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By Masser & Etsely.

to most of our readers.

The melancholy story which gave rise to the

following lines, was published some time ago in

a letter from Monterey, and must be well known

The Hereine Martyr of Mouterey.

The strife was stern at Monterey,

And pealing through that mortal fray

She stood in toil and danger first;

And slake the dying soldier's thirst.

She wet his marched and fever'd line.

The booming shot and flaming shell,

When, thick as winter's driving sleet,

Swent with wild rage that gory street,

The foeman of her land and race;

Above her lowly resting place.

Ay! glory's crimson worshippers

Wept over her untimely fall,

Subdue the hearts and eyes of all.

To sound her worth were guilt and shame

In us, who love but gold and ease :-

Who live and die in works like these.

MEXICAN INTELLIGENCE.

when Gen. Scott attacks Vera Cruz.

La Patria, of New Orleans, has received some

intelligence from Mexico, through a Mexican

In Patris cave also that Sepor Don Angel

a Colonel in the Mexican service, commands

a squadron from Durango, which, in the short

space of one month, he has drilled to equal the

Gen. Minon has with him a squadron of the

Volunteer Dragoons of Guanajusto, commanded

by Spanish officers, who have emigrated to

Senor Don Benito of "The Princess' Hussar,"

who left France after the death of Gen. Leon,

and resided some time in Mexico, has been

reinstated in his office, and is on his way back

The prisoners captured by the Americans in

the battle of Resaca de la Palma, bave been

highly honored by the Mexican government.

Gen. La Vego has been nominated a General

of Brigade, and has been presented with a med-

al commemorative of his valor. The Lieuten-

ants who fought by his side have been raised to

Captaincies, Lieut, Col, Martinez who secom

pico, noticing the report of the battle between

Santa Anna and Taylor near Saltillo, says that

it is altogether improbable, as Santa Anna at

at San Luis, engaged in arranging his forces.

When the American forces leave for Vera Cruz

it is said that Gen. Urres will march from Tule

with a column of 8000 or 9000 men sgainst

Tampico. Urrea's force is composed one third

part of Cavelry, with two bettalions of Artillery

It is his intention to attack Tampico simulta-

neous with the American attack on Vera Cruz.

This officer is also prepared with a force of 4000

men to march on Malamoras. Gen. Ariota

is bill in the City of Mexico, awaiting his trial

f the 8th and 9th of Mayous as acregans as

Faon Tantico .- Mr. Lumeden writing from

Tempico, says: The fathous deserter, Riley,

the man who fired the first gun at Fort Brown,"

arrived hat night from Brazos. Your readers

will remember his disgraceful conduct, as well

se the hisses and rebukes he received by his old

comrades at the evacuation of Monterey. How to was deptured I extract say; projectly he was appling, if such a wrotch could have the sourage

to act as apy ; but he that as it may, I hear

that he has been sent here to be shet. There

ich make no moutles of accretite has

Gen. Toyler and Bonto Auto. This yell to

al of the State of Vera Cruz.

Mexico from the warlike tegion of Cabrers.

Gen. Urrea's intention to attack Tum

gentleman just arrived at New Orleans.

best European troops

to Spain.

They heed alike our praise and blame,

Far greater than the wise or brave,

Far happier than the fair and gay,

Was she who found a martyr's grave

On that red field of Monterey.

For deeds of mercy such as hers,

And sighs were breath'd and tears were shed,

They laid her in her narrow bed-

And she-the good and gentle-fell.

To bind the bleeding soldier's vien,

Yet, beedless of its deadly rain,

She found a pale and striken foe.

Sinking in nature's last eclipse,

And on the red earth kneeling low,

BY REV. J. G. LTONS, L. L. D.

When those high towers were lost and won

Flash'd the strong battery's vengeful gun ;

Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, March 20, 1847.

ment of Major General in the army, so kindly

It has already been stated that Mr. Benton has declined the appointment of Major General in the army. There has been a great deal of speculation in the newspapers and elecwhere in regard to this matter. The following correspondence will set the whole of it satisfactorily before the public.

Letter from Mr. Benton to the President WASHINGTON, March 6, 1848.

Six-Without waiting for the formelity of being presented with the commission of Major General in the army of the United States, I think it right to inform you at once that my acceptance or refusal of that high appointmen will depend entirely upon public and national considerations, of which you, yourself, will be the judge. Personally I can have no wish for this office; but if you believe that I can be of service to the country, I am willing to forego all private considerations—separate myself from my family, under paintal circumstances ; resign my place in the Senate, which is so dear to me. and proceed immediately to the theatre of war. My only stipulation would be for the powers which I deem necessary to success; and these would be both military and diplomatic-the command of the army and authority to sign preliminaries of peace, based upon terms previous ly approved by you.

I beg you to believe, sir, that nothing selfish or personal dictates this proposed stipule tion. There is no such thing in it. If proceeds from a thorough conviction that, with a subordinate command, I could do no good in the army on the contrary, that my presence there would be improper and mischievous; for I am known from my public speeches, to disapprove the plane, both of the late and of the present com mander—the defensive policy of one and the San Jean of Uilos attack of the other; and this being known, my presence would operate as an implied censure on the two generals, and might make me, in spite of myself, the nucleus of dis content and insubordination. The command of the army, therefore, is the only military position which I could hold in it.

Authority to conclude a peace, or at least to sign the preliminaries of peace, I deem highly resential to success, as it would enable the con mander-in-chief to take instant advantage of all passing events, military or political, to close the Aranjo, who has been a Spanish officer, is now

> Purnished with these powers, I am willing make the sacrifices, and to incur the responsi sir, for your free and fina! decision ; considering it us a national question, and a new one, or which there is no commitment, on either side any thing that has passed.

Whatever may be the decision, my thanks and gratitude will not be the less to you for rour unsolicited nomination of me to this high appointment, nor to the Benate for its instant House of Representatives for its three times virchief of the army in Mexico.

Respectfully, sir, your friend and fellow citizen THUMAS H. BENTON. To the PRESIDENT.

> The President to Mr. Benton. WARRINGTON, March 9, 1847.

Srn-I have given to your letter of the 6th natant the consideration which its importance demands. In tendering to you the appointment of Major General in the army, I carnestly desired that the country should have the advantage of your conceded ability and military knowledge, your intimate acquaintance with the Mexican character, and your familiarity with their lan-

General had been unanimously confirmed by the Senate, I carefully examined the question, whether I possessed the power to designate you -junior Major General-to the chief comman the army in the field. The result of this examination is, I am constrained to eay, a settled conviction on my mind that such power has not been conferred upon me by the existing laws.

an charges relating to his conduct at the battles, the personal exerifices to which you would be of the army in Mexico; and f duly appreciate tion, such should be your decision, I shall learn

To Major General T. H. Benton, Washington

Wasserson, Tuesday Evening, March D. Ben ! Your letter of this day's date is just nived , and proise no recipi for further re-

offered to me by you, and so honorably confir med by the Senate I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect,

your friend and fellow citizen. THOMAS H. BENTON.

To the PRESIDENT. Note of Mr. Benton to the Adjutant General.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday Evening, March 9. Sin : I had the honor to receive your note of the 6th instant, with the commission of Major General in the army, and delayed the answer of acceptance or non-acceptance until 1 should recuive an answer from the President to a note which I addressed to him in the morning of that day. That answer is now received, and onebles me to answer your note, and to say that the commission is not accepted.

Pirase to accept, sir, my thanks for the kind terms of your note, and for the thousand courtesies which you have extended to me in the course of our tong and friendly acqueintance. Most truly and respectfully yours,

THOMAS II. BENTON To Adjusant General Joses.

THE ATTACK ON VERA CRUE.-The details of the contemplated attack on Vera Cruz are of course unknown to all persons, excepting the authorities at Washington and the Commanding General; yet the New York Herald proferses to be arquainted with some of the arrangements. In reference to a portion of the naval operations, that paper says:

"The line of battle ship Ohio underwent r pairs recently, with the view, ostensibly, of proceeding to the Pacific, and joining the blockeding squedron on that side of Mexico, and sailed with sealed orders from Hampton roads on the lot instant. These orders are not to be opened until she gets into a certain latitude : but we will take the liberty of making our readers acquainted with their contents probably before Capt. Stringham himself will know them.

This presel had sailed cetensibly for the Paeific; but before she will have reached there she will have taken part in the grand demonstration about to be made on the enemy's strong holds. She miled in company with the sloop of wer Decetur, but she will not go in sight of Vere Crus until the morning of the day when Gen. Scott will attack that city. The appearance of a vessel of her size and armament would responsibly induce the Mexicans to suppose that cock ng the Major's duelling pistol, he fired, an attack was contemplated immediately, and and the Mexican rolled off. In a short time his situation—for what ! 'Ask Mr. Gallaudat it is to prevent this suspicion that she will main out of sight until the eventful time shall have arrived. The Decatur will act an agent to convey from the equadron there to ber, and inform her of the proper time to take her place. Between Gen. Scott and Com Perry who will relieve Com Conner, signals have been arranged that will enable Com. Perry to know the precise day or hour that he will commence the streck on the city. Com. Perry will immediately communicate by means of the Decatur, or one of the small steamers, to the Ohio, the coumander of which will govern himselfaccordingly. The moment that Gen. Scott commences to attack the city, the whole fleet will play on the castle, for the purpose of preventing the garrisen from acting in concert with the Mexicans in Vera Cruz. In this manner it is supposed that both the city and the eastle will be taken

Howitzen .- This term is not generally undertood except by military men. The Cincinnati Chroniele describes it as a short field piece, constructed on the principle of a mortar, but mounted on a gun carriage. Like a mortar, it has an nterior Chamber for the powder charge. The bore is, then, larger and admits of a small shell To this shell is attached capister shot. It is used and fired in the field like mounted cannon. The shells are fired like cannon balls, and when they explode they scatter the grape shot in every direction. To be used then, on roads, or from hills or in defiles, against troops, they are a most destructive weapon. This mathe use they are put to in Mexico.

nong the three thou-and foreignets now confined in the Alme House of this city is a learned German, Dr. Heidelberg, who was once a racher than a professor in the Berlin and Halle Universities, an author, a dogter of philosophy, a retionalist, and now (almost of course a super.) He came to this country about two years ago where he supposed his great learning would find a market. He is a master of the Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French and German languages, a bitter reviler of the Christian Religion, and at the same time the object of Christhen Charity. It is said that he has been brought to his present sendition by the united infloo of his infidel principles and the worst species of intemperance.—When The Paint Parand phiopher' he was nearly in the same predict ment.-N. Y. Globe

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Capt. Hourie's Manager

We copy from the Picayane the following

secount of Capt. Henrie's escape from the Mex-

icana. Capt. H. is a Texan. He was taken

with Major Burland's command, but having once

before been in the Mexicans' clutches, and

knowing their faithless character, he took the

liberty of saving his life by running away. The

The treatment of the Mexican guide induced

some fate. He had no confidence whatever in

the word of Gen. Minon. During the day be

remark-d the off ore talking to each other and

looking at him. Manuel Sanchez, who lives

in Saltillo, and also has received from our offi

cers many thousand dollars for corn, was with

Gen. Minon. He recognized Henrie, and ri-

ding up to him said-Well, sir, I suppose you

will visit the city of Mexico a second time."

afternoon on express came in with a letter.

Some acts of the officer who received it aroused

Henrie's suspicions further, and turning short

he found a number apparently watching him

He believed they designed to marder him, and

and advised some of the prisoners of it.

ped them all.

he determined to make his escape if possible,

By some secident, during the evening

After passing the last reache, he had pulled

up his more to rest her, when a single Mexican

came up, supposing him to be unarmed. He

o approach still nearer, when he wheeled and

shot him down. He loaded his pintol, and af-

er going some distance, another started up from

behind some bushes near the road, and rode at

him; he shot at him, with what success he could

not tell, but he was not pursued by that Mexi-

can any further. When he came near Encar-

sacion, he found the camp had been slarmed, as

he supposes by some one who had passed him

when he left the road. Diverging from this

straight course, he crossed several roads, and

evaded a number of parties who were in pur-

suit of him. At length he came to a plain where

there was no place to hide. The moon was

-h n'ny, and be could see a large number of

men in pursuit. Putting spurs to his now jaded

horse, he made for a mountain valley, and fol-

lowing it to the cast, he at length eluded his

pur-uers. He travelled up the valley forty

miles as he supposed, hoping to find an outlet

towards Palomes; but in this he was disappoin-

ted. He was unable to find water for himself

or his famished mare, and the next morning af-

ter his escape the noble saimal expired more

from the want of water than from fatigue.

Capt. Henrie pow had to take it on foot.

wandered about all day trying to find a path

screes the mountain. In the evening he found

ome water wout neh his thirst. He then de-

termined to retrace his stree down the valley,

and did at marching without water or food.

During the 26th, 27th and 28th, he walked a-

long through the chapparel and prickly peers,

without food of water, frequently seeing parties

of Mexicane, whom he had to avaid. On the

25th he killed a rat with a club, part of which

ierves, which had been strong up to the highest

degree of tension, became unstrung, and he was

took him to Agua Neuva, where Capt. Pike

Capalis Pile inferred as that when Hea-rie came in he was the most miserable-looking

nost helpless. They put him on a horse, and

ered with privation, exposure and exertion. He had tasted no water for four days and seamed almost famished for want of it. The soldiers gathered round him and all that was in their wallets was at his service, and as they had recently had a new outfit of clothing, Capt. H. was soon newly fitted out. After resting a while and getting some food, he was able to account is written by Col. Harden. It says- ride to this place. He says that during the pursuit there were more than one hundred shots Capt. Henry to believe that he might share the fired at him, one of which passed through his

As Example for Toung Men.

Since example is more powerful to convince, then unsupported assertion, allow me to refer you to the case of of a young man, whom some of you have known. I refer to George Wil-

A few years since as Mr. Gallaudat was walking in the streets of Hartford, there came run-That is very doubtful,' replied Henrie. In the ning to him a poor boy, of very ordinary firstsight eppearance, but whose fine intelligent eye fixed the gentleman's attention, as the boy logated, Sir, car you tell me of a man who around where the officer was reading the letter would like a boy to work for him, and learn to read? 'Whose boy are you, and where do you live !" "I have no parents' was the reply, 'and have just ran away from the work-house because they will not learn me to read.' The reverend gentleman made arrangements with found himself on Major Gaines' mare, one of the the authorities of the town, and took the boy best blooded negs in Kentucky, and the major's into his own family. There he learned to read. pistol's still temaining in the holster. The Nor was this all. He soon acquired the confiprisoners had become considerably scattered dence of his new associates, by his faithfulness near supeet, and Capt. Henrie set himself busiand honesty. He was allowed the use of his ly to work to make them keep close together. friend's library, and made rapid progress in the To do this rode back, within ten files of the rear acquisition of knowledge. It became necesof the line, when discovering a small interval sary, after a while, that George should leave in the line of the Mexican guard, he suddenly Mr. Gallaudat, and he became apprenticed to a put spurs to the more and darted through the cabinet-maker in the neighborhood. There the lines. The guard immediately wheeled in pursame integrity won for him the favor of his new suit, but their ponice were no match for a Kensecciates. To gratify his inclination for study tucky blood bottee, and before a gun could be his master had a little room finished for him in fairly levelled at him, he had derted out of the upper part of the shop, where he devoted reach. He had three ranches to pass. As he his leisure time to his favorite pursuits. Here associations he found that the Mexicons inhe made large attainments, in the French lansursuit gave notice to the rancheron; who followed him with fresh bucces ; still he outstrip. guage, and other branches.

After being in this situation for a few years. as he sat at tes with the family, one evening he all at once remarked that he wented to go to France. 'Go to France?' said his master, surwaited until he came within thirty steps, when prised that the apparaetly contented and happy youth had thus suddenly became disatisfied with tes to-morrow evening, continued George and I will explain.'-Ilis reverend friend was invited accordingly, and at tea the apprentice presented himself with his manuscripts in English and French, and explained his singular intention to go to France. 'In the time of Napoleon,' said ho, 'a prize was offered by the French government, for the simplest rule for messuring plain surfaces of whatever outline. That prize has never been awarded, and that method I have discovered.' He then demonstrated his problem to the surprise and gratification of his friends, who immediately furnished him with means of defraying his expenses, and with letters of introduction to the Hon. Lewis Cass, then our Minister to the Court of France. He was introduced to Louis Philippe, and in the presence of king, nobles and plenipotentiaries, the American youth demonstrated his problem and received the plaudite of the court -He received the prize which he had clearly won, beside valuable presents from the king, He then took letters of introduction and proceeded to the Court of Sr. James, where he took up a similar prize offered by some Royal Society, and returned to the United States. Here he was preparing to secure the benefit of his discovery by patent, when he received a letter from the Emperor Nicholas himself,one of whose ministers had witnessed his demonstrations at St. James, inviting him to make his residence at the Russian Court, and furnished him with ample means for his outfit. He complied with the invitation, repaired to St. Petersburg, and is now Professor of Mathematics in the special protection of the Authorst of all the Russias ! New England Puritan.

> A young man of fashion lately threw himself in a love at, into the Delaware ; he was rescued from his perilous situation by a waterman, who peard him roar out most unmercifully, that he and forgot to adds postscript to his farewell let-

Some of the bachelors in the Ohio Legisla

We haver knew a bachelor yet that hadn't mething to say against the ladies behind their

Prentice, the Louisville way, says that anoher editor tesses him with questions, and then alle him a threndy barrel, 'If he thinks so of us,' retorte Prestice, 'no

ander be's fond of pumping ue. There is more true charity is one kind tear

tries be ever saw. His shoos were worn out Chinese wife having concented her gallant bie pentalesse out in rags, his head was have, that falls in private for sorrows and auterings and his heir and her head as to and his heir and beard were seated; his sands, of others, than a thousand guiness proudly usher-in the morning declining to secret the secr prickly pear, and his chis was parched and with- and parade of public contribution.

panied Gen. La Vega, has been elevated to the command of a battalion. Gen. La Vega has received his commission as Commandant-Gener-The correspondents of La Patria from Tam-

the last secounts, which are very recent, was guage and political condition. Immediately after your nomination as Major

> I am fully sensible of the exulted patr otion which could alone have induced you to make objected in assuming even the chief command the receops you have essigned, and which may, I fear, prevent you from accepting your appointment as Major General. If, on further reflec-

it with deep regret.

Me. Bioton to the Provident.

in the morning, declining to accept the appoint- from the each responded, 'Nothing but rice.'

he ale, and put the belonce in his pocket for another meal. On the night of the 29th he reached the road and followed it until an hour after sunrise, when he discovered a party of horsenes approaching: Not haveing whether they were briends or enemer, he concealed himself until they came neer when he discovered they were a picket greet of Arkapete troops. He gave one shout and gave up poture was exhausted to His