

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

THE OLDEST CHRISTIAN HYMN.

Old Test. Ps. 136. Of Clement of Alexandria, is given in (Grec.) the most ancient hymn of the Primitive Church. It is three (300) years after the Apostles asserted to be of much earlier origin. It may have been sung by the "beloved disciple" before he ascended to his reward. The following version will give some imperfect idea of its spirit:

EPHEMERIS.

—Peach trees in full bloom beautify Florida.
—Henry Vincent is still lecturing out West.
—Mark Twain rides velocipedes and enjoys it.
—Sojourner Truth has been lecturing in Detroit.
—Max Maretzek's opera troupe is in Boston.
—Four o'clock tea parties are fashionable in Paris.
—Wide Hampton is in Mississippi hunting bears.
—For \$10 one can knock down one's sister in Mobile.
—Hurdle races are popular with the skaters on Boston rinks.
—There was a base ball match in Mobile on New Year's day.
—Nashby is said to be the best paid postmaster in the country.
—There is a grandfather only thirty-one years old in Vermont.
—Ohio has 8,980 miles of railroad track, and Missouri has 1,400.
—The Davenport Brothers are in this country scolding again.
—Resnais is said to have left no unpublished opera behind him.
—Burnett, the funny man, announces his "first annual farewell tour."
—The library of the late Ante-Duke Maximilian is for sale in Leipzig.
—An exchange thinks that most women study in the School of Design.
—A new prima donna named Lanara is soon to appear in this country.
—Venison from Minnesota retails in Chicago for fifteen cents per pound.
—During the past six months thirteen men have been lynched in Indiana.
—Savannah boasts, once more, that her wharves are crowded with shipping.
—England receives her Japanese and Chinese news through the United States.
—A company of English capitalists is going to give New York its long talked of pneumatic dispatch.
—The profits of the New York Tribune last year were \$180,000, and of the New York Post \$230,000.
—Bierstadt's picture of the Yosemite Valley won him a gold medal at the recent Berlin art exhibition.
—Anderson and his wife made their bridal trip in 1868 down the Ohio from Pittsburgh to Louisville on a flat boat.
—The editor of the Springfield Republican is said to have become partially insane as a result of his late imprisonment.
—Cincinnati is fortunate in her amusements this week. Mrs. Lander, Mrs. Scott Siddons and Miss Kellogg are all there.
—Tamberlik, the tenor who won so much renown during the wild days of the Spanish revolution, meditates on an American tour.
—Plan fell in New Orleans, but kissed his hand and said he wasn't hurt. He did the same thing here. It seems to be his habit.
—There is said to be a great deal of elegant dressing this winter in Washington, done by the wives of statesmen and politicians.
—Two boys, who were recently expelled from school at Andover, Maine, set fire to the school-house in revenge, and it was entirely destroyed.
—A polite philosopher once thanked a lady who had been singing to a party for an hour, by saying, "Madam, you have wasted our time charmingly."
—How pleasant it must be to burn off the toes of one's men with a red-hot poker. A citizen of Williamsburg, N. Y., revelled in this bliss the other day.
—Last Friday week Parepa gave a supper in New York, at which were Mrs. Sequin, Steinway, Weber, Watson, Carl Rosa and other celebrities.
—In Paris there are fifty wealthy negro families living on terms of perfect social equality with the members of the best families of the highest circles.
—An individual in Chicago, for a small salary, allows a "good pistol shot" to put a ball through his hat, the ball passing within an inch of his skull.
—A lady in Salem, Massachusetts, last week, lost about a dozen yards of velvet, which took fire from the rays of the sun passing through a globe of water.
—A new use for velocipedes has been discovered. It is proposed to send a man on a velocipede ahead of every railway train to discover dangers and thus prevent accidents.
—The Boston Post is very severe on New York Republicans; it calls them Union League blockheads. Such delicate, refined sarcasm must make its victims feel dreadfully.
—At Bath, New York, recently, a boy who was coasting could not stop his sled as a train of cars came along, and shot like an arrow across the railroad track between the

wheels of a car, and escaped the slightest injury.

—The Kansas Legislature has a new member who, no doubt, will do honor to the rising reputation of that young State, his name, and there is a good deal in it, is Joab Epaminondas Squash.
—A young lady in Rochester, who had been standing with her back to hot fire, leaped up and shrieked violently the moment she sat down on a chair. The "Duplex Electric" had steel wires in it.
—A party returning from church at Hannibal, Missouri, last Sunday, were attracted by the cries of a colored woman, weighing 800 pounds, who had sunk into a mud hole. A derick of fence rails had to be raised to get her out.
—At a Neosho, Kansas, dancing party, the other night, the highly perfumed head of a young man ran into the gas-light, whereupon his hair blazed up two feet, causing "an awful smell of oil, hair, etc., for a few minutes afterward."
—Wisconsin horse-thieves stole a horse from a poor Methodist preacher, and escaped with it. The horse was a good one, and would have been a bitter loss to the poor preacher if the thieves had not murdered him before they stole his horse.
—General Sherman is said to detest new uniforms and never wears one, because when he was a young Lieutenant displaying himself in Washington in all the grandest of new blue and brass, he was mistaken for a fireman and asked where his engine was going to squirt.
—On Thursday a mad dog made his appearance on Broadway, Cincinnati, and before a stop was put to his wild career he bit more than twenty people. So extensive a disaster of this kind has never before come under our notice. Several prominent citizens were among the victims of the rabid animal.
—In justice to that much abused being, the mosquito, we are called upon to announce that a savant writes to the American Naturalist that "the male mosquito is beautiful, both physically and morally, as they do not bite; their manners are more retiring than their stronger-minded patrons, as they rarely enter our dwellings, and live unnoticed in the woods."
—The London Church Missionary Intelligence states that the Protestant communities at Nazareth and the villages of Galilee amount at the present time to 500 souls. The plan of building a church in Nazareth has been formed since the year 1863, and after considerable delay an Imperial firman was obtained. The site for the church has been bought and surrounded by a wall.
—A Brunswick (Maine) paper tells of a dog who went to church on Christmas day, and when the minister began to pray he raised himself and sat upon his hanches, bending low his fore-paws and his head. This reverend posture he maintained throughout the prayer, coming back to his four-legged position just as soon as the "amen" was pronounced, and running as if to greet the clergyman.
—The luxury of the Romans is being outdone by modern women of fashion. The most celebrated of Paris beauties has inaugurated one of the most extravagant innovations of this extravagant age. Every day she changes the decoration of her bodice as if by magic. On awakening in the morning, the chameleon-like apartment that was mauve satin yesterday is changed to pink silk to-day, and will most likely be green velvet to-morrow.
—Enterprising local reporters are constantly finding out sensation items and writing them up for the daily papers, but they have allowed one to escape them, and we shall have the honor of first publishing it. Does slavery exist in Pittsburgh? If man be not a Christian, is it no sin to enslave him? These questions are prompted by a sign which we saw in the window of a large establishment on one of our principal streets, which reads thus: "Good Musslins for sale cheap." Now, why should Musslins be sold? A good Musslin may be a good man, and has certain civil rights which must be observed, and the sooner the police interfere and stop such unholy traffic the better. On second thought, we take this all back. The store referred to is a dry goods store; the sign, a home made one, is possibly the work of a careless or illiterate hand, and Musslins may mean muslins.
—Washington Gossip.
A special says it is alleged that about fifteen million dollars of the Government balance that is every month reported as currency in the Treasury, is now and has been for years deposited with a certain banking firm.
Colonel A. K. McClure and a few of his friends had an interview with General Grant on Thursday, in which the subject of Pennsylvania's politics was freely discussed. The General gave them to understand that no proscription of Republicans upon the part of Senators would be tolerated by him, and the wisest of the workmen of the Republican party would be "looked to in the selection of any Cabinet officer that may be taken from Pennsylvania.
The State Department is in receipt of further advices from Reverdy Johnson respecting the Alabama negotiations. Though not yet entirely complete, still further satisfactory progress has been made, and the present status of the matter is such as to warrant the belief that a favorite treaty will shortly be submitted to the Senate.
Advices have been received here from trustworthy parties residing in Cuba, which state that the revolutionary party is hourly becoming stronger, and little doubt is entertained by those competent to judge of events that the revolutionists will be successful in shaking off the Spanish yoke and establishing a republican government. These facts have been made known to prominent Senators and Representatives, and it is not improbable that some action will be taken by Congress, showing the sympathy of the United States in the struggle now going on in that country.
The New York jeweler from whom Mr. Colfax purchased his bridal presents, have given his wife a porcelain vase a foot in diameter, holding a bouquet of artificial flowers. The top is of apple-blossoms, and nestled among them is a blue bird. This bird sings for half an hour at a time, with a loud and clear note, turning his head, using his mouth, and performing other antics similar to those specimens of Swiss mechanism so common at Geneva; and exhibited there to the great delight of shoddy Americans.

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