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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 5, 1860.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 59 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

1860.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	30
12 " M.	30
6 " P. M.	32
Barometer	29 5-10

PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.—We paid a visit yesterday to the President of this institution and during our stay took a ramble over the building. We judged from the exterior that the latside of the edifice was finished in superior style, but hardly expected to find such handsome rooms and well arranged apartments for recitation as those which are provided for the students of this College. On the first floor are the office, parlor, music rooms, dining saloon, kitchen and laundry department. The parlor is very handsome and capacious, resembling the drawing room of a hotel. The ceiling is embellished with stucco work, a beautiful marble mantel spans the fire place, and the walls are fully 15 feet high, giving to the whole room a very happy effect. On the second floor are the student's rooms and two apartments for recitation. The latter are large, well seated, and reminded us very vividly of former reminiscences. The former are provided with cottage furniture, the occupants supplying merely the carpets, and for elegance and comfort surpass any that we have ever seen. Former students of other seminaries would recognize a wide difference between the appearance of these apartments and those to which they were accustomed during their tuitionary life. On the third story are also two reciting departments and a number of rooms equally distinguished with those mentioned, for the sir of comfort and elegance about them.

On the 2d and 3d stories are water cocks and a social cabal, the latter being regularly replenished by the *fac totum* for the use of the students. A bath room is also provided in the 3d story, for the accommodation of those who believe in hydrophobia appliances for the promotion of health.

In the attic is a large room running nearly the whole length of the building, in which are a ten pin alley, dumb bells, and other contrivances for gymnastic exercise. The unoccupied portion of the floor is amply large enough for terpsichorean or other exercises, which may be taken here in weather too inclement for recreation out of doors. A spacious yard is provided in the rear of the building, adorned with evergreens and shrubbery, the whole laid out in plots of convenient size.

The seminary now numbers over 40 boarders hailing from every point of the compass, besides upwards of 100 day scholars. Though the building is tolerably well filled, yet good accommodations will be procured for others as fast as they come.

DISTRICT COURT.—The Court was yesterday employed in trying the cases of Linwood Brackenridge vs. Alexander Woods and John Brackenridge vs. Charles Fausold. The plaintiffs are brothers and grandsons of the celebrated Judge Brackenridge, formerly of the Supreme Bench of this State. The suits are actions of ejectment brought to recover several lots in McKeesport, of which the defendants are now in possession. They were bought by Judge Brackenridge at a Sheriff's sale, in the year 1820, devised by him to his wife Sabina, and by her to the plaintiffs, her grand-children, to be divided between them, so as to be equal in value, by their father, Alexander Brackenridge. The defendants set up as their defence the statute of limitations, claiming by adverse possession, and alleging that they have performed the title by paying taxes on the controverted property for 21 years.

In the trial of these causes it was necessary to refer to the court records of the time at which the Sheriff's deed was made, in order to get some needed papers. They were not to be found in the Prothonotary's office, but after much search one of them was discovered in the loft immediately above the tier of rooms on either side of the rotunda of the court house.

A batch of court papers were discovered there, some of them highly important, lying beside a box that had been tilted up, in which they had formerly been put. It seems they had been stored away in this secluded place about the time the court documents were removed from the old court house in the Diamond and remained interred there until the present time. An order will probably be made by the Common Pleas, in whose custody they are, for their removal to a more appropriate place.

TRIED TO DROWN HIMSELF.—A German named Schwab, while under the influence of liquor, attempted to drown himself on Monday night, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock, by jumping into the Allegheny river, just above the railroad bridge. Fortunately, however, he was observed by a deaf and dumb man named David Fenster, who happened to be near by at the time; and to his timely interference Schwab is now indebted for his life. Schwab was then taken to the office of Alderman Scott, who committed him to jail for twenty-four hours.

THE Republican Executive Committee of Allegheny City held a meeting at the Town Hall, on Monday evening. They resolved to hold the primary meetings to nominate a candidate for Mayor, on Saturday, Dec. 22d. The voting is to be done by ballot, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes to be declared the nominee. The committee also recommend that the several wards nominate their candidates for Council, etc., on the same evening and in the same manner. The candidates for Mayor are Joseph R. Scott, Simon Drum, Alfred Slack and Sylvester Tyler.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.—The cars on the Cleveland road, bringing Mr. Curtis to his appointment here, yesterday evening, did not make the connection at Wellsville, and the anticipated lecture at Concert Hall was thereby prevented. As the lecturer had other appointments immediately following upon the one made for this city, he was obliged to go on to meet them, and the lecture will therefore be indefinitely postponed. We presume many who were not apprised sooner, were much dashed when they came to the hall and found the doors shut, with a notice of the foregoing announcement pinned up.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.—A man named John Davis was before Mayor Wilson yesterday morning, on a charge of disorderly conduct, preferred by one of the police. The accusal it appears created a disturbance in a court off Virgin alley, on Monday afternoon, and officer Riddle was sent to arrest him. He resisted, and it was not until Riddle had been pretty severely handled, that he was secured. He was fined $12 and costs.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A man named Harvey Tedlower was run over at Lima, on the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. the other day, and almost instantly killed. He had been out to help a neighbor, and on returning home is supposed to have fallen on the track. A train coming by he was run over and his body mangled in the most shocking manner.

AN attempt was made on Saturday night to fire the plow works of J. A. Speer & Co., in Manchester. A trap door, in the lower floor of the building, was opened, and a lot of matches threw among the shavings, which were soon in a blaze. Fortunately the light was seen by parties near by at the time, and the flames were extinguished.

SWORN IN.—W. A. Herron, Clerk of the Courts, W. J. Richardson, Register, and Jonathan P. Rose, Recorder, were sworn in on the 1st instant.

We learn that Mr. Herron has appointed Mr. John H Stewart one of his deputies. Mr. Stewart's experience and obliging deportment qualify him well for the position.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Earnest Herwig was before Mayor Wilson yesterday, charged with assault and battery at the instance of Joseph Backdollar. The prosecutor alleges that he boarded with defendant, and that he attacked him while he was in bed, and committed the offence complained of. Herwig was held to bail to answer.

SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS.—Yesterday a considerable fall of snow made the pavements quite slippery, and several people got severe falls. A boy named Dobson, whose parents reside on Fifth street, opposite the jail building, fell while returning from school and broke his collar bone. It was set by a physician.

THEATRE.—The Webb Sisters are doing a fair business at the Pittsburgh theatre. To-night they both appear in the "Hunchback," and Miss Ada personates several characters in the "Young Actress."

THE FALL GRAIN.—During the past week we learned from persons residing in different parts of the county that fields sown with wheat or rye generally had a favorable appearance.—*Md. Reg.*

PROCESS FROM COURT.—A man named Henry Coblangh, residing in Allegheny, was lodged in jail yesterday on a process from Court. He is charged with forcible entry and detainer.

HOME AGAIN.—Coroner Bostwick is back from his Ohio excursion, and will hereafter be found at his office on Fourth street.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—This Court has been in session since Monday, but no cases of much importance have been tried.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—This important Message, about which there has been so much speculation, and which all are so anxious to see, will be published in full, as received by telegraph, this morning, in an extra *Chronicle*. Messrs. Hunt & Miner have purchased the exclusive sale for it in the city, and it can be had at their counter, Fifth street, and at news dealers generally, in both cities and

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FULL CENSUS RETURNS OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.—Assured we give a table showing the figures of the returns for this district, as taken from the reports made to Marshal Campbell:

COUNTIES.	Population.	Deaths.	Births.	Families.	Dwelling-houses.
Allegheny county	96825	1062	2442	516	17695
Pittsburgh	49218	723	1,581	1023	6901
Allegheny city	31836	123	1123	5003	21952
	180074				135260
Armstrong	26114	246	1009	101	4316
Butler	32218	330	1040	79	5817
Beaver	25331	251	1262	319	4458
Bedford	26805	279	1040	136	3818
Blair	27780	252	1121	443	4277
Bradford	36016	284	1665	572	9386
Crawford	42141	384	1857	570	9313
Carbon	18457	98	2.37	142	4348
Columbia	21603	207	1020	195	4349
Centre	17267	153	1006	50	4374
Clinton	17182	163	764	146	3140
Clearfield	21515	145	1045	164	4328
Cambria	29213	309	1333	316	5223
Erie	43093	444	1744	323	9719
Elk	8048	48	1053	40	1026
Fayette	40166	376	2064	151	7201
Fulton	9147	69	1009	37	1681
Forest	809	23	81	11	1
Greene	24406	224	2114	78	4278
Huntingdon	25201	178	2007	242	4971
Indiana	33808	343	1410	61	6119
Juniata	16320	194	967	134	2989
Jefferson	18414	180	1026	117	3321
Lycoming	37.60	321	2039	439	6699
Lawrence	22318	163	1527	60	4427
Luzerne	51088	568	3527	389	10259
Mercer	37164	319	2478	87	6859
Mifflin	16325	188	1048	184	3194
Monroe	13110	149	664	50	2981
M'Kean	9.09	49	589	33	1708
Northumberland	2290 7	294	1454	149	5454
Potter	11467	105	1236	81	2319
Somerset	1.92.1	197	1040	151	4676
Snyder	14124	192	1064	91	2744
Sullivan	4120	51	565	14	104
Susquehanna	32854	453	2718	274	7004
Tioga	31218	195	2238	247	6310
Union	14722	102	927	50	2957
Venango	26129	193	2.50	6	6414
Washington	47319	484	3776	332	9056
Wyoming	12514	84	1274	138	2305
Warren	19206	167	1401	416	3351
Westmoreland	54020	465	4360	389	9787
Total	1354888				109 725

Total population in District in 1850 1,091,132
" " 1860 1,354,888

Increase in ten years 263 756

Total population in Eastern District, 1850 1,148,153
" " 1860 1,329,065

Increase in ten years 180,909

Total population of the State in 1850 2,311,786
" " 1860 2,906,215

Total increase 601 729

The increase in Allegheny county (including the two cities,) in ten years is 41,784.

DOCTOR C. BABLE, Water Cure and Homœopathic Physician; also agent for Rainbow's celebrated Truss for Ruptures. No. 130 Smithfield St.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Sill, No. 246 Penn street, attends to all branches of the Dental profession.

ALL should not fail to read the advertisement of Prof. Wood, in to-day's paper.

INFANTILE CORDIAL.—We would request those in search of information to read Mrs. MORSE'S CHARM & DEPOT, addressed to "Mothers." The INFANTILE CORDIAL of DR. BATON is a medicine of great value to the country, and the manufacture will be a efficient guarantee of its care taken in its preparation, and its unerring purity. The PILLS to FAMILIES for a class of diseases unfortunately very prevalent in this vicinity, and its high reputation should ensure a ready sale.—*Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.*

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Concentrated Leaven,
FOR MAKING
Bread, Tea Cakes, all kinds of Pastry, etc.
MANUFACTURED BY
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CONCENTRATED LEAVEN is the result of careful chemical research. All its ingredients are prepared in the purest manner, and the whole compounded with a view to produce bread of a far better quality, and in much less time than by any other process, and the manufacturers submit to it with every confidence, to the judgment of discriminating housekeepers, bakers, etc.

Bread of a delicious taste by using Concentrated Leaven, is lighter, more digestible and nutritious, and will keep in a sweet, natural state; is less liable to sour; will retain its moisture for three days longer than bread raised in the whole preparation for the oven need not exceed ten minutes.

It is valuable because it is not perishable, and may be reduced and available to pulverize and at times when yeast is not within reach as at sea. In all climates and under all circumstances it may be depended upon, thus obviating all difficulty of procuring yeast or other ferment, which is frequently of an inferior quality, rendering the bread more or less unwholesome.

It is also valuable as regards economy, as it has been ascertained that a saving is effected in the flour of not less than 15 per cent, in the common process, as much of the mechanism of the flour is lost by being converted into carbonic acid gas, or spirit, and this waste is incurred solely for the purpose of generating gas to raise the dough. By using *Concentrated Leaven*, this waste is avoided, and the flour obtained in a manner equally as good. Fermentation can be so stated, destroys a part of the flour material, and, in consequence, a barrel of flour weighing 196 lbs. which by the common process would, on carbonic acid gas 12 lbs. of bread, given by this process 200 lbs., thus affording a saving in flour of 14 per cent in the quantity of flour. By condensing to the different uses of pastry, and by any person capable of, ordinary a textbook may conduct the process, and the result will invariably be highly satisfactory.

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Assayer to the Boards of Mass. Mechanics.

"I have analyzed the Concentrated Leaven, manufactured by Messrs. Edw. Chamberlin & Co., with reference to its purity and efficiency of action in producing the effect of yeast in distending dough and thereby rendering it fit for making bread. This article is at all fully pump tasted from yeast of any kind. It raises the dough without consuming the sugar or any other principle in the flour, perfectly, and the same weight of flour will produce more sweet, palatable bread than can be obtained through the aid of yeast; while for cakes and pastry it is invaluable, as it serves at all times and in all climates of the pastry cook.

"The experiments made by me confirm the statements made by the manufacturers, and prove this compound worthy of public approval and a fair native use.

Respectfully, A. A. HAYES, M. D., State Assayer,
16 Boylston street Boston, September 25, 1860."

DIRECTIONS.

Breakfast and Tea Rolls.—Two or three teaspoonsful of Leaven, (according to the quality of the flour) to one quart of flour; mix thoroughly, by passing two or three times through a sieve, rub in a piece of butter half the size of an egg, and make the paste with cold milk or water, (milk is preferable,) barely stiff enough to permit rolling out. Much handling should be avoided. Cut into desired form, and place immediately in a hot oven and bake quickly.

Loaf Bread.—The same proportions of Leaven and flour mixed together as when used in the latter, or a little more than enough to kneed into a loaf, and bake in moderately hot oven.

Graham Bread.—Three teaspoonsful of Leaven to one quart of wheat meal, sifted together; add one gill of molasses and two eggs, make the paste thin with milk and bake in a slow oven.

Brown Bread.—Three teaspoonsful of Leaven to one pint of flour, and one pint of corn meal, all well sifted together; add three eggs and about a gill of molasses; make the paste thin with milk and bake quickly.

Buckwheat Cakes.—Flour and milk sufficient to make one quart of batter; add one egg, then three teaspoonsful of Leaven; beat to a froth and cook quick.

Dumplings.—Sift together one quart of flour and two teaspoonsful of Leaven; rub in a piece of butter half as large as an egg; mix with cold milk or water and boil ten minutes.

Cheap Tea Cake.—Sift together two large cups of flour and two teaspoonsful of Leaven; put in half a cup of butter and a cup and a half of sugar; mix with cold milk or water to a stiff batter, add spice to suit the taste, and bake immediately.

Cincinnati Sponge Cake.—Two cups of white sugar beaten to a cream, yolks of six eggs—to a white of six eggs beaten to a froth; three cups sifted flour, add three teaspoonsful of Leaven, one cup of water and three teaspoonsful of Leaven; first add two teaspoonsful of essence of lemon, and bake in a quick oven.

Jumbles.—Sift together one quart of flour and three teaspoonsful of Leaven; rub in one scantiful of butter add a cup and a half of white sugar, and spice to suit the taste, bake mix stiff enough to roll out, and bake quick.

Nut Cake.—One quart of flour and three teaspoonsful of Leaven; add one cup of butter, add a cup of sugar, one pound of currants, two cups of white sugar, and one teaspoonful of cinnamon; mix with cold milk to a stiff batter, and bake in a slow oven.

Corn Cake.—One pint each of flour and Indian meal, and two teaspoonsful of Leaven, well sifted together; add one gill of molasses and two eggs; mix thin with milk and bake in a slow oven.

Dog Cake.—Five cups of flour and three teaspoonsful of Leaven, sifted together, add one cup of butter, two of sugar and two eggs, all well beat together; then add a cup of currants, and spice to suit the taste. Bake about half an hour.

Ladies' Cake.—Three quarters of a pound of flour and four teaspoonsful of Leaven sifted together; one pound of sugar and six ounces of butter beaten to a cream; the whites of eight eggs well beaten, and the yolks of one brown; mix with milk.

Wedder Cake.—Five cups of flour, three teaspoonsful of Leaven, one cup of butter, one cup of lard, two cups of milk, and two eggs; fruit and spice to the taste. Bake about half an hour.

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P. H. YOUNG & CO., 85 and 40 Smithfield st.

MAHOGANY SIDEBOARDS.—A beautiful article, finished and in very low.
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N. O. MOLASSES.—5 bbls., to close consignment, for sale low by
P. J. GAMBLE & CO., First st.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The President commences by considering the unparalleled prosperity in all material interests, and asks why it is that discontent now so extensively prevails, and the Union, the source of all these blessings, is threatened with destruction. The long continued and intemperate interference of the Northern people with the question of slavery, he says, has at length produced its natural effects. Different sections are now arrayed against each other, and the time so much dreaded by Washington has arrived, when hostile geographical parties have been formed. The present danger has arisen not solely from the nullification of the Fugitive Slave Law, nor from the claim on the part of Congress or Territorial Legislatures to exclude Slavery from the Territories, but from the fact that the incessant and violent agitation of the slavery question throughout the North for the last quarter of a century, has produced a malign influence on the slaves, and inspires them with vague notions of freedom, hence a sense of security no longer exists around the family altar. The feeling of peace at home has given place to fear of insurrection. He pursues this view further, and says that self preservation is the first law of nature, and that no political union, however fraught with blessings and benefits, can long continue if the consequence be to render the homes and firesides of nearly half the parties to the Union habitually and hopelessly insecure. It is the President's conviction that the fatal period for severing the Union has not yet arrived, and his prayer is that the Constitution and Union may be preserved throughout all generations, but the causes of danger must be removed. For twenty-five years the slavery agitation in the North has been incessant. Pictorial handbills, incendiary documents, sermons, speeches and State and County Conventions, abolition sermons and lectures have been multiplied of late to an incredible extent. The time of Congress has been occupied by violent speeches on slavery. Appeals in pamphlets, &c., endorsed by distinguished names have been sent forth from Washington, and spread broadcast over the Union. How easy for the American people to settle the slavery question forever, and to restore peace and harmony to this distracted country. The Northerners alone can do it. All that is necessary, and all for which the Slave States have ever contended, is to be let alone, and be permitted to manage their domestic institutions in their own way. As sovereign States they, and they only, are responsible before God and the world for slavery existing among them. The North are not responsible for it, and have no more right to interfere with it than with a similar institution in Russia or Brazil. He relies on the good sense and patriotism of the South, and without its aid it is beyond the power of any President to restore peace and unity; limited and restricted as may be his power, he can accomplish little for good or for evil on such a momentous question; and this leads him to observe, that the election of a fellow citizen to the office of President, does not of itself afford just cause for dissolving the Union. To justify a resort to revolutionary resistance, the Federal Government must, he says, be guilty of a deliberate, palpable and dangerous exercise of powers not granted by the constitution. The late election was held in strict conformity with its provisions. How then could the result justify a revolution to destroy this very constitution? He recommends that we should wait for some overt act on the part of the President elect before resorting to such a remedy. He then refers to the fears abroad that the President elect, from his antecedents, will invade the constitutional rights of the South, and denies that such apprehensions are a sufficient pretext to justify the destruction of the best system of government ever devised by mortals. The very nature of his office requires him to be conservative. The steady duty of administering the affairs of the Government affords in itself a guarantee that he will not attempt violating a clear constitutional right. His province is not to make, but to execute the law, and it is a remarkable fact, that no single act has ever passed Congress, if we except the Missouri Compromise, impairing in the slightest degree the rights of the South to their property in slaves, and no probability exists that such an act can be passed in the present or next session.

Under these circumstances he thinks the precept of Him who spake as never man spoke, is sufficient unto the day be the evil thereof," should restrain us. The allegation that the Southern States are denied an equal right with the others in the Territories, is referred to. To this he replies that no Congress has never passed and will never pass an act to exclude slavery from the territories, and that the Supreme Court has decided that slaves are property, and may be taken into the territories, and hold there like other property under the protection of the Constitution. So far then as Congress is concerned the objection is not to what they have done, but to what they may do hereafter.—Mr. Howard, of Michigan, will be contended that the apprehension of future danger was a good reason for a dissolution of the Union.

He next refers to the act passed by the Territorial Legislature in Kansas, abolishing Slavery there, and declares that it shall be declared void by the Judiciary whenever the question shall be presented in a legal form. The Supreme Court had solemnly decided that the Territorial Legislature had not this power; yet through the fractious temper of the times, the correctness of its decision had been impugned and an angry political conflict engendered. Those who have appealed from this judgment to popular assemblies, would, they could, invest the Territorial legislature with power to annul the rights of property. This power Congress is expressly forbidden by the Federal Constitution to exercise. The different State Legislatures are forbidden to exercise it, and for the same reason. It can only be exercised by the people of a territory when framing their Constitution, preparatory to their admission as a State into the Union. It was only then that they could decide whether slavery should or should not exist. If it were otherwise the right of property in slaves would depend on the rabiting majorities of a territorial legislature. Such a doctrine should not influence any considerable portion of the people, and afforded no good reason for a dissolution of the Union.

He next refers to the acts passed in several States to defeat the Fugitive Slave Law, and remarks that for these acts Congress nor President should be held responsible. They were passed in violation of the Federal Constitution, and were, therefore, null and void. The Fugitive Slave Law had been declared constitutional by all the courts—State and National—with the single exception of a State Court in Wisconsin, whose decision was afterwards reversed. Its validity had been established over and over again. It was founded on an express provision of the Constitution, requiring that fugitives should be delivered up, and without this provision, it is a well-known fact, that the Constitution could not have been adopted. The Fugitive Slave Law had been the law of the land under one form or another from the days of Washington to the present. It would be the clear duty of the Presid nt elect, then, to see that it was enforced in all its provisions. The remaining enactments of State legislatures he thinks fail to the performance of this high duty he would manifest a disregard for the constitution and the laws, and inflict injury of a vital character on half the States of the Confederacy. To presume in advance that he will thus violate his duty would be at war with every principle of justice and Christian charity. Let us wait for the overt act. He recommends that the State Legislatures will repeal their unconstitutional enactments, and remarks that unless this be done without delay no human power can save the Union. The Southern States have a right to demand this act of justice from the Northern States. If it should be refused, then the Constitution will have been wilfully violated in a provision essential to the domestic security and happiness of the remainder. Then the injured States, after having used all peaceful measures of redress, would be justified in revolutionary resistance. He confines his remarks to revolutionary resistance, because it has been claimed that any State can secede at her sovereign will and pleasure, without any violation of the Constitution or constitutional rights of the other States. That as each became parties to the Union by the vote of its own people assembled in convention, so in like manner she may retire. In order to justify secession it must be the principle that federal government is a mere voluntary association of States, to be dissolved at pleasure by any of the contracting parties. If so, the Confederacy is a mere rope of sand, to be dissolved by the first adverse wave of public opinion. These whole thirty-three States may resolve themselves into so many petty, jarring, and hostile provinces, each retiring whenever any sectional excitement might impel. By this process a Union might be broken into many fragments in a few years, which cost our forefathers so many years of privation to establish. Such a principle is wholly inconsistent with the history of the Constitution as it was framed with greater deliberation and care, submitted to Conventions of the people of the several States for ratification. Its provisions were discussed at great length in these bodies, composed of the first men in the country. Its opponents contended that it conferred powers upon the Federal Government dangerous to the rights of States, while its advocates maintained that under a fair construction there was no foundation for such charges. In that mighty struggle between the first intellects of this or any other country, it never entered to any, while among friends or opponents, to advocate an arrest, or even to intimate that their efforts would be vain, because the moment that any State fait aggrieved she might secede, while the Presidency and Congress thus have proved against those who dreaded that the rights of the States might be engaged. The truth is that until many years after was such a proposition ever conceived, and it was then met and refuted by the conclusive arguments of Gen. Jackson. (Here he quotes at length from Jackson's proclamation, and takes very decided ground against the right of any State to secede.) The President then takes up the case of South Carolina, defines his present position, and says he has given strict orders to United States officers to act solely on the defensive and in no instance in their character if this defence will not be maintained. What the character of the relations between South Carolina and the Federal Government remains to be defined and determined.

The President adds: It is beyond the power of a State, like an individual, to yield a portion of its sovereign rights to secure the remainder. In the language of Mr. Madison, who has been called the Father of the Constitution, it was formed by the States—that is, by the people in each of the States acting in their highest sovereign capacity, and formed, consequently, by the same authority which formed the State Constitutions." Nor is the government, says the President, less a government in the strict sense of the term within the sphere of its powers than the governments created by several spheres. It is, like them, organized into legislative, executive, and judiciary departments. The President then argues that the Union was designed to be perpetual, and that the powers of the Federal Government embrace the very highest attributes of national sovereignty—that the sword and the purse are placed under its control. The President then goes on to enumerate the powers of the Federal Government and the disabilities of the States. In short, adds the President, the government created by the Constitution, and delegating its authority from the sovereign people of each of the several States, has precisely the same right to exercise its power over the people of all these States in the enumerated cases, that each of them possesses over subjects not delegated to the United States, but reserved to the States especially, or to the people. To the extent of the delegated powers, the Constitution of the United States is as binding upon its people as though it had been textually inserted therein. Its framers, adds the President, never intended to implant in its bosom the seeds of its own destruction, nor were they at its creation, guilty of the absurdity of providing for its own dissolution. They did not fear, nor had they any reason to imagine that the Constitution would ever be so interpreted as to enable any State by her own act, and without the consent of her sister States, to discharge her people from all or any of her federal obligations.

The President, after acknowledging the right of resistance on the part of the governed against the oppressions of their governments, which exists independent of all constitutions, asks: What in the meantime is the responsibility and true position of the Executive? He is bound by a solemn oath before God and the country to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and from this obligation he cannot be absolved by any human power. But what if the performance of this duty, in whole or in part, has been rendered impracticable by events over which he could have exercised no control? Such, is the present moment, is the case throughout the State of Carolina, so far as the laws of the United States to secure the administration of justice by means of the Federal Judiciary are concerned. All the federal officers within its limits, through whose agency alone these laws can be carried into execution, have already resigned. We no longer have a District Judge, or District Attorney, or Marshal in South Carolina. In fact, the whole Federal Government necessary for the distribution of remedial justice among the people, has been demolished, and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to replace it. The only acts on the statute book bearing upon this subject, are those of the 28th of Feebruary, 1795, and 3d of March, 1807. These authorize the President, after he shall have ascertained that the Marshal, with his posse comitatus, is unable to execute civil or criminal process in every particular case, to call forth the militia, and employ the army and navy to aid him in performing this service, having first, by proclamation, commanded the insurgents to disperse and retire peaceably to their respective abodes within a limited time. This duty cannot possibly be performed in a State where no judicial authorities exist to issue process, and where there is no marshal to execute it, and where, even if there was such an officer the entire population would constitute one solid combination to resist him. The same insuperable obstacles do not lie in the way of executing the laws for the collection of the customs; the revenue still continues to be collected as heretofore at the Custom House in Charleston, and should the collector unfortunately resign, a successor may be appointed to perform the duty. In regard to the property of the United States in South Carolina, which has been purchased for a fair equivalent by the consent of the State for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, &c., it is not believed that any attempt will be made to expel the United States from this property by force, but if otherwise, the officer in command of the forts has recived orders to act strictly on the defensive. In such a contingency the responsibility for consequences would rightfully rest upon the heads of the assailants.

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He next refers to the act passed by the Territorial Legislature in Kansas, abolishing Slavery there, and declares that it shall be declared void by the Judiciary whenever the question shall be presented in a legal form. The Supreme Court had solemnly decided that the Territorial Legislature had not this power; yet through the fractious temper of the times, the correctness of its decision had been impugned and an angry political conflict engendered. Those who have appealed from this judgment to popular assemblies, would, they could, invest the Territ