this action on the part of my friends, I am induced to believe, was that, proceeding from an honest opinion and conviction, that my official course during the year had proven satisfactory; that my efforts to sustain the peaceful character of our city, was all that could be reasonably expected and consequently merited their approbation; that I had, also, capacity and intelligence sufficient to discharge, creditably, the multifarious duties of the office; and last, though not least, that my mind was so moulded, my inclinations so well established and recognised, heretofore, in regard to the constitutionally guaranteed rights and privileges, religiously or otherwise of my fellow beings, that they could conceive of no plausible argument for displacing me at this time, by the election to that office of another, untried and deficient of all practical experience. Viewing the matter in this light, I acceded to the proposition, and at once acquiesced in the desire of my friends, to stand the poll. At that period, and up to but a very late date, there was no other candidate spoken of, (Mr. Irwin having said positively *he* would not be a candidate under any circumstances.) However, since then, Mr. Irwin and others, have entered the field, and their claims are now urged with much vehemence. No person will, I presume, gainsay the right Mr. Irwin has to run; but the friendly feelings hitherto existing between us, and a sincere desire to avoid all conflict of mutual interests, should have incited him to have made known his intentions, prior to my acceptance of the call of my friends and not delay it, until I was so fully committed, that to decline was an utter impossibility. On *him*, and *not* on *me*, therefore rests the responsibility, should the election result unfavorably to the sentiment and hopes of the majority, who are opposed to the influence and machinations of secret political associations.

Whether either of the other candidates, or myself, is the choice of the independent, free-thinking intelligent citizens of Pittsburgh, irrespective of the vile, slanderous, and malignant influence waged against me by irresponsible anonymous scribblers, and a venal press, will be witnessed to-morrow. The late Democratic Convention, in their wisdom, deeming it inexpedient as well as injudicious at this crisis of political affairs to nominate a distinct party candidate for the Mayoralty, adopted a resolution, recommending the party to support me as an independent citizen's candidate. For this honorable, though unsolicited mark of their esteem and appreciation of my public career—for this strong testimonial and evidence of their confidence, I have no other reward to offer than my future actions, which will if elected, be exercised for the well being and comfort of all.

Fellow citizens, as an independent citizen's candidate for the Mayoralty, I ask your suffrages on to-morrow. In your hands is my destiny, and if a life honorably spent in your midst, and a faithful conscientious fulfillment of the public duties heretofore entrusted to me, can merit and will obtain your support, I shall receive them. If not, I am prepared to yield cordially to your fiat, and lend all my humble efforts to sustain the new administration. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, FERD. E. VOLZ.

JANUARY, 7th, 1856.

ANOTHER VICTIM REQUIRED.—Samuel Sly, now in jail as the murderer of Justus Matthews, states that he has become cognizant, through revelation, of the fact, that "as soon as Amos Hunt, gives up his power of death as the 'man of sin,' *by death* or other means, then the world will be at once redeemed. Hunt, who had but partial power during the lifetime of Matthews, has now received the full delegated authority of sinfulness, so that his death will bring the redemption in the twinkling of an eye." He further says, "that Amos Hunt has now become the son of perdition, spoken of in 2d Thessalonians, 2d chapter and 3d verse, and as such it is the duty of all true men to put him out of the way, that the world may not suffer." He adds relative to the incarceration of his sister. "Many persons come to see me, and I suppose to see her also. But they will not know her, and are very bitter against us. But let them not kill her, or let it not be until Hunt shall be put out of the way, for then the end of the world will come before the redemption is complete."

As long since as the year 1832, in the town of Fairfield, Mrs. Wakeman then, as now, calling herself a "Prophetess," went about wandering from door to door, preaching her diabolical doctrine, and proselyting, when she was able.—Wakeman, her husband, was then alive, and it was at this time that she first drew on him her displeasure and received the cognomen of "man of sin," when the charge of "witchery" to the making of invalids was hurled against him.—Leaving her followers to a conviction of his "lost state," she mustered them together after the form of worship peculiar to them, and at her command they seized and bound the poor man. After he was bound beyond moving, she drew a knife or poniard, with it made a most unnatural assault upon him, inflicting wounds of a very serious nature. The assault would doubtless then have proved fatal had it not been for the fear of some of her more reasonable disciples, who, becoming alarmed, put an end to the attack.—*N. Y. Times, 3d.*

GERMANS IN TEXAS.—There are about 20,000 Germans in Texas, of whom from 12,000 to 14,000 have migrated from the West. They are scattered over the whole State, but especially in the counties of Comal, Gillespie, Medina, Bexar, Galveston, Colorado, Calhoun, Austin, and Harrisburg. New-Braunfels, Friedrichsburg, and Custerville are entirely German. In Seguin, Indianola, Galveston, and Houston there are about an equal number of Americans and Germans. In San Antonia the majority are Germans. In Austin, Columbus, La Grange, Victoria, Corpus Christi, and many other towns, there are large numbers. It will be very readily understood that the larger portion live in cities as mechanics, merchants and physicians, while the smaller, but the better educated class, are engaged in agriculture and cattle raising. The educated class of Germans is proportionably greater than in any other State, and nowhere else has it so readily adapted itself to its necessities. Among laborers, as well as among merchants and farmers, are found men who were formerly officers, professors, students of all the faculties, lawyers, parsons, teachers, even counts and barons. Every one who comes into the country without means embraces that particular branch of labor which will furnish him with the means of subsistence.

We have on several occasions made reference to a recent work, entitled "The New Theory of the Creation and Deluge." Among other startling predictions contained in that book, it stated, that "it is probable the rings which surround Saturn are composed of water, snow or ice, which, at some future time, may descend and *deluge that planet*, as ours was deluged in the days of the patriarch Noah!" It now appears that this event is likely to take place a little sooner than was anticipated, for Sir David Brewster says: "Mr. Otto Struve and Mr. Bond have lately studied with the great Munich telescope, at the Observatory of Pulkowa, the third ring of Saturn, which Mr. Lassels and Mr. Bond discovered to be *fluid*. These astronomers are of opinion that this fluid ring is not of very recent formation, and that it is not subject to rapid change; and they have come to the extraordinary conclusion that the inner border of the ring has, since the time of Huygens, been gradually approaching to the body of Saturn, and that we may expect, sooner or later, perhaps in some dozen *of years*, to see the rings united with the body of the planet."—*Phil. Sun.*

MELANCHOLY CIRCUMSTANCE.—On Saturday night last, David Begger, Esq., of this place, wandered off to the outskirts of the town and during the balance of that long cold night, and until about five o'clock on Sunday afternoon, remained exposed to the severity of the weather. He was found close to the creek, about a quarter of a mile from the court house, sitting in a nook or corner, partly sheltered by overhanging rocks. He was alive and perfectly conscious, his legs, feet, hands, &c. frozen. The only wonder is, that he should have survived the exposures of so terrible a night. He still remains in a precarious situation. Mr. B. is one of our oldest and most esteemed citizens, and this sad event has cast a cloud of gloom through out this whole community.—*New Lisbon Buck Eye State.*

WASHINGTON *Wednesday*, January 2, 1856.—A word on the message, and the impression produced by it on the minds of Republicans here.

I pass over its flagitious and impudent perversions of History with reference to the Ordinance of 87, the Compromise of 1820, the Annexation of Texas, &c., to deal with the extraordinary terms in which Mr. Cushing (for this is evidently his work) veils the atrocities of the slaveholding system, and virtually accuses of sedition and treason a very large proportion of the American people. Mr Cushing tells us, that the result of our Revolutionary fathers' perils and privations was "the foundation of a Federal Republic of the free white men of the [revolted] colonies." But they never said anything like this. On the contrary, the Declaration of Independence expressly bases and justifies our Revolution on the inalienable right of all men to liberty, and to alter or abolish the government which might at any time exist among them. You hear nothing in that or any kindred document of "the subject races, whether Indian or African;" for the Indian race was not then subject, even if it now is; and it was one of Mr. Jefferson's counts in the arraignment of the British King that he had persisted in forcing slaves in upon us, in defiance of the remonstrances of our people. Yet Cushing makes Pierce tell us that Mr. Jefferson and his compatriots were "engaged in no extravagant scheme of social change." How comes it then that they set forth the objects and nature of our struggle for independence in terms so radically diverse from those employed by Pierce and Cushing?

But the Federal Constitution, they inform us, was framed in steady adherence to "one guyding thought"—that of delegation to the Federal Government the smallest modicum of power that would answer the purpose. Yet that Constitution itself tells us, in its preamble, that it was framed and adopted to accomplish several vast and necessarily general purposes—"to establish justice, secure the blessings of Liberty," &c., to the people of the United States. Which, is it likely, understood their objects best—the makers of the Constitution, or Messrs. Cushing and Pierce?

But, say the gentlemen of the White House, "the peculiarity of a larger relative colored population in the Southern than in the Northern States," was a chief object of solicitude in framing the Constitution, and of difficulty under it.

Now we deny most emphatically that the color of any portion of the Southern people has anything to do with the differences which Messrs. Cushing and Pierce affect to deplore. On the contrary, we affirm that the color of all the Southern people is perfectly constitutional, and in no respect open to complaint or criticism on the part of the North. If there were any of us inclined to complain of the "native hue" of a part of the Southerns as too dark, it would be unreasonable indeed to blame the Southern Whites for it, since their efforts are constantly and successfully directed towards its modification.—But in fact there is no difference between us—there never has been—growing out of the color of their dependents; and if they should succeed in bleaching their human chattels to the average whiteness of tallow, lard or paper, the differences deprecated by the Attorney-General and his President will in no degree be accommodated.

The real diversity to be considered is this:—The People of the Northern States—at least, the more intelligent, humane and religious portion of them—deem it unjust, pernicious and a National shame that Four Millions of the native born inhabitants of this Republic—many if not most of them fervent and exemplary Christians—should in this middle of the Nineteenth Century after Christ be held, worked, flogged, unmarried, bought and sold as chattel slaves.—This is the real, truly stated, well-understood foundation of the difference which Messrs. Cushing and Pierce affect to deprecate, though they have made high positions out of it, and hope to hold them by means of it. They are welcome to what they can make out of us, but why have they not the courage to state the case as it is?

We have a right to our convictions, those who differ from us have an equally perfect right to theirs. They hold their slaves under laws and constitutions over which we have no power. We hold our convictions by a tenure at least equally invulnerable. We are not their enemies—we do not seek to "inflict injury" upon them (as the President is made to charge upon us) in wishing to clear ourselves from all culpability in the guilt and scandal of slave-breeding, slaveholding, and slavetrading. We do not know any considerable number of "Africans" residing in this country; and the President's assertion that we evince "a fanatical devotion to the interests of a relatively few Africans" is a gross and cowardly misrepresentation. The great-grandfathers of some of those he stigmatizes as "Africans" fought with Washington, Greene and Marion for American Independence, while the ancestors of many of those he distinguishes as "Americans" fought on the other side and left their children in Europe. But our aims are in no sense "sectional," nor "narrow," nor anything else that the President charges upon us. What we desire is Universal Justice—the right of the poor man to the disposal and fair reward of his own labor—his right to protect and support his wife till death (not the auction-block) shall part them; the right of parents to love and guide their children; the right of every innocent rational adult to know no master but God. If these views are "narrow" and "sectional" and their object "aimless disturbance," what shall we think of those gravely propounded by Messrs. Cushing and Pierce?—*N. Y. Tribune.* H. G.

THE CONNECTICUT MURDERS.—The details of the horrible murders committed at Woodbridge, Conn., on Monday morning, are received. Mr. Enoch Sperry, one of the victims, had only left his home a few minutes, and was proceeding through a wood with his horse and sleigh, when he was attacked by a man named Charles Sanford, who struck him over the head with an axe, and felled him to the ground, and then deliberately attempted to sever the head from the body. The horse of Mr. Sperry was allowed to go on the road, and after proceeding to the house of a Mr. Perkins, stopped in a shed. Mr. Perkins thinking all was not right, went in search of Mr. Sperry and found him lying dead on the road, with his head connected with the body only by a little skin at the back of the neck.—Mr. Perkins alarmed the neighborhood, and in the evening the murderer was lodged in jail.—He confessed that he had not only killed Mr. Sperry, but also Mr. Ichabod Umberfield, who lived about a mile from Mr. Sperry's.

It seems that after murdering Mr. Sperry, he went to the house of Mr. Umberfield, and while he was sitting by the stove in his kitchen, Sanford struck him with the same axe he had previously used, and after breaking his skull, nearly cut of his head. The family set up the cry of "Murder!" but he told them to stop their noise, or he would chop their heads off also. He went out of the house to wipe the blood off his axe upon the snow, and while he was out, the family fastened the door, and prevented his getting in again. He then went into the woods; but was soon pursued by several neighbors, who succeeded in arresting him after a bloody fight, in which Mr. Lucius Doolittle came near getting killed.

This Charles Sanford is a fanatic, who has formerly attended the meetings of the Wakemanites in Hampden. He was subject to fits of insanity, and was probably insane when he committed these dreadful murders. He said he had a cramp, and if he had not murdered Mr. Sperry and Mr. Umberfield, the cramp would have killed him. Mr. Umberfield was a man seventy-one years of age, and Mr. Sperry was sixty-nine years old. Mr. Sperry was beloved and respected by all who knew him. He was the father of Hon. N. D. Sperry, Secretary of State.

The Albany *Evening Journal* states that Louis Napoleon, whom men begin to recognize as a Napoleonic sort of a man, in 1853 conceived the idea that it would be practicable to compress flour so as to diminish the bulk, and in that way facilitate its transportation, and yet not injure its quality. In July of that year, an experiment was made by his command to test his views. Flour, subjected to a hydraulic pressure of 300 tons, was reduced in volume more than 24 per cent. On close examination, it was found to possess all the qualities it had previous to its violent treatment. It was then put into zinc boxes and sealed up. At the same time, other flour manufactured from the same wheat, but not compressed, was sealed up. In October thereafter, several boxes containing both kinds of flour, were opened and examined. The pressed was pronounced to be the best. Twelve months after this, in October, 1854, another examination took place, and with the same result. The two kinds were then kneaded into loaves and baked. The pressed flour made the best bread. In March, '55, more of the zinc boxes were opened, and on examination the loose flour showed mouldiness, while the pressed was sweet and retained all its qualities. Made into bread, the same differences were observable.

The Emperor has ordered experiments to be made at sea, as well as on land. Men of war are to take out both kinds of flour, and both are to be sent on sea voyages to hot and to cold latitudes, and examinations are to be made and recorded of the influences of climate and salt air upon each.

THE Kansas war, according to an estimate made by one of the Generals engaged in it, will cost the United States government, not less than sixty-five thousand dollars—if the government should be foolish enough to pay the parties engaged in it.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The most reliable information received from Mexico indicates a serious design of calling Gen. Almonte to the head of affairs. Parties occupying influential positions there regard him as a man of much experience, conservative in his opinions who has had no complicity with the recent revolution in that country, who understands so thoroughly the working of republican institutions, from his experience and residence here; and who, at various periods, has exercised his influence to induce Mexico to adopt a form of government more in consonance with our own. Hence the wish to place him in a position to give, if possible, permanent peace and stability to Mexico. Instead of proceeding at once to the Court of St. James, he will, it is understood, depart for Mexico, and there place himself at the disposal of his friends. Should he be called to the head of the Mexican government, and secure the ends suggested, the result cannot fail to be gratifying to our own countrymen. His family have already proceeded to Mexico.

REFRESHINGLY COOL.—A conductor on a New England road was sent for by the President or Superintendent of the road one day, and rather summarily informed that after that week the company would not require his services. He asked who was to be his successor, and the name was given him. He then asked why he was to be removed. After pressing the question some time, and failing to obtain a satisfactory explanation, a little light dawned upon him, and he addressed his superior officer nearly as follows:—"You are about to make a great mistake, Sir, a great mistake. You know, Sir, I have a nice house, a fast horse, a splendid gold watch, and an elegant diamond ring. *That fellow you have chosen to take my place has got to get all these thing.*" It is said the argument was conclusive, and the conductor was allowed to retain his position.

THE DRAINING OF THE HARLEM SEA.—The Chairman of the Commission on the Draining of the Harlem Sea has published a final report on this work, which is to be finished this year.—The expenses from 1839 to 1855, inclusive, are $3,400,000, and the receipts from land to be sold is estimated at $3,200,000. It was at first supposed the reclaimed land would be worth only some $32 per acre, but in 1853 it was actually sold for over $120. This return exceeds all expectation, as the draining was not undertaken as a speculation, but as a precaution against further inroads of the sea. Fruitful farms already begin to appear here and there on the former floor of the sea. Forty-five thousand acres in all have been reclaimed from the sea, which will supply 100,000 people bountifully with the means of life.

THE *Herald* of this city in its comments on the President's Message succeeds in killing two birds with one stone. It denounces the closing part of the Message as a mere speech to Buncombe, a piece of miserable trash stolen from the editorial columns of *The Herald*. True enough, but as little complimentary to the President as to *The Herald*. It is stated we see by the correspondent of *The Evening Post*, that the President's Message was in type for a month, during which it was was diminished by one-third. If the President had kept it another month and struck out another third, it would have been all the better. In this respect, as well as in some others, it resembles the famous book of the Sybils.—*N. Y. Trib.*

TO EXTRACT GREASE FROM CLOTH.—The following is infallible: To sixteen ounces of rectified spirits of wine, add ten grains of carbonate of potash, (pure,) half an ounch of essential oil of Bergamot, and one ounch of sulphuric ether; mix and keep in a glass stoppered bottle. Apply with a piece of sponge, soaking the cloth thoroughly when the grease is not recent. The mixture emits a peculiarly fragrant odor and being a fluid soap, chemically composed, will be found a perfect solvent of oily matter.

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