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MISCELLANEOUS.

Marie.

A TALE OF NEW ORLEANS. Some seven years ago, a funeral train swept through the wide avenue of one of the most beautiful mansions in the Southern part of Maryland.

Marie Dunbar was wealthy, and she placed the whole of her fortune in the hands of her lawyer, who resolved to invest it in property in the South.

Marie was sitting alone in her chamber. She had been weeping, poor girl, and in her lap lay her mother's miniature and one of Henry's letters.

At this moment a servant brought her a letter, and a single glance told her it was from Henry.

ry's confession of his guilt! The servants heard a shriek, and when they came in they found their mistress lifeless on the floor.

Marie Dunbar was a maid, and when she recovered, her beauty was like that of a lily which had been crushed by a storm.

One evening while the yellow fever was yet at its zenith, a poor outcast, who was evidently in the last stage of his disease, was brought to the hospital.

The "pale lady" was passing by the chamber where the outcast lay, and the limp in her hand threw a strong gleam upon her features.

Marie, the "pale lady" uttered no sound; but she kissed his still heated brow, while thoughts too big for utterance rose in her mind.

An Innocent Man Hung by a Mob. Under this caption the Paris (Mo.) Mercury narrates some curious particulars connected with mob law.

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many of them exemplary members of the church of Jesus Christ. How painful it must have been to his father and mother, the wife of his bosom, with her helpless babes, and his relatives, to be thus deprived of his society;

ALARMS OF FIRE IN VIENNA.

Europe gives the following account of the plan adopted in Vienna, to give alarm of fire: "In Vienna the fire department is very curiously managed.

We have no doubt that it was from this practice that Shakespeare caught the idea given in the oft-quoted line—

A Silent Wedding.

A very interesting ceremony was performed this morning at the Presbyterian Church in Eighth street, formerly in Murray street.

The parties were Nathan Miles Totten, of Huntington, Long Island, and Mrs. Mary Emma Mitchell, widow, of this city—both deaf mutes.

At the close of the ceremony the happy couple entered a carriage, with the groomsmen and bridesmaid, and proceeded to Brooklyn, where the wedding feast was provided at the house of a friend;

PATHEIC.—A learned young lady being asked at a tea-table if she used sugar, replied, "I have a diabolical, invincible repugnance to sugar, for to my insensible cogitations upon the subject, the flavosity of the sugar nullifies the flavosity of the tea, and renders it vastly obnoxious!"

What State Raises the Most.

Table with 2 columns: State and Quantity. Ohio raised the most wheat, viz: 11,766,705 Bushels.

"They wrong who shrink from looks alone, Or from appearance judge; Virtue may have the brightest throne In him we make our drudge."

POLITICAL.

The Cilley Duel.

Loose libels, we have lately shown high authority for saying, ought generally to be passed by in silence; and all our experience approves this judgment of a profound intelligence.

Under these circumstances, having at hand materials, which are not within the reach of every one, even of our readers, for a complete refutation of this false aspersion, we think it proper to place them in our columns,

Before we proceed to the examination of the matter of the Cilley Duel, however, let us premise that never was more injustice done to any man than to Mr. Clay when he is represented as an advocate or admirer of the practice of duelling.

"A crisis appeared to me to have arisen in my public life. I issued my card, [of defiance of his malignant accusers in reference to the then pending election of Mr. Adams.] I ought not to have put in it the last paragraph, because, although it does not necessarily imply the resort to a personal combat, it admits of that construction; nor will I conceal that such a possible issue was within my contemplation.

These sentiments, thus frankly unfolded to his constituents, Mr. Clay repeated more than ten years afterwards in the face of the nation, when, on the floor of the Senate, he voted in favor of the bill for the suppression of duelling within the District of Columbia.

"Mr. Clay said he had taken no part in the discussion which had been going in relation to this matter; not, however, from any indisposition on his part to do all that he could to aid in the very laudable objects contemplated by the bill.

In the same pacific and humane spirit was the entire agency of Mr. Clay in the case of Messrs. Graves and Cilley. It was directed to the object of preventing a meeting between the parties. With that view he advised a modification of the challenge.

From the commencement of the difficulty between Mr. Cilley and myself up to the time I sent him the challenge, I do not recollect that I mentioned it to you or any other colleague or friend, except Mr. Menefee and Mr. Wise.

I do not recollect naming the subject to you until the morning before the meeting, when I called at your room, I think in company with Mr. Wise, and exhibited in your correspondence, and perhaps detailed to you the circumstances of the affair.

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Graves, one of the Representatives of the State of New York, who died too young for his fame, and too early for the hopes of his friends and the wisdom of his country.

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which I believe was written by yourself on another piece of paper, you stated that you thought the matter ought to be said would be amicably adjusted; and in this I remember Mr. Wise concurred with you in opinion.

"It is utterly extraneous that you ever exhibited to me any wish that the meeting should take place. I believe I had no friend in Washington who more regretted it. I recollect, after the affair, when we met at our boarding-house, you seemed so sympathetic with me so deeply in my misfortune, you wept, and were unable to utter a word."

Since the above was in type, the following positive and direct testimony on the subject of the preceding article, fully corroborating the view which we have taken of it, having come our eye, we place it before our readers:

The following statement by a gentleman of undoubted honor who was cognizant of the affair is another conclusive vindication of Mr. Clay:

The meeting of Monday evening was the most splendid and enthusiastic meeting which has been held during the present campaign. Our spacious Club House was filled to overflowing. It is capable of comfortably accommodating 1,500 persons.

Mr. King related several facts in connection with the Cilley duel which clearly establish Mr. K. was in Washington at the time. He died with Mr. Graves on the day the challenge was sent to Cilley; and the moment he learned the fact, he, with a friend, proceeded to Mr. Clay's lodgings to prevent, if possible, the meeting.

This note, thus modified for this peaceful purpose, was sent to Mr. Cilley; but he did not avail himself of the escape which had been purposely placed before him. He had already made up his mind about the duel, and he compelled him to accept the challenge. They also advised him to choose the rifle as the weapon with which the duel should be fought.

Mr. King remarked that, when he learned that the challenge was accepted and rifles selected as the weapons, himself, with Mr. Clay, determined if possible to prevent Mr. Graves from being able to obtain a rifle, and they had succeeded as they supposed; but when they entered, Dr. Duncan, who acted as one of Cilley's friends, tauntingly sent his rifle to Mr. Graves, with the message that no time need be lost for the want of a rifle.

Between six and seven o'clock, however, next morning, Mr. King was called and informed that Graves and Cilley, with their friends, had gone out. Mr. K. immediately proceeded to Clay's lodgings, called him up, and, after a few moment's consultation, Mr. Clay wrote notes to two of the District Justices, informing them of what was going on, and requesting their immediate intervention.