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LOSS AND GAIN—WAR AND GLORY.

LOOK ON THIS PICTURE.

"Now cannot one of the most beautiful sights conclusible. Every gun was served with the utmost rapidity, and the cut h of the smoke and the roofs of houses taken towards by our shot and shells, was mingled with the roar of our artillery. The bright light of the moon enabled us to direct our shots to the most thickly populated parts of the town."—Gen. Lane.

Those who believe wars "beautiful sights," and to be necessary for the settlement of material or immaterial disputes, affect to do so upon the ground that the cause of grievance and end in view, offer a justifiable excuse for a resort to arms. It is not only with such that the end justifies the means, but the means the end. These War Hawks are ready to defend the principle of War for minor offences, as well as for great ones, and all the incidents of war, no matter how bloody, or how inglorious. The war with Mexico, if it ends at the close of the present year, will have cost this Nation in money, for expenses incurred, at least one HUNDRED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, and for debt laid up, to be paid hereafter, no man can estimate the amount. We have not yet done with paying our Revolutionary debt in all its forms,—and there are scores of claims on hand, and pressed at every session of Congress, for the payment of debts incurred during the last war. The expense of Legislation in regard to them, is no inconsiderable item. Something may be known of the amount, however, when it is understood that the cost of a single day's legislation in Congress, is equal to almost five thousand dollars,—the *per diem* pay alone amounting to about $3,200. But millions in dollars form a small proportion of the expense of a war. All this can be replaced. It reaches only the pocket, and not the vital principles of life and of moral rectitude. It is true that public debts sometimes hang like a mill-stone around the necks of a people,—like the public debt of England, the Interest of which can hardly be paid,—or like that of France, which is also accumulating to an alarming extent. We are none of those who believe that "a Public Debt is a Public Blessing," though we would not forbid a debt, where it could not be avoided, and which should result in such splendid improvements as those of the N. Y. Erie Canal, and others of like character. Debts for Wars for Conquest, for Military triumphs, however, are at once both pernicious in example and destructive in the end they have in view. They have accused for England much more misery than good,—and entailed an evil upon the country for all time to come. England were a thousand times better off without Ireland than with her, and Ireland would be incomparably better as a free Nation. Even Canada is a curse to Great Britain,—a constant source of anxiety and debt. So are the English possessions in the East,—the French in Africa and upon the Pacific, to France. Perhaps the possession of Havanna by Spain, is the only exception to the principle.

Territorial aggrandisement, the fruits of ambitious wars, have ever proved a curse to both the country annexed and to the parties annexing it. And when we may acquire peacefully whatever is necessary to our honor, or our prosperity, the wrong becomes doubly apparent. Who believes that a mixed race like the Mexicans, Spaniards, half-breeds, Mestizos, Mulatios, Zambos, Quadroons, and Quinteroons, can at once be metamorphosed into our country and Government. As well annex as many Turks and Tatars, Hottentots or Chinese. We do but play the fool when this attempting to conform such a people to our institutions. The precedent will prove a dangerous one, and the thing in practice destructive of the best interests of our own country.

But these are the proposed fruits of the Mexican War.—Debt, embarrassment, National injustice, the probable extension of the Institution of Slavery, and a threatened loss of liberty itself. It is the game of Rome and Macedon of old, over again. War, conquest, subjugation, pride, vice, moral declension, political death. Then comes the attending evils of example. In our case it may prove the incalculable evil of failure of the great Republican experiment. It has already tried it severely, and nations, no more than individuals, can bear these repeated shocks upon the Constitution.

To close *this* picture, let it be filled up with a field of battle,—Buena Vista or Monterey, Vera Cruz or Cerro Gordo, Cherubusco or Contreras, if you please. Thousands of men are there, bearing the impress of their Creator and their Savior; millions of hearts are with them,—wives, mothers, sisters, little children. A legion of hopes and fears swell with every breeze, and the hearts of all knock louder than the roar of cannon, every sound of which is a robbery of human life. The mind that could sway a sceptre is directed to destroy a Nation. The hand that could give the beauty of Spring and Summer to the green earth, changes the scene into one of bloody desolation. There is the sword for the scythe, the frowning fortress for the well stored barns, and man at best becomes the very incarnation of a devil in the fury of battle. He has made fatherless children by thousands and separated forever on earth those whom God himself had joined together in the holiest bonds. He has; in exchange,—to look on the other side of the picture,—Revenge,—Victory,—Human Applause,—Glory,—an unsubstantial fame, won not under the benign flag of Peace, nor in the great crusade of Benevolence,—nor in that "circumnavigation of charity" which made a Howard a hero, nor yet in science, nor art, nor religion,—He is a hero of War,—a worshipper at the Shrine of Mars, and not of Peace.

Such is war, and in our day and time,—an unnatural and unnecessary war, for which the "One Man Power" at Washington is responsible, and for which it ought to be held to the strictest accountability.

German Catholic Seceders.—The Newark, N. J. Advertiser, gives an interesting account of the Secession of a German Society at that place on the 23d inst.

The venerable Dr. Milledoler and Rev'd Professor Tappan, of New York, were present as a delegation from the American Protestant Society. The Seceders with their families and friends in attendance, were about 200 in number. After an earnest address from Mr. Ghistelinan, to English and another from a recently converted Roman priest, the Seceders stood up and gave their adhesion, to a formal renunciation of the Church of Rome, and expressed their adoption of the leading doctrines of the Protestant faith.

One of the fifty-eight seceders, in the name of the rest, presented a German Bible to their pastor, and received from him a pledge, that he would preach nothing but the truth as therein contained.

The services which were protracted and impressive, were closed by an address from Dr. Milledoler, and the Apostolic benediction in German by him.

Land Warrants.—The Chicago Democrat says that:—

In consequence of the immense number of warrants issued to the Mexican soldiers, and in consequence of Northern Illinois being the best place to use them, our settlers are getting their lands at $1.00 an acre, on a year's credit. We learn that there are several of the wealthiest men in New Orleans and Washington, entering large quantities of lands for themselves in this State. Warrants have been sold at $75 for 160 acres. And we would not be surprised to see land go down as low 75 cents to the acre on those warrants.

Mail Troops.—Three hundred and sixteen recruits, left the Newport, Ky. Barracks on the 26th for the City of Mexico, by join General Scott. The troops left on the Steamboat "76, for New Orleans.

Deaf Slaughter.—Thirteen hundred and sixty hogs were killed and dressed at Bertsford's in Cincinnati, on Thursday. Good day's work.

The Hon. Henry Clay, was at Louisville on

TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

The Propeller Phœnix Burned.—150 Hollanders Lost—only thirty saved.

We have the painful news of the destruction of the Propeller Phœnix, together with upwards of *two hundred passengers*, of which one hundred and fifty were Hollanders, on their way to settle in the west.

This melancholy news we got from the Engineer, who returned to this city on board the propeller Delaware, this day.

The Phœnix was bound up, and on Sunday morning last, about 4 o'clock, when within 17 miles of Sheboygan, she was discovered to be on fire. After finding it impossible to extinguish the fire and that all who remained on board would perish in the flames many jumped overboard and endeavored to save themselves as best they could.

About thirty got into the small boats and were picked up by the Delaware, which hove in sight after the Phœnix was in flames, but not in time to render assistance to those who remained on board, or who were unable to get into the small boats.

The Engineer furnishes us the names of those known to have been lost, and who he recollects by name: Mr West, lady and child, Racine; Mr Fink and lady, Racine; Mrs Heath and sister, Little Fort; Mrs Long and child, Milwaukee; J Burroughs, Chicago; D Blish, Southport; Two Misses Hazelton, Sheboygan. About 25 other cabin and 5 to 8 steerage passengers, together with 160 Hollanders.

Of the officers and crew were lost— D W Keller, steward, Cleveland; J C Smith, saloon keeper, Buffalo; N Merrill, 2d mate, Ohio City; W Owen, 2d Engineer, Toledo; H Robinson, 1st Porter, Chicago; J Newgent, 1st Fireman, Buffalo.

Deck hands—T Halsey, T Fertean, River St. Clair; J Murdock, A Murdock, Canada; George ——, Cabin boy—H Tisdale, Cleveland, body found; Wheelsman—L Southworth, New Bedford; Two colored cooks, Detroit.

The names of those *saved* are—Capt. Sweet, Ohio City; Clerk, Donihue, River St. Clair;—Engineer, M W House, Cleveland; 1st Mate, M Watts, Cleveland; Wheelsman; A G Kelso, Ohio City; Deck hand, J Moon, Cleveland; Fireman, Michael O'Brien, Buffalo; 2d Porter, R Watts Cleveland.

The Phœnix had the largest load of passengers and freight she could carry.

The loss of life above, is the largest, which ever occured on the lakes, and the property lost is immense. It is supposed that these 150 Hollanders had considerable money with them, as they were seeking a location in the West; but how uncertain is life!—*Detroit Free Press.*

Additional Particulars.

The fire occurred on Sunday morning the 21st., between Sheboygan and Manitowaac. The fire was first discovered under deck near the back end of the boiler, and all possible means were used to extinguish it but without success. The two small yawls were lowered away and instantly filled with the few who escaped to tell the tale of the sad disaster. Capt. Sweet, who had been for several days confined to his state room, one wheelsman and one deck hand were in one of the boats; the balance of the loads were chiefly Hollanders.

Mr Donihoe, Clerk, Mr House, Engineer, and one passenger, Mr J Lang, were all that were taken from the water alive. Donihoe and Lang were found under the stern, clinging to the wheels and the engineer on a float about 50 rods from the wreck. Those who were saved were taken up by the propeller Delaware, which was at anchor off Sheboygan at the time the fire commenced. The Delaware towed the wreck, which was completely gutted, into Sheboygan, where it now lays aground. Much credit is due to Capt. Tuttle and the crew of the Delaware, for the prompt and the humane assistance rendered by them on the occasion, and for the kind treatment extended to the sufferers while on their passage down. The Phœnix was owned by Messrs Pease & Allen of this place, and insured we learn to the amount of $15,000 in eastern companies.—*Cleveland Herald.*

Mr West, of Racine, succeeded in throwing overboard materials enough to float himself with and child. He requested his wife to leap into the water with the child, and place herself upon a floor. This with true hearted devotedness she refused to do, unless her husband accompanied her. They joined arms, and plunging into the yielding flood, sank together to rise no more in life.

Mr Long, of Milwaukie, saw his wife and child drown almost within his reach, without the power to save. He afterwards got hold of the wheel under the stern, and was one of the three who were saved alive from the water.

When the passengers became aware of the imminent danger which surrounded them, and that almost certain death awaited them, a scene was presented which beggars description. Some betook themselves to quiet prayer, others *howled* for help, whilst others bowed in meek submission to the fiat of a ruling power. As the fire progressed, one after another of the voices was hushed in death, and a stillness pr[illegible] profound succeeded.

The small boats, with their freights made for the shore with a view of returning to rescue others. One of them did return before the Delaware left the scene of the disaster. On her way down on Sunday afternoon the Delaware passed through a field of dead bodies, some; thirty in number, but they were left to be taken up by boats, to Sheboygan for burial.

There could not have been less than two hundred human beings swept into eternity by this disaster, and fully three fourths of that number were strangers from a far off country.

Whilst the boats were being loaded, Mr Blish, of Southport, stood at the gangway and kept back the cloud of emigrants who would otherwise have swamped them instantly. Mr Blish was solicited to take a place in the boat, but refused, saying that so long as there was anything to do on board the Phœnix, he would not leave her, and when all was over, he would take his chance with the others. He was lost.

Mr House the Engineer, from whom we gather these particulars, remained on board until the flames fairly drove him into the water. With a broad ax he cut a fender rope and immediately jumped overboard. His fingers touched the fender, which caused it to roll, and it was with considerable effort that he finally reached it. A very large, vigorous emigrant man plunged into the water at this moment, evidently with the intention of securing the fender for himself, but he sank and drowned immediately. Mr. House soon found a stationary floor, which he fastened to his fender with his neck handkerchief. Upon this floor he supported himself for about two hours and a half, evincing throughout, from all we can learn, a presence of mind, fortitude, and hardiness almost incredible. When he first got into the water he was surrounded by those who were intent upon effecting out their existance until relief might providentially reach them. These he saw sink one after another, exhausted and chilled, to the sleep of death. Mr House was first to discern the lights of the Delaware Propeller as she was bearing down to the relief of those unfortunate beings, and announced the fact to those around him, at the same time exhorting them to hold out a little longer and they would be rescued from their perilous situation. At that time, he is sure there were many alive within the sound of his voice, and he is confident that in a few minutes afterwards, not a single one remained except the three who were saved. A lady, cabin passenger drowned within reach of him; and she was among the last to yield to the King of terrors. The description which he gives of the burning wreck is awfully terrific. The hull was a complete bed of flame, which bursting from her sides at times, streamed far out over the waters, and then curling aloft till flame meeting flame, the combined current rushed madly upwards till it seemed lost in the clouds.

The shrouds and rigging were covered with living beings, who sought safety there, rather than in the water. Their terror-marked features were lighted by the ghastly glare of the flames, and as the fire reached them in their retreat, one after another fell and was either burned to death or drowned. One man reached the cross-trees where he lashed himself. There he remained after his companions had all fallen, and then he died; and when finally the mast went by the board he went with it.

Change of bed in the Great Miami.—The late freshet has made quite a change in the bed of the Great Miami near its mouth. The river, after approaching within about a mile of the point at which it empties into the Ohio, makes a *detour* or bend of some four or five miles through the rich bottom land adjacent to it, and returns to within three-fourths of a mile of the place where the bend commences. During the recent high water, the river cut a new channel across the neck or narrowest part of this intervening land. This new cut is some 20 rods wide, three quarters of a mile long, and made through rich alluvial land, which has for years been cultivated in corn. The quantity of land carried away must be 40 or 50 acres.

As this curve was the only part of the Great Miami which passed through the State of Indiana, this change of channel will have the singular effect of withdrawing the river entirely from the soil of that commonwealth, and placing it altogether within the State of Ohio.—*Cincinnati Gazette.*

Perpetual Accident.—The Memphis Appeal of the 11th says that, "during the storm of Sunday night last, a large gum tree was blown upon the house of Mr Rowe, living near the Wolf river bridge, three miles from Memphis, causing a fearful crash, and, sad to relate, instantly killing two little boys, his only children, as they lay with their mother, and dangerously injuring her also by breaking her thigh bone. Mr Rowe did not escape entirely, being slightly wounded in one of his feet. Another man, who slept with him, was the only one of the five inmates who escaped uninjured. The mother, we learn, cannot possibly survive her wounds. We have not recorded so sad a bereavement for many a

A SPEECH FROM MR. WEBSTER.

Mr. Webster attended the opening of the Northern Railroad in New Hampshire. He was welcomed and *feasted* by the large company, and gave a speech, which though brief, is full of instruction. We commend particularly what is said of the Whig treaty of 1842, and the Whig doctrine of Internal Improvement.

The gentleman had alluded to certain transactions in which he had an agency while connected with the executive department of the general government, and particularly to the treaty of 1842 between this country and Great Britain. That was an event of considerable importance, and it provided, perhaps he could say without ostentation, for the amicable arrangement of international matters of no very trifling magnitude. He should not depart from truth in saying that all matters of Hunter's Claim, Barbadoes' incursions—and he certainly would not speak of Barbadoes, as the terms was now understood, with disrespect (a laugh) —forays from one side of the boundary line to another—that these have all ceased since that time. What silenced these forays? We had a military force of a thousand men along the line, but it was found inefficient. General Scott, and other chieftians on the frontier could not allay the effervence of hostile feeling. What did so? The simple stipulation between the two governments that such persons as committed enormous crimes in the one country and escaped into the other, should be sent back on formal demand, for trial in the country where the offance was perpetrated. From the moment of the ratification of the treaty of Washington there was no foray at all; not a single trespass from the Bay of Fundy along the whole frontier of three thousand miles.

No such thing as this had existed before in the history of nations. Previous to 1842, there was no such treaty, for the surrender of fugitives from justice, between any of the European powers.—But since that time the example of the United States had been generally followed by the great powers of Europe. Prussia, Russia, France—all these had adopted the principle, and generally adhered to the forms which were thought wise here.

By the original treaty of 1783, the boundary line between the British possessions in North America and the United States, was traced along the St. Lawrence and the great Lakes and the forty fifth degree of north latitude. It pursued the middle of the river and the lakes. It was a fixed geographical line, and was run out by two or three commissions. But it so happened according to this boundary, that the vessels of the two nations could not navigate some parts of the St. Lawrence and the upper Lakes, without trespassing upon the territory of the adjoining power. The American could not conveniently navigate from Lake Erie through Lake Huron, without traversing a part of the Canada waters, while on the other hand, in the long saw of the St. Lawrence, the channel, and the deep water, were on the American side. For all purposes of jurisdiction it was well enough to let the line remain as it was; but for the purpose of navigation it was quite obvious that the river and the Lakes should be free to ships of both nations from shore to shore. This was accordingly provided for in the treaty of Washington. The stipulation was opposed, in some quarters as being a surrender of American soil to British invasion, but happily it was ratified and he believed that every body now was convinced that the provision was beneficial. (Cheers.)

His friend had touched upon another topic—the great subject of internal improvement. Why, what in the world was government instituted for, except for internal improvement? Certainly not wholly, or chiefly to regulate the external relations of nation and nation. Such relations were frequently those of war, of hostility. But government was not made for war. At present it was true, there were extended commercial relations between different countries, but they were only one branch, and that not the most important branch of affairs to which the attention and care of government should be devoted. He took it that all really good governments was established to do that for the people, which needed to be done, and which the people could not do for themselves. Government should be merely the united, the concentrated force of the people. And therefore, *a priori*, it was the duty of government to consider whether that thing which was necessary to be done, could be done without government aid. If not, the presumption clearly was that government ought to grant the aid, and do that thing. (Much applause.) Such had always appeared to him but a fair interpretation of the duty of government. And the propriety of this view he thought clearly appeared from another consideration. New Hampshire could not collect a dollar from any custom house within her limits; Massachusetts, one of the great commercial States, could not collect a dollar from any of her ports, but all the financial forces of the entire commerce of the country, accrued to the general government. Most certainly, then it was for the general government to provide for the necessities of commerce. Did it require the protection of forts, of light-houses, of piers, of break waters—who but government was bound to grant that protection. Take the case of the breakwater in the Delaware—a work opposed for 20 years upon constitutional grounds, though, happily without effect—who was to expend a million of money on that? The little State of Delaware? She had no interest in the matter—at least no executive interest—not one quarter as much as the city of Philadelphia. Should it be Pennsylvania or New Jersey? Neither was alone interested in the work. Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts—all New England, was as much concerned in that improvement as any part of the country, and in fact more so, for New England was more interested in the navigation of the Delaware than was any other region, and New England vessels were more likely to be wrecked there. Take another instance—the work projected for the harbor of Mobile—some years since. It was opposed by the representative of that very region, but he had voted for it throughout.—Returning from Washington at the close of a session when the measure was unsuccessfully urged, one of his constituents, a little vexed at the course of proceedings, had asked him how he could support a measure which was so strenuously opposed by the very people it was designed to benefit.—His answer was ready—because, during the two or three years before, there had been several Massachusetts ships lost. So true it was that the whole country was concerned in the improvement of any of its parts. (Plaudits.)

But he supposed that allusion was more directly intended to that branch of the system of internal improvement, which regarded canals and railways.

Happily it had happened that, thus far, private enterprise and wealth had been able to accomplish, in this respect, about all that was necessary. And there could be no doubt that what could be accomplished by private enterprise was done more economically, and to better advantage, than in any other way. So far, therefore, as private enterprise could carry out a work of improvement, the much wiser course was to rely upon it. But with regard to the improvement of the Western waters, this was not the case. The aid of government was necessary here. Every one knew that all such improvements had always been resisted, and he had heard a grave constitutional argument advanced against them, that nature never made any harbors on the lakes, and, therefore, she never intended there should be any! To which he remembered to have replied that, so far as he knew, people were brought into the world without being asked, and, therefore, the argument was good that they never should wear clothing.—(Great laughter and applause.)

The great western lakes were not a straight line of water. They pursued a zigzag course We beheld Lake Erie stretching down into New York as if to accommodate, especially, a comparatively southern region. We saw another of the chain reaching far into the northwest, to accommodate that region. Why, then, would look at the map, must see at once that nature intended the great lakes for the benefit of vast, different, and distant portions of the country. But it was a remarkable fact that there were but very few natural harbors on the lakes. What, then, should be done to improve the advantages offered by these immense sheets of water! The science of the age told us at once that it was expedient to construct harbors, but how were we to do it! He would not weary the company by going over what has been said on this subject for the past twenty years, sometimes with a degree of sprightliness, but oftener in sadness, from its earliest agitation to the days of the Chicago Convention, and particularly the Memphis Convention—a body, some of whose very distinguished members, though they could not dig a trench for a canal, or split a rock for the passage of a railroad, could yet skillfully split hairs for the sake of establishing a mere theory upon a mere abstraction. (Cheers and laughter.) But for himself, he would say that he had always considered it as much a duty of government to improve and establish harbors on the western waters as to build a lighthouse in the harbor of Boston.—(Great applause.)

With regard to rail roads, there were two considerations which should not be overlooked. First that they enhanced the value of property every where in their vicinity. In the course of a journey he made last year, he passed over the rail road to Wilmington, North Carolina. Along that line the people raised considerable corn, and produced some lumber, tar, turpentine and the like. The road was violently opposed at first, as an encroachment on private rights. It would cut down the pine trees of the people—it would take away their soil. He was made acquainted with a gentleman who had electioneered against the road—year after year, and had actually been elected to the State Legislature on the strength of his opposition to the project. But the charter was granted, and this very man, in the course of conversation, admitted that since the road was opened, and he had found a market at Wilmington, he made more money by selling his hams, and chickens, and eggs, than he before derived from the entire produce of his whole plantation. So much for one instance of increase in prosperity caused by a rail road.—Again, rail roads served to connect men and societies together. Every road that was built, did much in this respect. In a pecuniary sense, it was advantageous, but in this sense, it was of still greater importance. All these enterprises formed bands of individuals, social and political union, between the people and the States, and the more of them there were, the more would such ties be strengthened. They broke down the barriers of distance between persons and communities; they promoted intercourse between man and man; they brought about more intimate and more just social relations—the true basis of just political relations. When we found men alike in character, following substantially the same pursuits, closely connected, individually and socially, we should there find the true foundation and basis of political union—such a union as alone can be the salvation of the States of this country. (Loud cheers.)

RAIL ROAD ROUTES.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

In your valuable paper of the 28th ult., (Weekly Gazette,) I find an article from the Philadelphia North American, headed "The Internal Commerce of the Continent," in which the writer ably, but briefly, sets forth the advantages of a Rail Road connection between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Speaking of the Central Route adopted, the writer says it "has, since public attention was directed to it, secured the praise and support of every profound thinker and sincere advocate of the nearest route to the best market.—All sections regard it as the natural line. The genius of Washington early recognized the gorges of the Allegheny range within Pennsylvania, as the outlets of the great commerce of the Empire, &c."

Now, with every wish of my heart for a speedy connection between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, by a Rail Road within our own State, I deny that all sections regard the route selected as the 'Natural Line.' The entire Southern part of the State denies it. How is it? Where is this natural line? How was it selected? No selection was made at all, if I am rightly informed. Without an exploration of any other section of the State and in total disregard of the cordial invitation of the Erie and Sunbury Rail Road Convention, held in Philadelphia last winter, and of the numerous invitations from the citizens of the southern counties, to explore all the routes suggested, so as to secure not merely the nearest, but the best route, the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company have jumped at the conclusion that the Road shall be made from Harrisburgh to Pittsburgh, mostly along the line of the Public Works.

But my object, especially, is to rescue the genius of Washington from the unauthorized use that has been made of its 'early recognition.'—Where are the gorges its genius recognized, but on the outlets of the great commerce of the empire? Not where the Public works climb the 'Apalachian range by a *pair of stairs*, which is to be used as a section of the Pennsylvania Rail Road for a time at least, nor within many miles of it—all answer on the Southern Route. From a point near Bedford, with a single exception, where a short tunnel might be required, a uniform inclined plane is formed by Wills' Creek to its source, and thence, with the above exception, down the waters of the Cattleman, Youghiogeny, and Monongahela to Pittsburgh.

This is the route pointed out by the genius, of the immortal Washington, and it was his opinion of it, that induced the selection of it for the route of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to the Ohio River.

This is the route on which the streams never, within the memory of man, have overflowed their banks, as the streams upon the central route have frequently annually for many years, to the great destruction of property.

This is the route, on which a Rail Road would open up a market to new territory teeming with unbounded mineral and agricultural wealth.

This is the route, on which, in the language of an eminent citizen. "Nature has done more work to our hand in removing mountains out of the way not by tunnels or inclined planes, but by a thorough cut, than all the cuts on the entire Central route can accomplish in twenty years."

Finally, this is the route which the Southern sections of the State "regard as *the* natural line" for a Rail Road from Philadelphia, via Harrisburg and Chambersburgh to Pittsburgh.

SOMERSET.

City News.

Anti Slavery Meeting.—A meeting was held on Tuesday night, at Temperance Hall, to take some active measures relative to the late verdict in the case of Dr. Mitchell, who was, it will be remembered, fined $500 for harboring a slave. This verdict has given great offence to some of the Anti Slavery party, and has roused it to the importance of taking efficient steps to prevent a similar construction being put upon the law of 1793 again. During the meeting the debate was angry, and serious charges were made against Judge Grier, the jury, and the officers of the Court. A committee of three was finally appointed to collect all the facts in this case, including the charge of the judge, with a view of presenting the same to a future meeting. It was also proposed to raise the funds to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington, but no definite action was taken upon this head. The decision of the Court is calculated to call the attention of the North to the Slavery question, and the facts collected by the committee will be of interest.

Among the speakers were James McClellan, the chairman of the meeting, Messrs. Robb, Marshal, Pierson, Kerr, and others, whose names have escaped us.

The funeral of the Hon. James Ross was attended yesterday by a large concourse of people,—larger, indeed, than has been assembled on any similar occasion in this city,—thus showing how much he was cherished by his friends. The several clergy of the city, the judges and members of the bar, were in attendance, together with a numerous train of citizens. The procession passed from the residence of Mr. Ross over the St. Clair street bridge to the Allegheny Cemetery, where his remains were deposited.

The Young Men's Mercantile Library Association have made Thomas Bakewell, Esq., an honorary member, "on account of his distinguished public services, as well as his reputation as a friend of every project calculated to benefit his fellow citizens." Mr. Bakewell has replied in a very handsome manner, and by a contribution to increase the Library. This compliment was well deserved, and comes with excellent taste from the young men of the city.

Canal Tolls.—The amount of tolls received at the Collector's office in this city for the month of November was, $1,403.45.

The business of the month has been local only, and confined to the Western end of the line.

The District Court was engaged all day Tuesday, in trying the case of the Rev. Teasdale vs Caleb Lee, action on the case for damage in circulating a report prejudicial to the character of the plaintiff. The case will be continued to-day.

Disgraceful.—A drunken man, on Wood street, late on Sunday night, turned his wife and child into the street.

Drowned.—A man named Hull, was drowned at McKees' Rocks in the Ohio, last Saturday.

Fire.—A barn was burnt on Saturday night last, at Lock No. 2 on the Monongahela. A large amount of grain and other property deposited in it, were consumed.

Arrested.—The American, says J. R. Stockdale, agent of a Philadelphia Tea concern, has been arrested and held to bail in $2000, on a charge of deception.

Another Freshet.—There has been another severe freshet in the Susquehanna. The river completely covers the banks of the Tide Water Canal.

Carroll Creek, in Frederick city, rose some 10 or 12 feet above its usual level on Friday, and many houses in its vicinity were flooded.

Tennessee Senator.—The Hon. John Bell was elected upon the 48th ballot, by the following vote, Bell 51; Topp, 11; Reese 10; Trousdale 16; Blair, Nicholson and W B Campbell, each one vote.

Cunard Line of New York.—The first vessel of the Cunard line of steamboats between Liverpool and Jersey City, is expected at the new wharf in the latter port early in December as we learn from the Newark, N. J. Advertiser.

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FROM MEXICO.

Richmond, Va. Nov. 30, 10 A. M.

By the Southern newspaper Express, New Orleans advices to the evening of the 23d inst., have been received, two days ahead of the United States mail.

An arrival at New Orleans brings the advices from Vera Cruz, down to the 10th inst., and from Tampico, to the 13th, but we have no additional news from the army in any quarter,

The U. S. Schooner Scorpion, sent out by Commodore Perry in pursuit of Mexican Privateers, has returned to Vera Cruz, with a Spanish top sail Schooner (name not given) as a prize, which was no doubt the one of which the Scorpion was in pursuit.

The Sloop of War Germantown sailed from Vera Cruz on the 9th, for Campeachy.

Col. Harney was daily expected at Vera Cruz, with a train, having in charge a considerable quantity of silver in bars, for the U. S Mint. This is the first bullion sent from Mexico to the United States since the war commenced.

Capt. Rowley's company of Pennsylvania volunteers from Pittsburgh, has arrived at New Orleans.

Mrs. Place, the actress, and more widely known as Miss Josephene Clifton, died at New Orleans on the 22d, of a violent hemorrogo.

Advices from Vera Cruz, to the 1st of November by the British mail ship, and published in the Bermuda Gazette, give some insight into the position of Mexican affairs. The information was avowedly furnished by the British Courier, and may therefore be worth quoting:

Mr. Trist had re-opened communications with the Mexican Government, and sent in his ultimatum, which would be placed before Congress.

The President "ad interim" was timid and afraid to act, not being certain that the different States would approve of his appointment; still some hopes were held out that the American propositions would be favorably received. Unhappily, the Mexicans are divided into too many political parties, that it is to be feared what is satisfactory to one will be undone by the others, from mere political rivalry, heedless of the true interests of their unfortunate country.

The principle parties striving for power are the "Moderados," now in power under Pena y Pena; the "Monarchists," under Gen. Paredes; the Federalists or "Exaltados," under ex-President Gomez Farias; the coalition of the Northern States under Gen. Bustamente, and the army faction, under Santa Anna, who, when last heard of was on his way to Tobucan to be tried by court martial for the loss of Mexico, &c.

The party now in power is understood to be the Peace party, but it wants strength and energy, and in all probability will soon be broken up.

Telegraphic.—We learn by our Eastern Reporter that the Southern Telegraph is again out of order. This frequently occurs on Mr. Kendall's line, and is a great annoyance to people expecting intelligence from Mexico.

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PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

Philadelphia, Nov. 30, 4 p. m.

Flour—Sales of Western brands at $6,50 a $6,62½ per bbl; and of 201 bbls extra Western at $6,75 per bbl.

Rye Flour—Moderate sales at $5,25 per bbl.

Corn Meal—Sales are reported at $3,12½ per bbl.

Wheat—I have reported sales of 5,000 bu, prime Red. Western, at $1,35 per bu. Now prime White is selling at $1,40c per bu.

Corn—Sales of prime Yellow at 70c per bu.

Oats—Limited sales occur at 70c per bu.

Cotton—Sales of Louisians at 7¾ a 8¾c per lb. There is a better feeling in the market.

No change in the other articles of the market not quoted above.

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NEW YORK MARKET.

Nov. 30, 3 p. m.

Flour—Moderate sales of Genesee brands are reported at $6,25 a $6,31 per bbl. Sales Baltimore H. S. brands at $6,43¾ a $6,50 per bbl. The market, with moderate business, is in favor of the seller.

Corn—The market is quiet, with sales of prime White at 73c per bu, and of prime Yellow, at 78c per bu.

Oats—Sales to a limited extent, at 50c per bu.

Provisions—The market is heavy for Pork, but I hear of no sales, lower offers would be accepted.

Groceries continue without change.

Whiskey—I hear of moderate sales at 26½ a 27½c per gall.

Lard—The market is dull, with no sales worth reporting.

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CINCINNATI MARKET.

Cincinnati, Nov. 30, 6 p. m.

Flour—Limited sales reported at $4,93¾ per bbl. The market is steady, but not active.

Grain—There is a good inquiry for Wheat in the market for milling, but other grains are quiet. The market is without change.

Provisions—The market is heavy for Pork, but no sales are reported. Lower offers would be accepted.

Lard—Sales of Prime at 6c per lb.

Killed Hogs—$3,25 is asked, but I hear of no offers higher than $3. The market is dull.

Groceries—Sugars have a downward tendency. Coffee and Molasses continue without change. I have quoted sales of N. O. at 5½c per lb.

Whiskey—Moderate sales at 17½c per gal.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

New Orleans, Nov. 23, 1847.

Cotton—The market is more animated, and prices are 1 a ⅛ higher, with sales of 8000 bales.

Flour—Sales of choice Ohio brands, at $5,25 per bbl. Illinois, $5,50, and St. Louis $6,00.

Tobacco—Sales at 2½c per lb.

Freights—A Liverpool engagement has been made at ¾d.

Great Freshe in James River.—James River has suddenly risen to an extraordinary height. On Thursday it was higher than it has been known to be since the year 1795, and was still rising. It was two feet higher than it was in the great freshet of '42.

The entire span of Mayo's Bridge, from the Richmond shore to the Island, was swept off by the current, carrying off six persons, who were rescued with boats below. The greater portion of that on the other side of the Island had been carried away and the whole is now understood to be gone.—At six o'clock on Friday, the run was still rising.

The water was on the pavement, under the shed used as a fish market, adjoining the Old Market, Franklin and Cary streets, at Shockoe Creek, are overflowed; and the water is nearly up to the floor, of some of the stores near Old Market Bridge.

Fearful forbodings are entertained with regard to the canal.—*Richmond Times.*

The Whig says: The lower stories of Haxall's Mills upon the river are completely submerged.

We have received but few tidings from the upper country; but it is to be feared that the canal has not escaped severe injury. The packet boat which left this city for Lynchburg yesterday morning, soon returned, finding it impossible, after reaching the first lock, about three miles from the city to proceed.

Sandwich Islands.—Advices to the 25th of May, have been received at New York, but no news of interest.

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