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A communication from the "Polish Jew," commenting on the arguments of "Alethes," a writer in the Commercial Journal, shall appear to-morrow.

The Next Mayor.

The Mayoralty is now engaging the attention of our citizens, and justly so, for the character of our city has suffered abroad to an alarming extent, during the past year; firstly, from the election of a person in the equivocal condition, and with the not less equivocal character of the present incumbent; and secondly, from the disgraceful events which have occurred during his administration. Our city has been disgraced,—deeply and most emphatically disgraced—in the eyes of all good, intelligent, and sensible men throughout the country; and in this disgrace every Pittsburgher partakes, for no distinction is made by persons at a distance. All are included in the loathing which is expressed for the act of selecting such a Mayor, and for the extraordinary and most disreputable events which have followed.

We have lately visited cities both east and west and everywhere we went, in the public conveyances and hotels, on the promenades, and in private circles, almost the first question always asked us, on meeting an old acquaintance, or on our introduction to a new one, was in reference to the Mayor of Pittsburgh, and that in almost abhorrence expressed at the whole proceedings, and of astonishment, that any city with pretensions to character, refinement, and intelligence, could ever such a personage as Joe Barker to be their Chief Magistrate. We found that our city and its citizens had suffered in character to an extent really painful to contemplate by any one who regarded it as his home, and around which was gathered all his local attachments and home pleasures.

Such disgraceful events are not only a loss of caste and character, but they seriously affect our prosperity universally and in a pecuniary point of view. Intelligent persons with whom we conversed, who had formerly contemplated making their home almost exclusively changed their intentions since the election of last year, following as it did our factory and puddler riots, and our street preaching excitements. Some went so far as to express the opinion that it was dangerous to hold property in Pittsburgh, and that its securities were wholly unsafe. However exaggerated the fears of such persons may seem to us at home, yet we should remember that they are the result of our own folly and neglect, and that we are suffering the legitimate effects of our own want of attention, or recklessness in regard to our highest municipal interests. We leave these truths for the serious reflection of every person who has any stake in the welfare of Pittsburgh, promising to return to the subject again.

The harsh reception given Hon. George Thompson, Member of the British Parliament, in Boston, is more to be attributed to the utter aversion of the American people to any interference with our family quarrels, from abroad, than to opposition to the peculiar views of that gentleman, in regard to slavery, or any other of the great reforms of the age which have engaged his attention. While we may dispute even fiercely among ourselves, regarding matters of domestic import, we all rally to reject foreign interference. If an American member of Congress should visit England, and make public speeches in favor of the repeal of the Union, or on some other existing topic, in a time of great excitement, he would most probably be told by John Bull, that he could manage his own matters without foreign interference. Each country has enough to do to correct its own evils, and no good ever comes of meddling in matters which do not directly concern us. Had Mr. Thompson visited this country under other auspices, and had kept aloof from such fanatics as Wm. L. Garrison and Wendell Phillips, he would have been treated with respect and courtesy every where, and would have had abundant opportunities of telling us of our faults without giving offence.

OHIO.—*Central Rail Road.*—That portion of the Central rail road from two miles east of Newark to the city of Columbus has just been put under contract.

The foregoing, in connection with the work already in progress, comprises the entire line from Zanesville to Columbus. It is intended to push the work with energy till completed.

ZANESVILLE, OHIO.—The following is the population of this flourishing manufacturing city, according to the census of 1850:

1st Ward,	2,006
2d "	1,971
3d "	1,539
4th "	2,991
Putnam,	1,674
West Zanesville,	333
South Zanesville and Olympus,	341
Total,	10,355

A COLORED FREEMAN IN SLAVERY.—At a late yearly meeting of the Friends of Indiana, an interesting report was made by a committee of that body, detailing their efforts to rescue a free colored man from slavery. It seems that a colored man in Indianapolis was kidnapped from his father's house in 1842, and no trace of him were obtained until the summer of 1849. The Friends in Indiana then heard accidentally that there was a colored man held as a slave in TEXAS, who claimed to be a freeman, and that his parents were living in Indianapolis, Indiana. They procured the requisite documents, despatched an agent to TEXAS, and after considerable difficulties, the man was released by the Court, and taken back to his own state in the welfare of Pittsburgh, promising

For the Gazette.

D. N. WHITE, Esq.

SIR: It may be interesting to our importing Merchants to know, that the law on the subject of importations into Pittsburgh has recently been changed, so as to enable them to enter their merchandize in any of the Eastern ports, and pay the duties here. As the law was formerly, they were obliged to import by the way of New Orleans In order that the subject may be fully understood, I send you the Act of 2nd March, 1831, together with the 19th Section of the Act of 28th Sept 1850, with the request that you will publish the same. By the last mentioned Act, it will be observed that the provisions of the Act of 1831 are extended to such ports of entry on the seaboard of the United States, as may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully yours, &c.,

M. HAMPTON.

CHAP. 322. An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandize, imported into Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places.

1. *Be it enacted, &c.* That when any goods, wares or merchandize, are to be imported from any foreign country, into Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, Nashville, in the State of Tennessee, or into Natchez, in the State of Mississippi; the importer thereof shall deposit in the custody of the surveyor of the place a schedule of the goods so intended to be imported, with an estimate of their costs at the place of exportation, whereupon the said surveyor shall make an estimate of the amount of duties accruing on the same, and the importer or consignee shall give bond, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the surveyor, in double the amount of the duties so estimated, conditioned for the payment of the duties on such merchandize, ascertained as hereinafter directed; and the surveyor shall forthwith notify the collector at New Orleans of the same, by forwarding to him a copy of said bond and schedule.

2. *And be it further enacted*, That the importer or his agent is hereby authorized to enter any merchandize, imported as aforesaid, by the way of New Orleans, at that port, in the manner now prescribed by law; and the collector shall grant a permit for the landing thereof, and cause the duties on the same, as in other cases, to be paid on goods remaining in the custody of the collector until reshipped for the place of destination; and the collector shall certify to the surveyor at such place the amount of duties so received, on which the said surveyor shall enter on the margin of the bond, as aforesaid given to secure the same, which goods shall be delivered by the collector to the agent of the importer or consignee of the goods intended to receive the same, for shipment to the place of importation, and the master or commander of every steamboat, or other vessel, in which such merchandise shall be transported, before the supply of her departure from New Orleans, deliver to the collector duplicate manifests of such merchandise, specifying the marks and numbers of every case, bag, box, chest, or package, contained in the same, with the name and place of residence of every importer or consignee of such merchandise, and the quantity shipped to each, to be by him subscribed, and to the truth of which he shall swear or affirm; and that the said goods have been received on board his vessel; stating the name of the agent, who shipped the same; and the said collector shall certify the facts as aforesaid, on the manifests, one of which he shall transmit to the master, with a permit thereto annexed, authorizing him to proceed to the place of his destination.

3. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any steamboat or other vessel, having merchandise on board, imported as aforesaid, shall depart from New Orleans without having complied with the provisions of this act, the master thereof shall forfeit five hundred dollars; and the master of any such boat or vessel, arriving at either of the ports above named, on board of which merchandise, as aforesaid, shall have been shipped at New Orleans, shall within eighteen hours next after the arrival, and previously to unloading any part of said merchandize, deliver to the surveyor of such port the manifest of the same, certified, as aforesaid, by the collector of New Orleans, and shall make oath or affirmation before the said surveyor that there was not, when he departed from New Orleans, any more or other goods on board such boat or vessel, imported as aforesaid, than is therein mentioned; whereupon the surveyor shall cause the said casks, bags, boxes, chests, or packages, to be inspected, and compared with the manifest, and the same being identified, he shall grant a permit for unloading the same, or such part thereof as the master shall request, and, when a part only of such merchandize is intended to be landed, the surveyor shall make an endorsement on the back of the manifest, designating such part, specifying the articles to be landed, and shall return the manifest to the master, indorsing thereon a permission to such boat or vessel to proceed to the place of destination; and if the master or such steam boat or vessel shall neglect or refuse to deliver the manifests within the time herein directed, he shall forfeit one hundred dollars.

4. *And be it further enacted*, That, the collector of the port of New Orleans shall permit any entry to be made of goods, wares, or merchandize, where the duty on the same shall exceed the amount of the bond deposited with the surveyor, as aforesaid, nor shall the said surveyor receive the bond of any person not entitled to a credit at the custom house nor for a sum less than fifty dollars and that, when the said bond shall have been completed, and the exact amount of duty ascertained and certified on the margin, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the surveyor of the port where the bond is taken, to deposit the same for collection in such bank as may be directed by the secretary of the treasury.

The following is the Section of the Act of 28th Sept., 1850, extending the privileges of the above Act to ports of entry on the seaboard.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That the privileges granted by the act of second March eighteen hundred and thirty-one, entitled "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, Saint Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places," be, and are hereby extended to any foreign merchandise intended for either of the ports mentioned in said act, which may be imported into such ports of entry on the seaboard of the United States, as may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, and be thence transported, to either of the aforesaid ports by such inland routes as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, under such rules and regulations as may from time to time, as he may prescribe, and subject to the forfeitures and penalties prescribed in and by said act of March second, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.

For the Pittsburgh Gazette.

The Western Insurrection.

MR. WHITE—In the article from the Cincinnati Gazette, published in the Gazette of this morning there is a passage reflecting censure on Col. Thomas Butler, as gallant and worthy an officer as ever served in the American army. It is as follows

"General Neville applied to the Judges, Sheriff, and militia officers, for protection, and in reply was assured that the law could not be executed so as to afford protection, as the combination of the people in opposition to the law was too general, and it was acknowledged that most of the *posse comitatus* would be found sustaining the rioters—

A small detachment of volunteers from the garrison came out in defiance of the officers, but were met by the insurgents, and compelled to retreat."

The statement in the first sentence of the above extract is substantially correct—the injustice to Col. Butler is contained in the last sentence, and especially in that portion which I have italicised. It does him, in fact, double injustice. In the first place, it intimates that the officers in Fort Pitt were unwilling to permit their soldiers to go to the assistance of Col. Neville, and exhibits them on the odious light of receiving their pay from the government, and yet not only refusing themselves to aid in enforcing the law, but also refusing to permit soldiers who were willing to do so.

It further intimates that these officers were so timid in spirit and too scant of energy to enforce the obedience of their soldiers.

Now, it so happens, that all this is utterly untrue, and a gross libel, though no doubt *unintentional*, upon Colonel Butler. So far from being in the slightest degree to refuse aid to Colonel General Neville's house, he had brought out about 10 as an from his feeble garrison, and these men were in the house when the last attack was made, aided in the defence, and several of them were wounded, as the writer of this article saw, the next day on their return to Fort Pitt.

So far from there being any reluctance on Col. Butler's part, he was always prompt, eager, and energetic in rendering every aid in his power to Major Isaac Craig, son in law of Gen. Neville to the following language—"*I feel particularly happy that Major Butler commands at this crisis.*"—Why happy? Because Major (afterwards Colonel) Butler was a patriotic, gallant, efficient, and well tried soldier, on whom the government and its friends could confidently rely.

The following extract from a letter from Major Craig to Gen. Knox, written the day after the burning of Gen. Neville's house, explains who the "*volunteers*" mentioned in the Cincinnati paper, were:

"Major Lenox, (the Marshal) Col. Neville, (son of Gen. Neville,) and myself, and two others, in attempting to get into the house with a supply of ammunition, were made prisoners, disarmed and confined, till the action was over, and then carried several miles to their rendezvous. They treated Maj. Lenox with the greatest indignity, and all of us with insult."

From the foregoing remarks, you will perceive that Col. Butler was no laggard or recreant in his country's service, but, on the contrary, a true, patriotic, and zealous soldier, and that the "volunteers" were not mutineers from the garrison defying the commands of Col. Butler, but the United States Marshal, and the relatives and friends of Gen. Neville. C.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19, 1850.

The Census and congress—Facts respecting the Progress of Population—Reception of George Thompson at Boston—Mob Law and the Fugitive Slave Law.

There is no necessity whatever for any speculation about the applicability of the existing law for the apportionment of representatives among the States. It is plain that the law of 1842, framed upon the census returns of 1840, will apply to all the elections for the present Congress, as well as to those which will occur next Spring and Summer as to those which have already taken place. It is not by any means certain that the full returns of the census now taking will be completed and declared in official form before next August, when the last State elections for Congress will be held. Some have given out that it will be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to communicate the results of the census to Congress at its next ensuing session, and to apply the new ratio or numerical rule of apportionment to all subsequent elections for Congress. This is neither true in point of fact, nor would it be just to those States which have held their elections under the existing ratio The law for taking the census of 1850 requires the Secretary of the Interior to arrange and classify the returns "in the best and most convenient manner for use, lay the same before Congress at the next session thereof," This clearly refers to the next session following the making up of the returns. A subsequent clause requires him to transmit to the next House of Representatives and to the Executive of every State a certificate of the ratio of representation established in pursuance of the then last enumeration. These certificates will not be ready until after the adjournment of Congress, in March next, and of course will not be transmitted either to Congress or the States until December, 1851.

The returns are coming in most satisfactorily, and there is every reason to believe that the total population of the Union will closely approach, if it do not exceed twenty four millions of people. The duly classified returns will probably form the most intelligible, authentic, and valuable collection of statistics which has ever been prepared for any government extending over such vast and diversified territories as ours. By the assiduity and vigilance of the Superintendent, Mr. Kennedy, every contingency to throw difficulties in the way of the execution of the work, has been provided against, and every care has been taken to furnish explanations of the returns, where the anomalous character of the information collected seems to require it.

Some facts already elicited, though not yet officially known, are curious. The population of New York City proper is said to be still 100,000 souls in advance of that of any other city of the Union, while Philadelphia is more than twice as populous as any third city. New York proper is said to have 517,000 inhabitants. In Shoreditch or the wards that divide it from Long Island and the main land have about 150,000 more Baltimore has advanced in population more rapidly than any other city of the first or second class, having risen from 100,000 in 1840 to 150,000 in 1850. Wisconsin has increased in population more rapidly than any other State. Although it has been a member of the Union less than three years, the number of its white inhabitants already exceeds that of South Carolina, and at the present ratio of representation it would be entitled to five members of Congress, while upon the three flints slave basis, Carolina would perhaps be entitled to one more than she now has. One hundred and six thousand will be about the ratio for a member of population represented by each member of Congress. Most of the old Slave States will be reduced in the number of their representatives, nor does it seem probable that any of them will increase in this element of influence and power The contrary has been claimed for Texas and California but without reason, though it is possible that Arkansas may have so large a fraction over 100,000 as to entitle her to an additional member. Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio will probably hold their own, notwithstanding their present large delegation. The Empire State will run a neck and neck race with the Keystone and the Bay State of the South and East will lose. But in the next decade, the Old or South Eastern Slave States will acquire a large additional population from the building up of manufacturing villages, which have a great effect in the arresting their comparative decline in the scale of importance.

The more extreme opponents of the Fugitive Slave Law should take a lesson from the rare which marked the reception of the English liberal (or Democrat) member of Parliament, Hon George Thompson. Fifteen years ago, Mr Thompson then chiefly known as an eloquent declaimer against slavery, came over to the United States, and most improperly and injudiciously took an active part in the agitation then going on in this country on the subject of slavery. His interference exasperated public sentiment, gave rise to riotous disturbances, did no manner of good, and he left the country He has since distinguished himself in reforming some of the abuses of the British Government, has on almost every occasion shown himself a bold and efficient champion of popular rights, and placed himself in the front rank of benefactors to the English nation. In these characters he deserves our respect. But I see something in the papers about a speech he has been foreclosing upon the subject of our peculiar institutions, which was supposed to indicate a purpose of taking part in them. The result has been that the attempt to give him a public and formal reception in Faneuil Hall, in Boston, has been frustrated by a mob," consisting probably altogether of persons taking the pro-slavery side in the present controversy. It would seem they refrained from violence only because violence was not necessary to prevent him or his friends from speaking.

Now all this illustrates the importance of keeping legality always on the side of the right. I have continually endeavored to present to the opponents of the fugitive slave law both the wrongfulness and the impolicy of seeking to resist it by violent means. Mob law must be all times be condemned. It the enforcement of an iniquitous and even an unconstitutional act of Congress may be defeated by riotous demonstrations, of course those who take opposite views of that, similar questions may with equal propriety break up meetings called to denounce the law, may insult all who take part in them, and in short must be indulged in every kind and degree of disorder, necessary to suppress the liberty of speech and of peaceably assembling when attempted to be exercised by their adversaries. I believe the offensive features of the fugitive slave law will be repealed, but until they are, I perceive no alternative for a good citizen but to acquiesce in them.

In regard to this Mr. Thompson, I think the present an unfortunately chosen time for his visit to this country. It is very apparent that the sphere of his usefulness does not include these shores Of course in saying this much, I do not commit myself to an approval of the infamous and monstrous appeals of such pirates as the Washington Union, who have sought to stir up the people of the Northern cities to riot and murder by way of a welcome to Mr. Thompson.

JUNIUS.

FROM NEW YORK.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.

Hardly have the noise and confusion consequent upon the recent election died away, ere that restless spirit of calculation and intrigue, which has always been a historical characteristic of "modern democracy" in these parts, seeks to break ground in view of an event so far off as the future yet, as the next Presidential campaign. But as it is! I have it from perfectly reliable authority, that there was a meeting, last evening, at one of the up town hotels, composed of a dozen or more gentlemen, who generally are of the "old democracy," at which, after a great deal of deliberation and debate, it was resolved that Sam Houston, the "hero of San Jacinto," and sundry other harem scarem scrummagers in Mexico and Texas, is, by all odds, the best nag to trot out for the sweepstakes of 1852. This little incident, taken in connexion with the daily puffing up of "Sam" in the New York Sun, and other presses of that ilk, are so many "straws" which show which way the wind blows, in this direction.

Barnum's agent returned yesterday from Havana, having in his pocket a lease of the Tacon Theatre for a fortnight—so that Jenny Lind will positively leave us at about the end of next week. At the concert last evening, at Tripler Hall, there were no fewer than three hundred persons, who had come all the way from New Haven, and other places along the line of the rail road, to listen to her warblings. On Wednesday, the fair Swede paid a visit to the Asylum for the Blind, throwing the poor sufferers there into an extacy of delight they confessed they had never experienced before; and yesterday, on her behalf, Sigs. Benedict and Belleti presented to Capt. West, of the steam ship Atlantic, a costly service of plate, as a mark of esteem for him, as a man, and for his kind attentions during the passage from Liverpool

We are daily expecting the arrival, from Norfolk, of the U. S. store ship Fredonia the which at once go upon the dry dock for repairs—so that she may be fitted out as soon as possible, for her trip to London, with such articles for the Great World's Fair, there, as our contributors here may desire to send—at the expense of Uncle Sam.—From what I can learn, the competition from New York will be pretty strong, as they will see when the store ship arrives at Victoria dock, "ebock full" of Yankee knick nacks. How about Pittsburgh?

The new steam ship Baltic, the fourth of the Collins line between here and Liverpool, sets out on her first trip at noon, to day, with about eighty passengers, and a very profitable freight—considering it is her trial trip (shippers never like to send their goods forward in a new vessel, if they can help it) Among the notables on board, I see the name of Archbishop Hughes, of this (Roman Catholic) diocese, of whom, and of whose contemplated journey to Rome I had something to say in my last letter to the Gazette. Capt. Comstock says he is confident the Baltic will make the trip across in eleven days.

One of the most remarkable documents, in its way, which I have seen lately, is the official report of the Chief of the Police Department, which was last evening submitted to the Common Council. It is, indeed, a dark chapter in the mysteries and miseries of a great city like this, and makes one shudder at the rapid rate we are rivalling the crime hardened capitals of Europe. During the three months ending September 1st, there were no fewer than ten thousand and ten persons arrested for crimes against the laws of the State, showing an increase over the number of arrests during the previous quarter, of one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. This large increase of arrests were mainly for such offences as Assault and Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Intoxication, and Vagrancy, while there has been a proportionate increase in the number of arrests for the higher grades of crime. The aggregate arrests for assault and battery were 1673; for assault with intent to kill, 22; murder, 8; rape, 10; burglary, 60; forgery, 7; grand larceny, 153; intoxication, 3533; robbery, 16. The other misdemeanors embrace about every bad thing in the black catalogue of crime.

A great crowd assembled in and about the Court of Sessions this morning, it being understood that the case of Bennet vs. Graham would come up for a hearing. They were all disappointed, however, a motion prevailing that the case be laid over till next week. The editor of the Herald, I understand had made arrangements to leave for Havana on the Monday following the Saturday he shelled the dogging. Of course Graham's assault compels him to post post haste home.

There has not been much going on in the business world since my last, calling for special remark. Two abandonees of capital in the street, and the very low rates demanded for loans, stimulate speculation at the stock exchange, and the upward movement to most all descriptions, noticed a few days since, continues. A large amount of Federal and State stocks go out by the Baltic, to day.

SPECTATOR.

SPEECH OF THE HON. JOHN M. CLAYTON.

History of the Taylor Administration.

The Philadelphia North American contains the speech of the Hon. John M. Clayton, made at a public dinner given to him at Wilmington, Del. on Saturday last.

After alluding incidentally to the recent election in Delaware, and the defeat of the Whigs for the first time in 25 years, which he attributes entirely to the nomination of a temperance ticket, he proceeds with a history of the administration of General Taylor, some portions of which are very interesting, but the crowded state of our columns forbids more than a few extracts from his remarks.

With regard to the Taylor Cabinet, and the influence they had on President Taylor, he says:—

There has never existed an administration in this government in which there was greater harmony and concert of action. In the gentlemen who composed it, the President entertained unlimited confidence, and they retained that confidence to the last moment of his life." (Applause) Ability, fidelity and calmness, directed against them, as it was, from so many quarters, failed to make any impression on his mind; and he adhered to them with a tenacity which was increased by his personal knowledge of the injustice with which they were assailed.

Conceding in sentiment with him on all important subjects, his wish was their law; and when he heard so often the pitiful aspersion that his Cabinet ruled him, knowing, as he did, how fashionably they carried out his own will, while they chiefly known as an exhibition of personal magnanimity, and the kindness and benevolence of his nature never failed to win the hearts of all who came within the circle of his intimate acquaintance. Surrounded by enemies who daily sought to stab the reputation he had earned by along life of public service, his conscious rectitude enabled him to "smile at the drawn dagger and defy its point." (Applause.) This was his shelter amidst all the storms of political opposition; and the confidence of sincerity from all dangers, resulting from this consolation, never deserted him in his dying moments. When informed by his physician that his last hour was approaching, his simple remark indicated the feeling that had prevaded his bosom and sustained him through life: "I am not afraid to die," said the expiring patriot—"I have endeavored to do my duty." (Great applause.) Mr. Clayton was here so overcome by his emotion that he was compelled to pause.)

This was the feeling which bore him unappalled through the perils of battle. This upheld him through that long and dreary night of blood and fire, when he won the first brevet in the war of 1812, by his successful defence of Fort Harrison against more than fifty times his number. In Florida, the scalping knife and tomahawk of the savage had no terrors for the soldier who felt that he had always endeavored to do his duty. Amidst the thunders of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, when he broke the Mexican power, and gave that confidence to his countrymen which insured their victory in all their subsequent contests in the blood stained streets of Monterey, and in that tempest of shot which was poured upon him and his little army on the proudest field of his fame, at Buena Vista—at the very moment when his garments were torn by the bullets of the enemy—the same courage rose still more serene, self possessed, and triumphant, through the terrors of that conflict. (Great applause.) He was snatched from all those perils so opportunely had been allowed to develop his whole system of civil policy, and to the very eve of the execution of purposes devised by him for the public good, the knowledge of which must now forever sleep with him in his grave. But he lived done enough for fame; and while a sentiment of gratitude continues to throb in an American heart, his memory will be cherished as that of one of the few who were not born to die. (Loud and long continued cheering.

CONTINUOUS RAIL ROAD IRON.—Messrs. E. Pratt & Brothers have exhibited in the lower room of the fair at Washington Hall, a specimen of the continuous rail road iron manufactured at the Mount Savage Iron Company's Works, near Cumberland, Md. The rail does not differ in form essentially from the usual T. rail, but it is divided into two sections longitudinally, and a continuous rail is thus obtained by breaking the joints. This, it will be readily perceived, is an important improvement, entirely obviating the liability to give way at the joints, which is experienced in the use of other patterns of rail. The Utica and Schenectady rail road company, in New York, after thoroughly testing the rail by twelve months' trial, have contracted for the supply of 1,000 tons of it, the larger portion of which has already been sent forward. With this rail a greater speed may be obtained over the road, with equal safety and less wear and tear to the road and cars and it will no doubt soon recommend itself to general use.—*Balt. Amer.*

A remarkable Death Bed Scene.

The following is an extract from the life of John Randolph, of Roanoke, by H. A. Garland, which has just been published:—

Next morning—the day on which he died—Dr. Parish received an early and an urgent message to visit him. Several persons were in the room, but soon left it, except his servant, John, who was much affected at the sight of his dying master. The Doc tor remarked to him, "I have seen your master very low before and he revived, and perhaps he will again." "John knows better than that, sir."—He then looked at the Doctor with great intensity, and said in an earnest and distinct manner, "I confess every disposition in my heart, especially that respecting my slaves, whom I have manumitted, and for whom I have made provision."

"I am rejoiced to hear such a declaration from you, sir," replied the Doctor, and soon after proposed to leave him for a short time, to attend to another patient.

"You must not go," was the reply, "you cannot, you shall not leave me." John, take care that the Doctor does not leave the room." John soon locked the door, and reported, "Master, I have locked the door, and got the key in my pocket; the Doctor can't go now."

He seemed excited and said, "if you do go, you need not return." The Doctor appealed to him as to the propriety of such an order, inasmuch as he was my desirous of discharging his duty to another patient His manner instantly changed, and he said, 'I retract that expression.' Some time afterwards, turning an expressive look, he said again, 'I retract that expression.'

The Doctor once said that he understood the subject of his communication, and presumed the will would explain itself fully.

He replied in his peculiar way—"No, you don't understand it—I know you don't. Our laws are extremely particular on the subject of slaves—a will must transmit them, by proper forms, to a subsequent purchaser, requires that a declaration be made in the presence of a white witness; and it is requisite that the witness, after hearing the declaration, should continue with the party, and never lose sight of them until he is gone of dead. You are a good witness for John. You see the proprietor and impertinence of my request, and I know your patients must make allowance for your situation. John told me this morning—'master, you are dying.'

The Doctor spoke with entire candor, and replied that it was rather a matter of surprise that he had lasted so long.

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After alluding to the various undecided private claims which had been passed over by the preceding administration, and the abuse heaped on him in deciding against the Mexican Porte Tobacco claim, he thus speaks of the famous Oil pain Claim—

One of these old claims, which had been referred to the previous Secretary of the Treasury, came before my friend Mr. Meredith. He referred it to the proper law officer of the Government, the Attorney General, who, after a full review of the whole subject, decided the question in favor of the claimant. The justice of his decision would never have been impeached but for the unfortunate fact, as it turned out after the money had been paid, that the Secretary of War, Mr. Crawford, of Georgia, was interested in it—a circumstance which was entirely unknown to any other member of the Cabinet at the time of the decision. I do not know that there was such a claim in existence until many weeks after the money had been paid.

I suppose the motive which induced the Secretary of War to conceal his interest in the claim was one of delicacy; but I have a perfect conviction, without entertaining a doubt of the justice of the decision, that had the fact of his personal interest been known or mentioned at any earliest meeting before the payment of the money, no settlement of that claim would have been made while Mr. Crawford remained a member of the administration. [Applause.] His conduct in offering, as he did, to Congress, to abide the judgment of the Supreme Court, fully confirmed me in the justice of my claim—to waive every advantage of defence except that arising out of the law itself, and to return the money in the event of a decision against him by the Court, should have dissipated from that abuse which has been so profusely and unjustly lavished upon him.

In another portion of his speech he states that he tendered his resignation of the Department of State in June last, to President Taylor, through the hands of Mr. Bell, Secretary of the Interior, one of the duties being so burdensome and laborious, but he refused to accept it, stating that his retirement would "embarrass and distress him" Under these circumstances he withdrew his resignation, and adds:

His influence with me was such that I should never have ventured again to press the subject upon him; and where he had declared the sentiments and wishes, I felt that I would as soon have run away from the battle of Buena Vista as to have deserted him. [Applause] And now, remembering within how short a time after this interview his manly frame and noble heart were laid cold in the embraces of death, I rejoice that I yielded to his wishes at any sacrifice of ease, or health, or fortune. [Great Applause

The following are the concluding sentences of this interesting speech.

My fellow citizens, it will remain to me a subject of proud consolation that I enjoyed the perfect confidence and intimate friendship of this great and good man during the whole period of his administration: and that I labored with all the devotion of which I was capable to serve him faithfully as a member of his Cabinet. Knowing his qualities as I did—and I think no man had a better opportunity of knowing them than I had—I believe I can speak of him as he was. I know that

"All the ends he aimed at were his country's" [Applause.]

His moral, like his physical courage, was indomitable. No one ever approached the consideration of a great public question with more deliberation and caution, and when about to decide it, he "took each man's censure, but reserved his judgment." When he had determined, no one was more firm, or could be more, resolute in adherence to his purpose. He was one of the few men we meet with in this world, who can never descend to base, mean, or dishonorable action. [Applause.]

Though unpractised in the duties of civil administration before he entered the executive mansion, his strong and vigorous intellect, aided by a profound knowledge of human nature, for the acquisition of which no one ever enjoyed better opportunities, amply supplied the want of experience as a civilian; and the kindness and benevolence of his nature never failed to win the hearts of all who came within the circle of his intimate acquaintance. Surrounded by enemies who daily sought to stab the reputation he had earned by along life of public service, his conscious rectitude enabled him to "smile at the drawn dagger and defy its point." (Applause.) This was his shelter amidst all the storms of political opposition; and the confidence of sincerity from all dangers, resulting from this consolation, never deserted him in his dying moments. When informed by his physician that his last hour was approaching, his simple remark indicated the feeling that had prevaded his bosom and sustained him through life: "I am not afraid to die," said the expiring patriot—"I have endeavored to do my duty." (Great applause.) Mr. Clayton was here so overcome by his emotion that he was compelled to pause.)

This was the feeling which bore him unappalled through the perils of battle. This upheld him through that long and dreary night of blood and fire, when he won the first brevet in the war of 1812, by his successful defence of Fort Harrison against more than fifty times his number. In Florida, the scalping knife and tomahawk of the savage had no terrors for the soldier who felt that he had always endeavored to do his duty. Amidst the thunders of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, when he broke the Mexican power, and gave that confidence to his countrymen which insured their victory in all their subsequent contests in the blood stained streets of Monterey, and in that tempest of shot which was poured upon him and his little army on the proudest field of his fame, at Buena Vista—at the very moment when his garments were torn by the bullets of the enemy—the same courage rose still more serene, self possessed, and triumphant, through the terrors of that conflict. (Great applause.) He was snatched from all those perils so opportunely had been allowed to develop his whole system of civil policy, and to the very eve of the execution of purposes devised by him for the public good, the knowledge of which must now forever sleep with him in his grave. But he lived done enough for fame; and while a sentiment of gratitude continues to throb in an American heart, his memory will be cherished as that of one of the few who were not born to die. (Loud and long continued cheering.

CONTINUOUS RAIL ROAD IRON.—Messrs. E. Pratt & Brothers have exhibited in the lower room of the fair at Washington Hall, a specimen of the continuous rail road iron manufactured at the Mount Savage Iron Company's Works, near Cumberland, Md. The rail does not differ in form essentially from the usual T. rail, but it is divided into two sections longitudinally, and a continuous rail is thus obtained by breaking the joints. This, it will be readily perceived, is an important improvement, entirely obviating the liability to give way at the joints, which is experienced in the use of other patterns of rail. The Utica and Schenectady rail road company, in New York, after thoroughly testing the rail by twelve months' trial, have contracted for the supply of 1,000 tons of it, the larger portion of which has already been sent forward. With this rail a greater speed may be obtained over the road, with equal safety and less wear and tear to the road and cars and it will no doubt soon recommend itself to general use.—*Balt. Amer.*

A remarkable Death Bed Scene.

The following is an extract from the life of John Randolph, of Roanoke, by H. A. Garland, which has just been published:—

Next morning—the day on which he died—Dr. Parish received an early and an urgent message to visit him. Several persons were in the room, but soon left it, except his servant, John, who was much affected at the sight of his dying master. The Doc tor remarked to him, "I have seen your master very low before and he revived, and perhaps he will again." "John knows better than that, sir."—He then looked at the Doctor with great intensity, and said in an earnest and distinct manner, "I confess every disposition in my heart, especially that respecting my slaves, whom I have manumitted, and for whom I have made provision."

"I am rejoiced to hear such a declaration from you, sir," replied the Doctor, and soon after proposed to leave him for a short time, to attend to another patient.

"You must not go," was the reply, "you cannot, you shall not leave me." John, take care that the Doctor does not leave the room." John soon locked the door, and reported, "Master, I have locked the door, and got the key in my pocket; the Doctor can't go now."

He seemed excited and said, "if you do go, you need not return" The Doctor appealed to him as to the propriety of such an order, inasmuch as he was my desirous of discharging his duty to another patient His manner instantly changed, and he said, 'I retract that expression.' Some time afterwards, turning an expressive look, he said again, 'I retract that expression.'

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