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FOR MAYOR OF PITTSBURGH,
CAPT. JOHN HERRON.

FOR MAYOR OF ALLEGHENY,
JONATHAN BUSH.

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AFRICAN COLONIZATION.

No subject of public moment has probably been the cause of greater difference of opinion, and of more unreasonable and angry controversy, than that of colonizing the colored population of this country on the Western coast of Africa. While some men of enlarged benevolence have considered it of immense importance as a remedy for American Slavery, others have branded it as one of the vilest undertakings which ever saw the sun, and have charged its authors and friends with being influenced by the worst of motives. We are pleased, however, to discover, of late, less acrimony in the controversies on this subject, and we hope the light of truth will soon break upon all the minds which have shut it out by the darkness of prejudice.

African Colonization is a subject to be considered in its relation to Africa principally, and to America only indirectly, and prospectively. As a *remedy* for American Slavery, by removing the colored race back to the land of their fathers, it is useless, and worse than useless; as such a vain idea, if cherished to any extent, is calculated to prevent other and proper efforts for the removal of so great and growing an evil.

But although colonization in Africa is not, and never can be, in a direct sense, a remedy for American Slavery, yet, in another aspect, it is one of the most worthy and noble schemes of benevolence ever undertaken by man. Men of one idea, whose minds are so wholly absorbed by the evils of slavery as to leave room for nothing else, and who have thus contracted their philanthropy until it has become narrow and selfish, see nothing in the effort to colonize colored Americans on the coast of Africa, but a scheme of *enabling* slaveholders to rivet more firmly the chains of their bondmen, by *satisfying* the Christian mind that something was doing to ameliorate and remove slavery,—but a more just and enlarged benevolence can see in this grand undertaking the dawn of a better day in the history of benighted and degraded Africa, and the results in the future of good to America.

Colonization in Africa ought to be considered and carried on wholly in view of the Christianization and Civilization of that dark Continent, and without any reference to American slavery. It is a matter wholly distinct and dissimilar, and there is no more reason why the Colonizationist and the Abolitionist should fall out and oppose each other, than that Temperance and Missionary societies should wrangle and fight. The on combats evil at home, the other attacks it abroad. If, by the permission of Divine Providence, a vast crowd of the degraded and heathen children of Africa has been cast upon our shores, what use so fitting to make of the allotment, which has been to us one of evil, as to send back the christianized and civilized descendants of those who have obtained such great advantage through so terrible an exodus.

In whatever light we may view slavery in this country, and none can regret its existence, and the infusion of so large a proportion of the African race into the mass of our society more than we do, yet all must admit that it places in the hands of the people of America, a means of doing good to Africa, which ought to be embraced, and which if were sinful to neglect.

The good that has already been done by the efforts of the friends of Colonization, opposed and pampered and traduced as they have been, is of untold value, and affords abundant encouragement for perseverance. No colony was ever more prosperous in its incipient stages, and none ever arrived so speedily to such great results. An independent, christianized, civilized Republic, modelled after our own admirable institutions, and acknowledged by all the great nations of Europe now exists on the western coast of Africa, where about a quarter of a century ago the darkness of heathenism and barbarism was almost impenetrable. Churches, schools, the halls of justice, arts, commerce, agriculture, all exist and flourish where a generation ago, could only be found blind superstitious, abominable idolatry, and heathen cruelty. Is this nothing? Is it not great, glorious and encouraging, both for Africa and America.

We have been led to make these remarks, at this time, the sentiments of which we have long entertained, for the purpose of aiding the efforts of Rev. Mr. Hale, who is now in this city as the agent of the American Colonization Society, and, to whose communication in another column, we would direct attention.

Flourishing Seminaries.

The Pittsburgh Gazette copies from N. York Observer, a list comprising what are called the six Theological Seminaries in this country, which seem to be the most flourishing." These are said to be: Princeton, Andover, the Protestant Episcopal, (N. Y.) New Haven and Auburn.—The two last are said to have respectively 20 and 50 members.

Now, it is remarkable, that both the N Y Observer and the Pittsburgh Gazette seem to be entirely in the dark in regard to a certain Seminary located in Allegheny city, and which, for several years past has had 50 members in attendance. We have just been informed by the Professor of Theology, that the Western Theological Seminary has had, 50 students this winter regularly attending upon its exercises, up to the period, when recently death diminished the number to 49.—And as at least two of the most flourishing Seminaries are admitted to have, the one only 30, and the other 35 members; we do not see with what propriety they are said to be *more flourishing* than the Western Seminary, which has 50 students. Will the Observer and the Gazette please make the necessary correction?—*Presbyterian Advocate.*

We give the correction with pleasure, and rejoice to hear so good an account of our Western Seminary. From our acquaintance with its worthy Professors we know much prosperity to be richly deserved.

We were not entirely in the dark in relation to the Allegheny Seminary, but we confess we had not paid sufficient attention to such statistics to know whether the New York Observer was correct or not. We presumed it knew what it was writing about.

Hon. Geo. Darsie.—This gentleman who has so long and ably represented this district in the Senate of Pennsylvania, was elected Speaker of that body on Tuesday, on the first ballot. This is an honor well earned, and well conferred, and reflects credit both on the district and on the deserving recipient. We feel assured the Senate will never have reason to regret its choice.

The Cholera in New Orleans.—The Louisville Journal of Dec. 30, says:

"A gentleman who came up on the Peytona has given us a most deplorable picture of the panic which the cholera has created in New Orleans. Every steamboat that left the wharf was crowded with passengers. The Peytona had a very large number of passengers and she started fourteen during her trip up. No deaths occurred among the cabin passengers."

A Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript, expresses the opinion that the "Daily Globe" recently revived in Washington is destined ultimately, to be the organ of the Free Soil section of the Democratic party. It is proposed to revive, also, in February next, the Battery, or Taylor Campaign paper recently discontinued.

The Editor of the National Intelligencer, speaking upon the authority of some lady friends, declares that the specimens of Brazilian Tea, recently brought to Washington by the Brazilian Minister, are equal to the best Chinese productions of similar kinds.

The corporation of Brown University has resolved to raise $500,000 as a fund, the interest of which shall be applied the support of the institution. Subscriptions are to be opened immediately.

The Pittsburgh Gazette, Colonization Cause—Extracts resulting from Colonization.

To the Rev. W. M. Hall,

Rev. and Dear Sir—In compliance with your request, I have carefully read your summary of reasons in favor of the Colonization cause, as published in the Bedford Democratic Inquirer, and am prepared to say that they seem to be altogether correct and satisfactory. I have no exception or qualification to make at any point.

Like yourself, I have had no small sympathy with the abolition movement, (technically so styled,) though never able to accept its fundamental principle of slavery sinful per se, so as to identify myself with it in form. To slavery as it actually exists in the country, American slavery as a concrete whole, I am of course as much opposed as ever.—There should be but one purpose in regard to it on the part of all good men, namely, to bring it to an end as speedily as possible. My mind has been a good deal sceptical, I confess, in time past, with regard to the bearing of Colonization on this subject. I doubted the feasibility of the scheme; and in this view there seemed to me reason to fear that it might operate as a mischievous opiate on the disease it was employed to cure, diverting attention from the urgency of the case, and hindering recourse to other means required for its help. In this way, without any direct hostility to the Colonization cause, my regard to it at one time was somewhat cool. But my scepticism has been gradually undermined. The ultimate success of the enterprise in Africa I see now to be morally certain; opening in no distant prospect a wide and effectual door of escape from the curse that now rests upon the nation; while under the whole heavens besides, the most clear sighted and far reaching eye can discover no rational prospect of relief. I cordially approve then of your determination to devote yourself for a time, as an agent, to the service of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, while I congratulate the Society also on the acquisition of your services in this way, and trust that they may prove eminently successful.

We live on the eve of a vast revolution, that is destined to change the aspect of the entire globe, and the central power of which, as all signs show, will proceed from America. Only think of the reconstruction of the world's universal trade, politics, literature and religion, that must follow the completion of a railroad made to span our whole continent, to the shores of the Pacific—an enterprise that must force its way before long into full effect.

And this is only one among the many vast processes which are to find their end ultimately in the same grand and magnificent result, a new order of civilization that shall go like a broad zone round the whole earth. Of these not the least momentous, as it now strikes my mind, is this work of Colonization on the shores of Africa, by which simultaneously with the new relations into which this country is entering with Europe and Asia, the way would seem to be opening for a full transfer of our American life to this dark continent also, under the only form (mysteriously prepared beforehand for the purpose,) in which so strange a result could well be conceived to take place. All which may God hasten in his own good time and way. Yours in the bonds of the gospel, J. W. NEVIN.

Marshall College, Mercersburg, Nov. 28, 1848.

From the Bedford Democratic Inquirer.

The American Colonization Society—Colony of Liberia.

The American Colonization Society proposes, "to promote and execute a plan for colonizing, *with their own consent*, the free people of color residing in our country, in Africa, or such other place as Congress shall deem expedient."—*Article 2, Constitution of American Colonization Society.*

Whereas the Rev. William M. Hall of the presbytery of Carlisle, has accepted an agency in behalf of the Colonization Society; and whereas we rejoice in the advancement of human freedom and in the prospect of establishing colonies of enlightened freemen on the coast of Africa, and thereby promoting the civilization and Christianization of that vast continent, *therefore, Resolved*, That we affectionately commend Brother Hall and the cause in which he is engaged to the regards of our churches and people.

A true extract from the minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia, this 20th Oct. 1848.

G. W. Thompson, } *Clerks*
E. Hamill, }

The object of the American Colonization Society, as stated in its Constitution, is quite intelligible imposing on that association its appropriate work It leaves to other societies their several departments of enterprise, confining itself to its own peculiar province. It does not propose to abolish slavery in our own land by direct action and systematic agitation demanding immediate abolition. Nor does it hold out the idea that it will remove all the colored people, free, or freed for the expressed purpose of Colonization. It merely professes a readiness to take those who are desirous to go, as far as it has funds for this purpose.

Its object then is one, clearly and fairly promulgated. There are, however, several most important and highly beneficial results growing and expected to grow out of the continued and successful action of the Society, to a brief statement of which, as State Agent for the Pennsylvania Auxiliary Association, the subscriber respectfully asks attention.

[The discussion of the several propositions, with the authorities cited, is omitted for want of room. It is contained at some length in a piece in the New Colonization Cause—Extracts, entitled "An Advocate" of Jan. 3d, 1840.]

1. It affords an asylum from prejudice and its baleful effects on their standing and happiness, to the free people of color here, in the land of their fore-fathers, and elevates them in their social, political and moral condition.

2. It leads to emancipation by furnishing masters desirous to liberate their slaves an asylum for their reception.

3. It checks, and so far as the influence of the colony extends, destroys the slave trade.

4. It is a humanizing, civilizing and Christianizing effort, that bids fair, by the blessing of God to do more than make amends to deeply injured Africa, for the great wrongs inflicted on her by the slave trade.

5. The Colonization Society in the United States is the best expression, and promises to be the only apparent security, of a lasting national conservatism in our Union.

6. Immense commercial advantages will result to the United States, by the establishment of colonies of blacks from our country on the coast of Africa.

8. The successful establishment of colonies on the coast of Africa will result in ultimate and total emancipation in the United States, as the consequence of fair competition between free and slave labor.

It is believed that the foregoing calls for serious consideration on the part of our people of color.—If they take part in this enterprise at all it will be "with their own consent." There is no purpose or desire to force them. If they go to the land of their forefathers, it will be for the reason that the suffering Irish come to the New World—to better their condition. The prejudice against them is not diminishing with the lapse of time. By the Constitution of Pennsylvania, of 1838, they were formally excluded from the right of suffrage, by the introduction of the word 'white,' in the qualification of electors. "The mere report of an intermarriage between a white and a black, would throw any city of the North into a ferment. If this is the condition and the standing of the negro in the free States, fifty years after emancipation, how long a period will be required to place him on a level with the whites?

The writer voted against the Constitution of 1838 and the change above alluded to was one of his reasons for so doing. He does not justify the existing prejudice, but *there it is*, and that *is a fact* for the people of color to consider. In the language of the North American Review: "It passes our comprehension to discover what they can find here, in the way either, of enjoyment or hope, that should be so difficult to resign. It is true that better days may come in process of time; but meanwhile, it would seem as well to go to better days wherever they can find them, even if beyond the sea. But this is a matter of taste; and if the colored citizens of America prefer their present condition, such as it is, no one asks them to leave it; they are at perfect liberty to remain to the end of time, if such is their pleasure.

"But there may be those who see better prospects opening before them, in other regions, who, even if the chance of improving their condition were less than it is, would gladly embrace it, being strongly convinced that any change must be for the better. There is no more reason why they should be forced to stay than why others should be compelled to go; and yet this constraint is imposed upon them if they are deprived of this place of refuge.

"Should the colony be put down, they would be obliged to content themselves with what they have in this country, where, so far as we can understand, their portion and hope are as small and uninviting as ever fell to the lot of man. Now, while we should abominate the compulsion that forced any one to go, we cannot see that there is any less hardship in being required to stay unwillingly, as they must, if the wishes and predictions of many, with respect to the colonies, were made good. It is a kind of emancipation that we are most interested in; it has the advantage of being consistent with the law, acceptable to the masters, and, as these considerations are not wholly disregarded by reasonable men, is more likely than any other form to be generally adopted.'

Most fully do I subscribe to the statement of the Rev. Dr. Alexander in his introduction to the work often before cited: 'If I were a colored man, I would not hesitate a moment to relinquish a country where a black skin, and the lowest degradation are so identified, that scarcely any habitation of talent, or course of good conduct, can entirely overcome the prejudice, which exists, and which is as strong if not stronger, in the Free than in the Slaveholding States; and I would use every exertion to reach a land where it is no crime and no dishonor to appear in a colored skin—a country where no white superiors exist to look down on the colored race; but where they are the lords of the soil, and the rulers of the nation."

WM. M. HALL,
Ag't Penna. Col. Soc.

Bedford, Nov. 17, 1848.

Slave Emancipation in Kentucky.—On this subject, the Examiner of yesterday contains a lengthy address to the people of Kentucky. It is signed by S. S. Nicholas, Pat Mazey, D. L. Beatty, Reuben Dawson, Wm. F. Bell, W. W. Worley, Wm. Richardson, W. E. Glover, Bland Ballard and James Speed. From a hasty glance over the address, we see that it advocates the incorporation of a gradual emancipation clause in the new constitution of Kentucky.—*Louisville Journal, Dec. 30.*

The Legislature of Louisiana has appropriated $1,000 for the support of public schools for free children of color.

From the New Orleans Bee, Dec. 22.

THE CHOLERA.

The following official statements will convince any unprejudiced mind, that in recognising the existence of cholera in our city, we were not frightened at shadows, or disposed unnecessarily to ply the vocation of an alarmist and a panic maker:—

BOARD OF HEALTH.

At a special meeting of the Board of Health, held on the 27th inst., it was

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Board of Health, from the reports before it, that the Cholera is on the increase, but they cannot at the present time consider it *epidemic*.

The Board of Health recommends to the housekeepers of the city to throw lime into their yards and gutters, and to observe the strictest cleanliness about their premises.

On motion, the Sextons were requested to report *daily* from this date to the Board.

A. D. Crossman, Pres't.

A. Hester, Sec'y.

The Board will meet in future at 12 o'clock every day.

CHARITY HOSPITAL REPORT.

From the 19th inst., at 6 o'clock P. M, to 20th, same hour.

Number admitted of various diseases,	27
Number admitted of Asiatic Cholera,	25
Number of Deaths of Asiatic Cholera,	35
Number of Deaths of other diseases,	9

H. Vandenlinden, Clerk.

It is seen that the Board of Health, having heretofore declared that the Cholera was in New Orleans, now add that although it does not consider it *epidemic*, the disease is undoubtedly on the increase. In corroboration of this statement, the returns from the Charity Hospital for the 24 hours ending at 6 P. M., on the 20th, prove that no less than 35 deaths from Asiatic Cholera had occurred within that period.

What those journals which have ridiculed the idea of the prevalence of Cholera, as the merest figment of excited imaginations, may think of these facts, we know not; but to our mind they present indisputable evidence that the pestilence is among us, and if thus far, in its ravages have only to rejoice that the great mass of the community are yet safe, and to hope that by the rigid exercise of all possible precaution, and by the strict observance of the necessary regimen and diet, they may continue to bid defiance to the scourge.

The following is the report of the Charity Hospital, during twenty four hours, commencing on the 20th, at 6 P. M., and ending yesterday at the same hour:

Admitted of Asiatic Cholera,		31
" other diseases,		21
		—52
Deaths of Asiatic Cholera,		22
" other diseases,		7
		—29

The Board of Health held an informal meeting yesterday, in which the members present decided that the disease was not epidemic. We hear of no cases in private practice.

From the New Orleans Delta Dec. 21.

The Cholera.—Its Cause.—The alarm in regard to the disease which has shown itself in our city for some days past, was somewhat revived yesterday by not a few authentic reports of sudden death, accompanied with symptoms of Asiatic cholera. Several experienced physicians can see no essential distinction between this disease and the cholera of 1832. Others (and we believe they constitute a majority of the faculty) think that it is "native and to the manor born"—generated by the peculiarly unseasonable weather warm, damp, and murky—which has prevailed in our city for some time, and by the fetid and filthy condition of our streets and lots. Such cases are not unfrequent in our city at this time of the year, and there is no reason we think to believe that the disease possesses the infectious characteristic of the Asiatic cholera. The number of these cases, when we consider the nature of the weather and other concomitants of disease, does not justify the alarm which has seized sundry nervous persons, though it should admonish as to be prudent and abstemious in diet and regular in habit and should urge our municipal authorities to more activity and zeal in removing the filth and feculence which at present poisons the atmosphere of our city. A dirtier, nastier, more stinking, and more congregation of habitations for man, does not exist in the world, than New Orleans is at present.

The presence of disease among us to a much greater extent than exists at present, could be amply accounted for by the condition of our atmosphere. We must not, therefore, alarm ourselves by giving an Asiatic origin to the disease. It has exhibited heretofore and will always return with such an atmosphere as we now have. About two years ago, the second Mississippi volunteers encamped in the neighborhood during just such weather as we now have, and the regiment was decimated by a disease similar, in many respects, to that which now exists in our city.

Even all we can learn, this disease manifest itself chiefly among persons of exposed life, of irregular habits, with a tendency to diarrhœa. Deaths in such cases, are very sudden, when once under way, can in very few cases be arrested. We see no reason to alter our opinion, expressed on the appearance of the disease in our city, that it will disappear on the approach of cold and embracing weather. In the meantime, we think it evinces a degree of timidity, hardly consistent with faithful citizenship and manliness, for grown up people to be throwing themselves into hysterics of alarm, and seriously impairing the trade and commerce of our city, by circulating agitating rumors, by departing in haste from the city, and by other acts of nervousness and childish folly.

THE WESTERN RAIL ROAD, AND COAL.

Acher, Ohio,
December 29th, 1848.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

I noticed in your paper, of the 21st instant, a communication from Kirtland and Morse, in relation to the cannel coal bank upon Mr. Wm. Brown's farm. I can say that a committee of persons have examined the coal, and find it to be good cannel coal, and a number of persons are now using it as fuel. The vein at the face is twelve feet thick. It may be that there is a vein of slate, such as is used for making fire proof roofs; if so, so much the better, as one item more, as an inducement to the company to bring the rail road down the Little Beaver valley, where there is a large amount of cannel as well as bituminous coal of the very best quality, which would be very convenient to the rail road, for some eight or nine miles, including the coal upon Bull Creek, which would be passed near the Bradley's Run route, should it be adopted. It is said that there is cannel coal upon that route, but the specimens which I have seen are not good. I think it would be bad policy to run the risk of laying the road upon any other route than the one on which the cannel coal has been tried and proved to be good, as there is a great difference in the quality; and the bank now worked and owned by Messrs. Kirtland & Morse has been thoroughly tried, and proved to be of the first and best quality. The banks spoken of by them in their article of the 18th instant, are of the same quality. The owners of these banks are all enterprising men, and will furnish coal on demand, which must be, in time, almost beyond estimate. Should the rail road pass down the Little Beaver valley and Bull Creek into the interior of Ohio, so that the cannel coal can be carried to market, in time, as the forests are fast passing away and the cannel coal along Little Beaver and Bull Creek must necessarily be the principal article of fuel. It is now hauled a remarkable distance. It is preferable to any other fuel for cooking stoves and parlors, as a small quantity makes a brilliant light, and a very hot fire. There can be no doubt, should the rail road once be completed to Cleveland, that cannel coal will be the principal article used in generating steam, as the article makes a hotter and greater blaze than any other article of fuel that I am acquainted with.

As to the route spoken of, a person cannot please all of the friends of the various routes, viz:—1st, Brady's and Brush Run; 2nd, Darlington and Little Beaver route; 3rd, Palestine and Columbiana route; 4th, the Enon Valley route, which leaves the Ohio River at Beaver, nearly opposite the east corner of Col. Co. Ohio. Upon drawing a line upon the map of Ohio and Pennsylvania, you will see the round by Enon Valley, as they must run northwest clear to the most northern range of townships in Col. Co. This must be done to comply with the charter granted to the company by Ohio, as to the Palestine and Columbiana route, it cannot be any shorter distance from Darlington to Salem, than by the Little Beaver route, and at the same time have quite as heavy grading if not heavier, and a great many more ravines to cross, and deep cuts to make; and at the same time passing around the most important trade upon the whole route, the cannel coal. As to the Brady's and Brush Run route, it may be the most direct, and is said to have cannel coal upon it. It is said that any of the routes are practicable.

I am, &c. yours.
DELANO.

Can the Cholera Rage Severely in Winter.—This question is answered by Dr. Boese, an eminent practitioner of New York city, as follows:

In the city of N. York, notwithstanding the unseasonable weather, which is unprecedentedly mild and with an atmosphere abounding in humidity, a state of remarkable healthfulness is found, as proved by our bills of mortality. In view moreover of the unparalleled state of the streets, for which vigorous measures are at last adopted by the Board of Health, our citizens have no rational grounds of serious apprehension because of the recent irruption of cholera at Staten Island, some six miles distant, especially as it is subsiding there. And should *frost*, that omnipotent destroyer of cholera as well as yellow fever, be providentially sent to our regions, the exemption of our population from the dreaded epidemic will be certain, at least until the spring. For whatever may be the experience of other countries, no case of cholera ever existed in the western continent except in warm weather, and its abrupt cessation on the first frost was exemplified in 1832, from the Canadas to N. Orleans.

The prevalence and ravages of cholera in Russia and some other countries of the old world, in the winter are explained by the habits of the mass of the people there, who live in hovels chiefly under ground, eating, cooking and sleeping, for the most part, in the same room, which is artificially heated to a temperature equal to that of our mids of summer. So that the filthy condition and impurity of their habitations, increased by their enormous fires, will account for their exposure to the epidemic in winter. But in this country a similar state of things no where exists; and hence cholera obeys the same laws which govern yellow fever—neither having ever appeared except in the heat of summer, and both invariably ceasing on the occurrence of frost.

FROM NEW YORK.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

New York, Dec. 29, 1848.

The General Free School, or College of New York has been completed, and all its teachers appointed. The design of this School is similar to that of Girard College, except that this School does not feed and clothe its pupils. The College building is one of the most elegant in the city, situated on the corner of Lexington Avenue and 23d Street; cost $73,000, and to be maintained at an annual cost of $25,000; giving instruction to five hundred scholars, whose only qualifications for membership, are, previous regular attendance at any public school in the city and county of New York, and ability to pass a good examination in the elementary branches of a common English education there taught. No one can estimate the value of such a popular College as this, when all the education necessary for any walk in life can be had without cost. The child of the humblest labourer can here get an education that will enable him to compete with the sons of them who are aided by wealth and station. The School will have at the start 10 or $15,000 worth of scientific apparatus, and commence with all the vigor of old institutions.

The close of the year presents the Money Market in a better light than common, and instead of the usual pinch, money is abundant at much less than the usual rate of interest, and capitalists seeking investments. The recurrence of New Year will throw a large sum upon the market in the shape of dividends; and present appearances indicate a speculative period at hand. Few people speak despondingly, while the great mass of the community look forward with the greatest satisfaction, anticipating nothing but success in business of all kinds; in anticipation, it is to be hoped, will be realised fully.

There has been an upward movement in stock, this afternoon, with sales $200,000, Treasury notes at 107.

Ashes improved to-day; Sales of Pots at $6 @ 6¼. Pearls, $6 25. Cotton has risen 1 cent with sales of 800 bales. Flour is up, and common brands sell at $5 50, an advance of 12½ cts. since my last. There is a good business in Beef and Pork at full rates; Pork, 300 bbls. new prime, $11 50; 500 do. mess, $14 50; 100 do. uninspected $14; 200 bbls. old mess, $13 75; 600 old prime, $10 75. Beef, 150 bbls. city mess, $11; 200 bbls. country, $10 25 bbls. prime, $6 25. Cheese is higher, with sales at 6¼ @ 7¼. Common Whiskey, 22½ cents.

Miscellaneous Items.

The following paragraph is from the St. Johns, New Brunswick, Observer of Dec. 5th: it is not without significance:—

There is much regard and respect for monarchy and monarchical principles, in New Brunswick, that the idea of separation from England cannot, *without great and cogent reasons*, be entertained; *but* our trade is prostrate—our population is gradually removing to the neighboring republic—and it is hard to say *what man or self-defence may be forced to do.* The rulers of the British empire, if they wish to retain the affections of the colonists, must unite them under a common head."

For California.—A Yankee from Boston has taken passage for California, with a venture consisting of five thousand bonnets! The sensitives will doubtless smile on this attempt to transfer the precious gold dust to his pockets.

The Legislature of South Carolina adjourned on the 20th, after a session of 24 days.

The cold weather in the great Western plains beyond the Rio Colorado, is said to have set in unusually early and with unusual severity. This will be bad for the many adventurers who may attempt to reach California by that route.

Extraordinary Feat of a Mare.—A Yankee veteran of the turf, John Sherman, of Cambridge, Mass., rode his celebrated mare, Lady Romp, twenty miles within an hour, on Tuesday last, at the Washington Trotting Course. Including the old man, his saddle, &c., the mare had to carry over 200 pounds—a feat, they say, never before equalled.

Chile in the Field.—Our emigrants who go to California, laden with stores of goods for trading, must expect competition from various quarters. A Valparaiso paper of late date, notices two ventures of goods from that port to California, one of the value of $20,000, and the other estimated at $80,000. It also speaks of other large shipments.

Colonel Whittelsey, who lately visited Raving Lake, upon the Northern border of Minesota, upon a Government survey, states that a species of rice grows in the water of that region, quite equal to the rice of the Southern States. It is gathered and used extensively by the Indians as an article of food.

The total value of imports into the port of Boston for the year ending Sept. 30th last, was $23,816,562 of which from England the amount was $10,590,133

Antiquarian Folly.—The autograph of Mandrin the famous French robber of the last century, was lately sold at auction for 240 francs. It was a receipt which he had facetiously given a tax gatherer whom he robbed of 6000 livres.

Mr. Charles Wilson has invented a new stone cutting machine, propelled by steam, and said to be capable of doing the work of 100 men. Only one has been made, and that is in use at New Haven. It is thus described:—

The cutting instrument is simply a disk about circular saws fastened firmly by an axle running through the centre. These saws of course are made very thin, and the teeth rather longer than the ordinary size. When firmly adjusted, it is forced rapidly over the surface of the stone smoothing it very evenly.

The Jury, in the Kentucky Slave case, in which several citizens of Marshall, Michigan, were defendants in a prosecution for rescuing fugitives from the hands of their owners or agents, which has just closed at Detroit, gave a verdict for the plaintiff of $1,900 and costs.

Discovery of a Cave.—A large cavern or grotto has been discovered at Trebach, near Trieste, of which the Geological Society's Journal gives a description. It is 270 feet high, 1022 feet below the surface, and traversed by a stream of water

The corps of Nations Grays, Captain Peter Fritz, of Philadelphia, will visit Washington on the 4th of March next, to be present at the inauguration of Gen. Taylor.

The Church of England.—The Duke of Devonshire is patron of 48 livings; Earl Fitzwilliam 31; Dukes of Beaufort and Rutland, each 29; Duke of Bedford, 27; Duke of Norfork 24, Marquis of Bristol 20; Earl of Abergavenny and Duke of Cleveland, each 18, 36; hereditary Legislators, exclusive of the Bishops, have altogether 4050 livings in their gift.

The Convict Labor in the Vermont State Prison has been let, under the authority of an act of the Legislature, to Messrs. Lamson, Goodnow, and Co., of Shelburne Falls, Mass. for five years, commencing next May, the manufacture of wire-cranks and cutlery is to be carried on by the contractors.

Miss Lydia Moore has just recovered a verdict in the Common Pleas of Bucks county, against Howard Stewart, whom she sued for a breach of marriage promise. Verdict *one dollar* damages.

An eruption of the volcano Kiet, in the Island of Borneo, has occurred and spread immese destruction of man, cattle and property on every side.

Severe but Just Sentence.—The Poughkeepsie Journal of Saturday says a man named Charles Smith was found guilty, at the recent Oyer and Terminer in that village, of gouging out the eye of another man with whom he was fighting, and Judge Beardsley sentenced him to twenty-one years imprisonment in the State Prison.

Jerusalem.—The tide of immigration is setting towards the holy city, and the number of its Jewish population is rapidly increasing. The residents of Rabbis have appealed to their brethren in Europe for aid to enlarge extensively their synagogue Beth, El, while some leading Jews in Europe seriously contemplate the rebuilding of the Temple at Jerusalem.

Ipecac vs. Lobelia.—The steam doctors and the regulars have had a hard battle in the New Hampshire Legislature, upon a motion to incorporate the Botanic Medical Society. Steam carried the days and Lobelia triumphed over Ipecacuanha.

A Northern Caucus.—Many members of Congress from the Northern States, propose holding a Northern Caucus, to put forth their views on slavery, in opposition to the Southern Committee: So, at least, says a correspondent of the Journal of commerce.

A Project.—It is stated in the New York Courier that application will be made to the New York Legislature, to charter a company with a capital of $300,000, to convey the Saratoga water from its native spring to New York city in glass tubes, cased in brick. The cost is estimated at $100 a mile, or $180,000 in the whole.

A Tough Customer.—A Canadian of this city who bought a patriarch of a turkey, that had frightened every other purchaser from the idea of making a jawful feast off him, said afterwards: 'I took him home—my wife bile him tree hours, and den he crow. My wife put him in de pot wid de taters, and he kick 'em all out."—*Northern Tribune, Bath, Me.*

James has written forty-three, and Bulwer twenty novels.

A bed of the richest iron ore has been discovered on Red Hill, about a mile from Elkton (Md.) The yield for some weeks past with only two men working it, has been about five tons per day.

Jenny Lind is to winter in England on account of the troubles on the Continent. For the same reason Madame Grisi declines her visit to St. Petersburg.

Depopulation of Liverpool.—The number of inhabitants in Liverpool has diminished within the past year no less than 14,190 persons. There are said to be 400 houses unoccupied in the city.

In Trouble.—A school teacher in the township of Hamtramck, Michigan, is undergoing a trial at Detroit, on an indictment for forging the name of the Moderator of the School Board to two orders on the School Assessor for $30 each.

Eighty-one newspapers are published in Boston, of which fourteen are daily, nine semi-weekly, and sixty-eight weekly.

Or Dr.—Edgar A. Poe, the celebrated poet and critic, is about to lead to the Hymennial altar, Mrs. Sarah H. Whitman, of Providence a well known and popular authoress.—*N. London Star, 21st.*

The Mayoralty—Free Soil Correspondence.

Red Lion Hotel, Pittsburgh,
Dec. 30th, 1848.

Neville B. Craig, Esq.—Dear Sir: At a meeting held this evening you were duly and unanimously nominated a candidate for the office of Mayor, by the Free Soil party, of the city of Pittsburgh, and requested to accept said nomination.

It is but due to you, to say, that, the Free Soil party fully and fairly canvassed the claims and qualifications of several citizens, but concentrated on you as the most suitable, from your well known character for virtue, and honesty of purpose, during your whole life.

With great respect,
your fellow citizens,
A. H. MORSE
P. R. SAWYER,
RICHARD SAVORY.
Committee.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 1st. 1849.

To Messrs. A. H. Morse, P. R. Sawyer, and Richard Savory.

Gentlemen:—I have received your note announcing my nomination by the free soil men of this City, as their candidate for the Mayoralty, and requesting my acceptance of the honor thus tendered me.

I have long entertained the opinion that there was no hope of redeeming our country from the thraldom of pro-slavery influence, through the agency of either of the old parties of the country. We have long heard, and will continue to hear from them loud professions of anti-slavery principles, and repeated promises of effective action against the master evil of the land; but these professions will always as heretofore, prove to be hollow and unproductive, and the promises entirely fallacious. The late action of the Buffalo Convention, and the respectable vote given to the candidates nominated there, seemed for a time to operate upon the members of Congress of both parties and excited a hope that some real effective measures were about to be adopted against the slave trade in the District, where our national legislature holds its sessions. It is true, the prohibition of the streets railroad cars to man flesh at that place, would be but a small concession to the teachings of our Saviour, or to the enlightened spirit of the age; but still it would have been a forward movement, and the first step in a series of measures which would possess our National Government from all responsibility for the continued existence of slavery in some of the States.

But it seems that even this small concession, this first movement, is more than we can hope to see made by either of the old parties of the country. The recent assemblage of the slaveholding members of Congress, both Whig and Democratic, seems to have terrified the northern wings of both parties, and the usual result of southern bluster and menance are likely to follow. Timid and unprincipled northern men will once more cower before southern dictation, and we will still exhibit to the world an active slave trade, and extensive slave pens at the seat of our National Government, long after the slaveholding legislators of the two surrounding slave states have become ashamed of such exhibitions and forever prohibited them. Southern men, though they themselves shrink from the shame and scorn of countenancing such scenes, by their own action, are not unwilling to use northern doughfaces, as the monkey in the fable was used the cat, thrust its paws into a hotter flame than it dare place its own. The long submission of northern members to southern dictation forbids all hope that any effective resistance can be expected, until recreants are taught that their constituents are more to be dreaded than their representatives from slave states. This lesson can only be taught by continued and uninterrmitting agitation at the north. With this conviction on my mind, I feel satisfied that the honest free soil men should permit no opportunity to pass without an emphatic expression of their opinions. Can the free presses of the country be increasing in their exposures of the wrongs and usurpations of the slave-holders and of the servility of northern recreants. Let the free soil men seize every opportunity to express their opinions through the ballot box. Let no election pass, whether in ward, township, borough, city or state, without casting their votes for men of their own principles. Let our politicians know that the present excitement on that subject is not spasmodic but permanent and enduring. Thus, and thus only, can we hope to effect our purposes. Entertaining this opinion as to the true policy of the party, and regarding such a course as a solemn duty, I cannot hesitate to permit my name to be used, as a medium, through which our free soil men may express their opinions at the ensuing election. Yours, very respectfully.

NEVILLE B. CRAIG.

For the Pittsburgh Gazette.

THE GOLDEN AGE.

"*O for*" a lodge in some *vast wilderness*"—Cowper.

The end of the world is coming fast,
Said simple Duck, in great amaze,
When he had heard what golden sands
Our Californian land displays.

Now Duck was wrong, beyond all doubt,
For not a single inch it comes,
And that's what plagues the men who pant
To cut a figure with great sums.

This new discovered Ophir [*oh, far!*] sits,
Just by the world's remotest west,
At ease and quite pacific,
And beckons us, the grand, in—*great.*

The congress-lords who sought her [*ar.*]
But when they found her knew it not,
Are cast aside, yes, spurned away.
(A way she has to clear the spot.)

In front, the waters stretch along,
Far, far beyond the streaming eye,
To southern polar *land of fire,*
That's very cold, if men don't lie.

And there she ceaseless *winds the Horn,*
As though she gave us urgent call?
Our men embark—alas, the bark
Runs out, and turns into a squall.

Now, when arrived at such sad *straits,*
However temperate they may be,
They take they can't ex-*Cape* the *Horn,*
Nay, double it, staring on the sea.

Delays and dangers and at last,
And *O far's* shore is near;
They leave the ship, but look most cheap,
Where every thing's so very dear.

With hasty strides for Feather river,
They bound along to feather their nest—
But softly now, they're on the ground,
All doubts are gone—*they are possessed!*

Much *grit* is found on every hand,
And every delver deals its weight,
Yet, oh! their buoyant spirits rise,
Like *eagles'* flight—of which they prate.

A sad'ning feeling steals o'er us,
Who cannot reach those golden shores,
Whene'er we see a flight of stairs
We're minded of the flight of goers.

Still one *reflection* comfort gives:
When gorgeous sunset chams our eye,
We know the sun shines on our gold,
And it sends up each living dye. A. F. M.

*Since the California sands have turned so yellow with gold, various American pundits have proved that it is the ancient *