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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 29, 1856.


DEATH OF DR. HARE.—The Philadelphia journals on Monday last announced the death of Dr. ROBERT HARE, of that city, which transpired on Saturday last. This eminent man deacended to the grave "full of years," having reached the patriarchal age of seventy-seven. Dr. HARE'S name has been associated with a number of important scientific discoveries, which have been made since the commencement of the present century. In a very early period of his life, before he had reached the years of manhood, he distinguished himself by the discovery of the "Compound, or Oxy-hydrogen Blow-pipe." This was in 1801, and since then he received from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Rumford Medal, for this instrument. In a well written notice of his life and services which appeared a few days since, in the *North American*, we find the following:

"Among his latest inventions was the "improved barometer gage oudiometer." Numerous were the improvements and modification in chemical apparatus introduced by him, to facilitate the works of the laboratory. His "single gold leaf electroscope," doubtless suggested by Bennet's instrument with two gold leaves, is represented by Sir W. Snow Harris, to manifest an astonishing sensitiveness to the smallest electrical force.

To the Materia Medica, Dr. Hare contributed by his process for denarcotising laudanum, and to Toxicology, by his method of detecting minute quantities of opium in solution.

Doctor Hare contributed papers on various subjects to the transactions of the American Philosophical Society. One was on the Tornado, or Water Spout, with a detailed description of the remarkable storm at New Brunswick, a few years ago. He considered the atmospherical disturbances, in these cases, to be owing to an electrified current of air. His views are at variance with those of Colonel Redfield, of New York, with whom he more than once debated the subject.

The eminence of Dr. Hare in his favorite branch caused him to be elected, in 1818, to the chair of Chemistry in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, which had been vacated by the transfer of Dr. John Redman Coxe to the chair of Materia Medica. Dr. H. retained this seat until his resignation of it in 1847, or during a period of nearly 30 years."

Dr. Hare was very decided in his political views, although he was not a politician in the strict meaning of the term. In early times he was a Federalist, and subsequently a Whig. In the latter portion of his life, his great reputation was considerably clouded by his embracing the delusion of spiritualism. But a few days previous to his death, a paragraph was extensively copied in the public journals, stating that he had been enabled to convert the baser metals into gold, through the aid of spiritual agents. He had also written a great quantity of matter on this doctrine, and on all occasions expressed his unqualified belief in its pretended "revelations." This was a great draw-back to his character as a scholar and a philosopher, and was a source of deep regret to a wide circle of friends and admirers, who charitably attributed this erratic course to his advanced age, and the "wear and tear" which his well-exercised mind had been subjected. The *North American* thus accounts for this unhappy feature in Dr. Hare's later life: "We think that an explanation may be found in the original constitution of his mind, in the long and intense strain of his intellectual faculties during the many years in which he was uninterruptedly engaged in the studies of his close and the experiments of the laboratory; and finally, in the very nature of his favorite pursuits. With advanced age came a wearied and a worn mind, which, yielding more and more to habits of abstraction and absence from the outer world, allowed itself to imagine some changes, some disguises of an etherial and even a spiritual nature, not differing much from but only going a little beyond these light, diffusive and imponderable agencies with which he might be said to have long held communion." He has now passed from life to that state of existence, the solution of whose mysteries absorbed all his attention in old age, and caused the intellectual achievements of a long life to be themselves as it were, behind a cloud

THE TRACT SOCIETY.—The *Independent* considers the action taken by the Tract Society as retrograde, and appeals to the Churches not to receive its secretaries and agents, and pastors not to admit them to their pulpits. It advises the "true friends of the Society" to give no money while this action stands, but to discharge their duty of protest and discussion at every opportunity. At the Congregational collection on Thursday night, the two points most prominently presented by the speakers, and most applauded by the audience, were the wonderful *unity* which prevails among Christians of all sects and from all sections, and the anti-Christian conduct of the majority of the Tract Society, in which all denominations are represented.

At one of the other anniversaries, held in New York last week, Mr. GEO. W. CURTIS was introduced, and we extract the following from the report of his remarks:

"He began by alluding to the recent action of the American Tract Society, and the discussions of the Southern Commercial Convention, now in session, as to the advisability of reviving the Slave-trade. The former body, an assembly of Christian teachers, had decided that they might denounce dancing, dram-drinking, and the theatre, but might not denounce that great evil of all, which ruined one-seventh of our population, and degraded and brutalized 400,000 slave masters. Then, and not till then, did he find there was a scorn in his heart, as well as a sadness; and the scorn was moved by the action of the so-called Christian teachers, and the sadness only by the action of the unlouched slaveholders at the South. (Applause.)

THE OTHER SIDE.—A little country pro-slavery, locofoco sheet, from somewhere up the Allegheny river, with which we are so unfortunate as to exchange, speaking of the law makers of New York City, says

"Among the persons arrested on Tuesday for selling lottery policies was a fellow named Alex. McGaren, now a member of the Board of Councilmen of the Fifth Ward. Within a short time one other member has been arrested for beating a woman in a house of prostitution, another for mauling a policeman and trying to bite his nose off, another indulged in a free fight in a theatre saloon, another pitched into a brother member in the clerk's office, another, not a great while ago, was second bottle-holder in a prize-fight."

The little sheet, above alluded to, throws out the fling finally that such a result is due to what it calls "black Republicans." Many of its readers, doubtless, will believe it, when notwithstanding the Fifth Ward of New York gave Buchanan 724 majority, and the Sixth, from which the other beauties referred to in the extract above come, contains the Five Points and *gave Buchanan, 2,857 votes to Fremont 294, and Fillmore, 229.*

THE PRESS.—The New York *Times* of Monday contained a letter from Washington charging that Forney, Douglas and the other anti-Lecompton democrats were contemplating a speedy return to the democratic party. We thought the letter, at the time, was both untrue and unfair, and we are glad to find the following with reference to it in the *Press*:

"The course of the *Press* on the Kansas question has not been a doubtful course: but the editor of the New York *Times* has admitted a letter into his paper of yesterday, purporting to have been written from Washington, in which it is distinctly stated, and with some attempt at detail, (which has surprised us in the *Times*,) that the *Press* is about to surrender the great principle to which it has been devoted for many months, and to become the subservient tool of power. We have only to say in reply, that the editor of the *Times* has been greatly imposed upon by some corrupt and reckless knave. The story is an utter fabrication. It has no probability, no possibility, to rest upon. We have nothing to surrender. It would afford us great pleasure to agree with the general Administration on this Kansas question; but this will never be, until the Administration is true to itself, and to the pledges upon which it was elevated to power."

OHIO.—A Republican State Convention has been called to meet at Columbus on Tuesday, July 18, to nominate candidates for Supreme Court Judge, Attorney General, Member of the Board of Public Works and Controller.

A CORRESPONDENT writing from New Orleans to the Louisville *Journal* says:

"The damage thus far done in this State by the present overflow, is, as yet, unknown here, though it has been vaguely estimated at six millions of dollars. It must be large, and seriously affect not a few of our commission merchants. The loss of crops will, in some cases, however, be pretty well compensated for by the making of additional land. The deposit left by a heavy overflow is much greater than most persons suppose. Not unfrequently it is found to be three or four feet thick, and there can be no doubt that many hundreds of acres if not thousands of acres of swamp lands are being filled up and made valuable for agricultural purposes. Nearly all the overflowed cultivated lands will be enriched by some deposit and rendered more productive hereafter."

THE COMING COTTON CROP.—The report that the growing crop of cotton had been materially injured by frost is contradicted. The Savannah *Republican* states that while the corn was generally cut down, the cotton almost as generally escaped.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—FIFTH DAY.—Soon after the Assembly resumed business this morning, it was moved that the subject of the proposed union between the Assembly and the Synod of the Reformed Church of the South, be taken up.

Dr. Breckinridge then addressed the Assembly at length, and gave his reasons for believing that the union of the Churches was impossible, and also unadvisable. He then read a declaration on the subject, which he proposed that the Assembly should endorse. The substance of it was as follows:

"The official papers which the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church is understood to have adopted, though not before the Assembly, is, in fact, known to them; and, in the judgment of the Assembly, those official papers do not afford a basis of conference upon which this Assembly is able to see that there is any prospect of advancing the interests of Christ's kingdom in general, or those of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, or those of the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in particular.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has always received the aid, and frankly and with Christian love all churches, office bearers, and private persons, of all denominations, making application for admission into her communion, upon the single condition that they were like minded with herself.

Seeing that it was a voluntary secession from the Presbyterian Church that the present difficulties of the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church had their origin, and that the door has always been open for the orderly return of such of those who left us as might desire to be united with us; it can hardly be expected that we decline any official conference, based on terms which appear to us to involve a condemnation of ourselves.

With reference to the recent schism in the New School Presbyterian body, this General Assembly does not see in that event, or in anything which has hitherto resulted from it, any call of providence for the Presbyterian Church to take any new step whatever, either with the view of union, or that of closer intercourse than now exists, with either of the parts into which that body is now divided."

A motion to take up the order of the day was adopted.

Dr. Van Rensselaer then presented the report of the Board of Education. It appeared from it that there were 103 new candidates last year, 385 being on the roll. The receipts of the Board of Ministerial Education were $56,492 and expenditures $48,980. There were 100 parochial schools, 60 academies, besides the Ashman Institute, and 20 colleges.

The report of the Committee on the Board of Education was next presented.

The following members were recommended for the Board, in the place of those whose term is now expired:

*Ministers*—Francis Herron, D. D.; Wm. Neill, D. D.; Joseph H. Jones, D. D.; Francis McFarland, D. D.; Robert Wm. Wm. H. Green, Jonathan Edwards, D. D., and Daniel Stewart, D.D.

*Laymen*—James Lenox, James N. Dickson, Stephen Colwell, Joseph P. Engles, Eugenius A. Nisbet, James Dunlap, John J. Bryant, Wilfred Hall and Charles S. Curtis, Jr.

The subject of the union between the Reformed Church of the South and the Presbyterian, was again brought up.

Mr Cobb, of Georgia, made an excellent address in favor of the Conference, after which the Assembly adjourned.

DECISION RELATIVE TO RAILROAD CONTRACTS.—In the Supreme Court at Cincinnati, the case of J. C. Davis vs. John P. Orr & Co. came up Friday. Judge Spencer delivered an opinion. The plaintiff was a nursery man, living at Milford. He brought this action to recover damages for the alleged breach of a contract to rear a large number of peach trees from Philadelphia via Columbus to Cincinnati. The trees upon reaching Pittsburgh were placed by defendants into the hands of [illegible] merchants, and one portion of them were forwarded thence to Cincinnati by the Ohio river, and another portion came by railroad to Columbus. The property when delivered to defendants at Philadelphia had likely become in them, but not being marked "Through by Railroad" the defendants claim that they were not responsible for the delivery by railroad, but were at liberty to ship them at Pittsburgh by any convenient route to Cincinnati. The contract was one entire, the Court was of the opinion that it imposed two obligations on the part of the defendants: 1st. As common carriers from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, and from that point, as forwarders and not as common carriers, and the putting of the trees in the hands of commission merchants at that point might be regarded as a proper custom which the parties were cognizant with when they presumed to know as such: therefore, they were entrusted to the care of men of that description, the responsibility of the defendants would cease—and if the commission merchants should happen to give them a wrong direction, the defendants would not be liable; but before they would absolve themselves, they should show by receipts taken from parties, that they had obligated them to ship the goods by a proper route.

Not having taken those receipts, and the goods not having been forwarded according to the original stipulation, there was, in the opinion of the Court, a technical breach of the contract entitling the plaintiff to recover in all events, nominal damages. Judgment was therefore given for the plaintiff in the sum of $20.

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SALEM, May 19, 1856.

*Messrs Editors*—Since I wrote you last I have learned that Gill has sold out his paper, the *Ohio Patriot*, to Johnson, his successful competitor for the Marshalship, for the sum of $2,000, and that Gill has received a salvo furthermore, in a very lucrative appointment at Fort Leavenworth—which will insure his political convalescence. The "root of all evil" skillfully applied, is a Democratic specific for the cure of stinging kicks and cuffs and bruises.

The enterprise of our town is being exemplified in a goodly channel. The new banking house for the Farmer's Branch has been completed this spring, and is now occupied by that institution. It is a very fine building and will compare favorably with the best large cities, especially in its interior arrangement and decorations. Thomas & Greiner, bankers, are also putting up a first class bank building, on Main street, which will be a decided ornament as well as convenience to the town. Quite a number of dwelling houses are under way, and many more are projected. The supply, however, will not equal the demand.

The Methodist Society are erecting a very fine brick church on Broadway, at a cost of about $10,000: It is to be 48 by 76 feet; height of steeple 166 feet. The church has received large additions under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Thomas, now of your city, and is in a very prosperous condition, as evidenced by this enterprize.

The extensive carriage establishment of D. Woodruff has failed. The amount of liabilities is known to be large, but not yet definitely ascertained. Several parties, whose names appear on his paper now coming due, declare the signatures to be forgeries. Mr. W. has disappeared, but I believe no measures have been taken to find his whereabouts. It is said the failure will seriously affect others.

Your types made be say "Hickey" instead of "Buckeye" ehgine, the other day. JESSITTA.

MORE OF THE STORM—LIVES LOST.—At Tonawanda, Illinois, half the houses were prostrated by the storm on Thursday, and three men were killed. Okaw was also nearly destroyed

A large number of houses were demolished in Elkhart and Williamsville, one of them crushing a family of five persons to death.

AT CAMERON, a wooden building with its inmates was lifted bodily into the air, from its foundation, and set down less easily than could have been desired, pretty much using up the structure. No one was injured. Peoria Junction, was almost entirely swept down by the tornado.

SUPPOSED WIFE MURDER.—Dr Hampton, of Huntington, Ross county, has been arrested on suspicion of having poisoned his wife, who died suddenly a short time ago. His hasty marriage to a second wife led to the suspicion

VIOLENT STORMS.—Various sections of Virginia have been visited within a week past with destructive hail-storms, doing great damage to the crops. On Saturday morning another terrific thunder-storm passed over York and Cumberland counties, Pa. In Shippensburg the barn of Mr. Anderson, with two adjoining barns, were struck by lightning and consumed.

Col. John C. Fremont, and his family, arrived in San Francisco on the 12th of April. He was then about proceeding to the mining region, and intended to remain several months in California.

DEATH OF A REVOLUTIONARY HEROINE.—Mrs. Sarah Benjamin died in Mount Pleasant township Pa., on the 20th ult., at the age of one hundred and fourteen years, five months and three days Her maiden name, says the Honesdale Democrat, was Sarah Matthews, and she was born in Goshen, Orange county, N. Y., on the 17th of November, 1731. She was thrice married.

TECKENMAN has a vein of eccentricity. Before being committed to the State Prison, he requested that his clothes might be put away in camphor, so that he would use them after his twenty-one years had expired. And put away they were accordingly.

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