

Last Hours of Ex-President Polk.

A correspondent of the New York Herald, writing from Nashville, under date of the 16th inst., gives very interesting particulars on the last hours of the ex-President. He says:— Having taken up his abode here, the ex-President gave himself up to the improvement of the grounds, and was seen every day about his dwelling, aiding and directing the workmen he had employed.

For the three first days, his friends felt no alarm. But the disease baffling their skill, (and for skillful physicians Nashville will compare with the first cities in the Union,) Dr. Hay his brother-in-law, and family physician for twenty years, was sent for from Columbia.

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Mr. Polk sent for the Rev. Dr. Edgar, of the Presbyterian Church, seven days before his death, desiring to be baptized by him. He said to him impressively:— "Sir, if I had suspected twenty years ago that I should come to my death-bed reprobated, it would have made me a wretched man; yet I am about to die, and have not made preparation. I have not even been baptised. Tell me, sir, can there be any ground for a man thus situated to hope?"

The Rev. Doctor made known to him the assurance and promises of the gospel that mercifully run parallel with man's life. Mr. Polk then remarked, that he had been prevented from baptism in infancy by some accidental occurrence, that he had been several times strongly inclined to be baptised during his administration, but that the cares and perplexities of public life hardly gave him time for the solemn preparation requisite, and so procrastination had ripened into inaction, when it was now almost too late to act.

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President, a very pious Presbyterian lady, arrived from her residence, forty miles distant, accompanied by her own pastor, hoping that her distinguished son would consent to be baptized by him.

"Mother," said the dying ex-President, taking her affectionately by the hand, "I have never in my life disobeyed you, but you must yield to your son now, and gratify my wishes. I must be baptized by the Rev. Mr. McFarren."

His mother, wise as she is pious, did not hesitate to give her consent, and in the presence of the Rev. Dr. Edgar, and the Rev. Mr. Mack, of Columbia, she ex-President received the rite of baptism at the hands of the Rev. Mr. McFarren.

Mr. Polk has died worth about one hundred thousand dollars, the bulk of which is settled upon his amiable wife, who, it is to be hoped, will long make this city her abode—an ornament to its society, for— all lips do praise her.

Foreign Intelligence.

The steamer Hibernia, Capt. Stone, arrived at Halifax, yesterday afternoon with 70 passengers for New York, and 22 for Halifax. By her we have dated one week later from all parts of Europe.

The cholera.—The cholera has again appeared in England, and several cases have occurred in Manchester and other parts of the country. At Paris the disease is making a most frightful havoc, even more so than in 1837. Upwards of 4000 deaths have already occurred, and in one day, there were about 900 cases and 600 deaths reported.

Marshal Bugeaud and many other persons of eminence have fallen before the scourge. It has broken out anew in Siberia, Vienna and Presburg, and is raging most fearfully at Alexandria and Cairo in Egypt. The British Government repudiates all cognizance or sanction of the proceedings of the French in their treatment of the Romans.

Different and apparently reliable statements are made from reports of Ireland, to the effect that the potato-rot has made its appearance in some instances, but generally the vines look vigorous. The weather is represented as continuing very favorable, and the crops in nearly all parts of England and Ireland are said to look unusually promising.

FRANCE.—The French papers publish conflicting reports of the operations of the army; but from accounts received to the 5th inst., it is believed that Gen. Oudinot had not then gained access to the city, though he had gained a position on the north of Rome which would enable him to command the city.

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In the evening the Assembly declared itself in permanent session, and passed a decree declaring Paris in a state of siege. On Thursday the alarm had considerably subsided, and business, which was entirely suspended the day previous, has generally resumed.

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A series of attacks have since taken place, in which the victory is variously stated, but in which the invading army has suffered most. HUNGARY.—Kossuth has arrived at Pesth, and has been received in the capital, as the President of the Hungarian Republic.

lay down their arms and submit to their fate with a good grace, they will be made to feel the consequences of their presumption. Every effort is being made to rouse the people, and the Magyar Government has ordered the clergymen to preach against the Russians.

From California. NEW ORLEANS, June 24. Dates from San Francisco to the 18th of May have been received here, giving most favorable accounts of the prospect of the gold diggers.

A letter to the Picayune, dated San Francisco, May 18, says that the proclamation is disregarded, and the utmost anarchy prevailed. Governor Smith and troops had been proclaimed refugees and taken shelter on board the American ships.

A Tough Story. Talk not of tough stories in Yankee newspapers, after reading the following from a St. Petersburg Journal:—"A returned traveller from the north tells me of a curious mode they have in Siberia of procuring the skin of the sable."

Important News. NEW ORLEANS, June 26. There was a tremendous meeting in this city last evening, to sympathize with the republicans in Italy, in their efforts to establish free institutions, and to assist them in their noble work.

A large meeting of Germans was held in this city night before last, when a society was organized for the purpose of raising funds to assist their countrymen in their struggle for liberty.

The rainy season had commenced at Chagres, but it continued very healthy at that place. All the emigrants at Panama had taken passage in the steamship California for San Francisco, which vessel was expected to leave about the 2th.

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A Matamoros paper publishes a document purporting to be a declaration of the independence of the Northern State of Mexico, (the "Republic of Sierra Madre.")

On the 17th of June, by the Rev. Mr. Duba, Mr. Joseph Hinkle, to Miss. Emilea Biegy, both of Allentown.

On the 19th of June, by the Rev. Mr. Walker, Mr. Peter Jones, to Miss Emilea Knight, both of Easton.

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NOTICE. That application will be made to the next Legislature of Pennsylvania, to incorporate a bank with general discount and other banking privileges, to be located in the Borough of Allentown, Lehigh county, to be called "The Farmers and Mechanics' Bank,"

Christian Pretz, Peter Wyckoff, Carlos Samson, Wm. H. Newhard, Anos Eutinger, J. D. Lawall, William Kern, J. D. Stiles, Nathan Dresher, J. Saeuger, Jr., Jonathan Cook, James H. Bush, Jesse Schaefer, T. B. Weidner, A. G. Reinger, Joseph Burke, Joshua Hense, Jonathan Kolb, Reuben Meyer.

DIED. On the afternoon of the 28th ult., in Philadelphia after a short illness William Wilson, in the 36th year of his age.

Highly Valuable Plantation For Sale At Public Vendue. Will be sold at public sale, on Saturday the 8th of September next, on the premises, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the following valuable tracts of land.

No. 1.—A beautiful Farm, situated in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, adjoining lands of Elias Wicant, George Kemmerer, Francis Schwartz and others, containing 175 acres, more or less, 15 acres of which are good meadow land, the balance is good farm land.

No. 2.—A Tract of Woodland, situated in said Upper Milford township, bounded by land of Christopher Musselman, Peter Diehl and others, containing 23 acres, more or less. This tract is covered with heavy Oak timber, and is really a valuable tract.

No. 3.—A Tract of Woodland, situated in aforesaid township, bounded by lands of Elias Wicant, Anthony Stabler, and others, containing about 2 acres.

No. 4.—A Lot of Woodland, situated in aforesaid township, bounded by lands of Peter Diehl and others, containing 1 acre and 11h perches.

No. 5.—A Lot of Woodland, situated in aforesaid township, bounded by lands of Henry Jordan, William Schnoyer and others, containing 1 acre and 90 perches.

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The Allentown FEMALE SEMINARY. The summer session of this institution commenced on the first day of May, and will continue twenty-two weeks.

For board, washing, &c., per session \$18 00 Tuition:—For those under eight 0 00 " For those over 8 & 12 10 00 " For those over twelve 12 00

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