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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Ex. Gov. A. J. Hamilton, of Texas, died at Austin on Saturday morning last, of Lemorrhage of the lungs. He had been afflicted with consumption some months, and had recently returned to Austin from Savannah somewhat improved, but burst a blood vessel while coughing, and died instantly.

Sixteen ex-members of the Forty-third Congress whom the people repudiated at the polls now back in the warm sunshine of Federal appointments. Grant will in time learn what the country thinks about the policy of choosing for preferment men without conscientiousness.

It is understood that the past morasses of Ireland and Scotland are nearly exhausted, and that the people who for generations have drawn their fuel from these sources, are now compelled to use coal for which the localities not on the lines of railroad have to pay heavily for transportation.

A bunch of violets was presented throughout several days in Paris, recently, to every customer who applied to a certain linen-draper. The consequence was that the public, seeing a large number of persons with violets in their hands and buttonholes, imagined that a thorough Bismarckian manifestation had been organized.

The silverware for the great Palace Hotel at San Francisco cost \$90,000, and among its features is quite a novelty in the shape of silver tea caddies, with four compartments for as many different kinds of tea, which will be set before the guests at the table, with scalding water at hand, that they may help themselves to the leaf and make their tea after the Chinese fashion.

In response to inquiries concerning reported business failures at Washington, prominent and long-established merchants say that all the houses engaged in regular legitimate mercantile operations are considered sound and solvent, and that perhaps there is less money pressure there than in any other part of the country among that class of men. Several houses, however, for years known to have been unstable, have recently compromised with creditors or secured an extension of time to discharge their obligations.

From present indications prohibitory liquor laws will soon be things of the past. Massachusetts is now added to the list of the States which have abandoned prohibition and adopted stringent license laws. Amongst the provisions of the Massachusetts law is one that no sale or delivery of liquor shall be made to a person known to be a drunkard, or to an intoxicated person, or to a minor, and another that in case of damage done by an intoxicated person the liquor dealer is made liable, and he is further subjected to damages should he persist in selling liquor to a person habitually liable to intoxication after warning from a husband, wife, child, guardian or employer.

In the excavations of the Esquiline, at Rome, was lately discovered a group of sculpture belonging to the worship of Jupiter, with a statue of that god, about two feet high, and some votive offerings from sailors of the fleet. In the perimeter of the ancient villa Palombara have been brought to light a head of Venus, life size, in perfect preservation and of excellent workmanship, and another of Mercury, with the petasos or winged hat a fragment of a capital, with marble incrustations of various colors. In the works progressing in the streets Babuino and Bipetta have been found a bronze vase of elegant form and a marble sarcophagus a yard long, with inscriptions.

NORTHERN DEMOCRATS.

We have ever sought to do full justice in feeling and in expression to the true men of the North and the West, who in the darkest hours the country has ever witnessed, faltered not nor failed in their allegiance to the principles of constitutional government. It has been our pleasure as well as our duty to single out from any expression of anger and from any feeling of resentment, the men who stood up against all the pressure the Federal Government could bring to bear upon them, and maintained their integrity to their principles and trials, temptations and defeats, without number.

Feeling thus, it has given us much pleasure to read the glowing eulogies some of our Southern contemporaries have recently given to these gentlemen, whom we may all be proud to call our Northern brethren, so much so, that we cannot refrain from reproducing some of them. The Mobile Register says:

Philadelphia has been an extreme Radical city, but few of us recall that in a vote of more than one hundred thousand people (nearly half the vote of Alabama) the majority against the Democracy is but 13,000. Pennsylvania has been the home of Thad Stevens, but that State, with her vote of more than half a million gave the Democracy, last year, a majority upon the general ticket and a Legislature which sent to the United States Senate one of the brightest intellects and firmest spirits of that body. The Legislature of Pennsylvania, which controls the management of the Centennial Exposition so far as any government power can supervise a private corporation have, in the election of Wallace to the Senate, sponsored the very legislation to which Adams belonged, and the entire South object to indignantly. They stand ready to aid in removing the last badge of inferiority, and to welcome us as a State equal in power and honor with themselves. Far better, it seems to us, would it be to stand shoulder to shoulder with them, to continue the battle which is not yet over for a restoration of the Union upon the basis of co-equal States and for an obliteration of the bitterness and animosities which strike blindly at friends and foes alike.

In the same vein, the Richmond Enquirer speaks: Our people are too apt to lose sight of the fact in their tirades against the North that nearly, if not quite one-half the people in that section are the warm friends of the South, and have been doing all in their power for the past fifteen years to aid us in the establishment of our right to self-government. Even in Boston we have had tens of thousands of devoted friends, and all through much-abused New England, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio, a large minority of the people have stood nobly by us, sacrificing themselves for our sake. And now when we can hold up their hands on the very eve of victory, let us see to it that every true man in the South does his whole duty.

And the Augusta Constitutionalist says: What Southern State has ever rejoiced in the possession of truer patriots than have, from time to time, adorned the history of the North? Was there a nobler son, beneath the sun, than Thomas H. Seymour, of Connecticut? Emmett desired that no monument should be erected to him until Ireland was free. Doubtless Thomas H. Seymour had the same aspiration; and if the United States shall ever be redeemed the glory of that redemption will properly belong, in a great measure, to Thomas H. Seymour and such heroic men, whose spirits walk abroad and whose principles still survive.

And we ask what Southern State has ever rejoiced in the possession of any truer patriot or nobler gentleman than Francis Pickens, of New Hampshire? Like the CHEVREUIL BAYARD of the olden time, without fear and without reproach, FRANCIS PICKENS was in deed a man whom any country might be proud to claim for its own.

As it well to recall the fact that such men have been and still are, for its remembrance can but attune our hearts to kindlier emotions toward those among whom they lived.

MOODY AND SANKEY.

These two cheapening Chicago revivalists are now creating great excitement in England. People flock to hear their preaching by thousands and tens of thousands. Moody preaches and Sankey sings. What, then, is the secret of their great power over the people no man can say, for they are neither learned nor eloquent, not of specially commanding presence, yet wherever they go, Moody preaching and Sankey singing, men fall down overcome by a consciousness of their fallen sinful condition, and with tears and groans ask what they shall do to be saved. Especially does this seem strange when we find the man telling the people that if the kingdom of God would overcome the kingdom of the devil it must adopt the tactics of Grant used in the capture of Richmond. Says Moody:

When General Grant was before I Richmond he called a council of his officers who advised him to retreat, but before morning the order was sent round, "Advance in solid column on the enemy at day-break." The result was the end of the rebellion. Christians in London should advance in solid column on the enemy, and succeed would follow.

We do not wish to be harsh or uncharitable, but candor would compel us to say, if we had the ear of our English friends, that in our humble judgment the less men walk in Grant's ways the more apt will they be to reach the "land of pure delight where saints immortal reign."

Michigan's new liquor law forbids sales to minors and habitual drunkards, and also contains a provision for the punishment of drunkards who buy as well as persons whose sale in violation of the act.

THE FIRST SHOT IN THE REVOLUTION.

Through the kindness of a friend, I have in my hands (not exactly, for the pen would not do justice to hold the other) bulging at the elbow, the first weapon that was discharged in the war of the American Revolution.

The trade of pistols, preserved in a handsome metal and covered with glass, having a history so brief and distinct, so romantic and remarkable, that they are identified with the first blood shed in that war which resulted in the independence of the United States of America.

As we now have entered upon the month which witnessed the opening of that long drama, and as the State of Massachusetts has declared the 19th day of this month a legal holiday, that all her sons and daughters may participate in the celebration of the centennial of that battle that inaugurated the war, it is a fitting time to tell the story, and present the pistol.

The vigilance of General Gage, in Boston, was very great, but not sufficient to prevent the intelligence of his movements from leaking out and being sent over the country. It was known to the Committee of Safety in Lexington, Concord and other towns, that the British General was preparing an expedition to destroy the warlike stores that patriotic providence had accumulated in these places, and preparations were speedily made to give the expedition a warm reception.

April 19, 1775, at the early hour of two in the morning, 1300 militia men of Lexington were assembled on the common, but when word was brought that no troops were coming, they separated to their homes, to return at the sound of the drum. At half-past four, by order of Captain Parker, the signal was given of the approach of the enemy, and the brave men of Sergeant Monroe's company, some of whom were in a few minutes to die, took their posts near the church. Here they awaited the moment to begin the struggle that is still in progress over the world, to determine the right of a people to have their own form of government. Please keep in mind the names of Parker and Monroe, as they will appear again.

The British were on the ground. Major Pitcairn's commanding, and his horse back. He ordered an order to the Americans to lay down their arms and disperse. This order producing no effect, he drew his pistol and fired, at the same time giving to his soldiers the command to fire. The events that followed form the familiar history of the war of independence. The British, having compelled the retirement of the militia after many had been killed or wounded, went to Concord; the news of the morning's work spread over the surrounding country; a minute men rushed to the scene of action; and when the British, at noon, began their return march to Boston, they were in the midst of an enemy's country, and every inhabitant a armed soldier. Major Pitcairn's horse was wounded, and with his equipments fell into the hands of the Americans. Confusion spread through their ranks. "They were exhausted with the fatigue, their tongues hanging out their mouths like dogs after a chase." Reinforcement were sent out from Boston and the remnant saved.

Israel Putnam, the hero of the Wolf-don and Horseneck hill, who had won honors in the French war, and had been made a Brigadier General at a special meeting of the Connecticut Legislature, having heard of the explosion at Lexington, unlocked the team with which he was plowing, and rode on horseback sixty-five miles, in one day, to Cambridge, Massachusetts, and put himself immediately into the hands of the American leaders. To him was assigned the command of the militia, and his dash, daring and skill, as displayed at Banker Hill two months afterward, form brilliant passages in the early history of the war. It was very proper that the pistols which belonged to Major Pitcairn should be committed to his hands.

His grandson was JOHN P. PUTNAM, Esq., a graduate of William College, Massachusetts, a citizen of Cambridge, Washington county, New York, which was afterwards divided into three towns, of which White Creek was one. He was a gentleman of great culture and worth, and a very great friend of his childhood. He had in his possession, and received from his father, and his grandfather General Putnam, a brace of his pistols which he preserved with the greatest care, and exhibited to his friends as interesting relics of the Revolutionary war.

They are now the property of his widow, and she has very kindly acceded to my request to permit them to go to Lexington, to be exhibited there at the approaching centennial. As I have said they were the pistols used by Major Pitcairn in giving the command to the British soldiers to fire on the Americans on the morning of April 19, 1775, and one of them is therefore the first weapon discharged in the war of the American Revolution. The following certificate, by John P. Putnam, recites the facts and evidence that these are the pistols that were in the hands of Major Pitcairn on that day:

I am a grandson of the late Major General Israel Putnam. I have a distinct recollection of these pistols for more than sixty-three years. My first recollection of them was seeing them on the drapery of the General's coffin as he was borne to the grave. They were the property of my father, a gift of his father, and have remained in the possession of my father and myself down to the present day.

and that one of them, Mr. Monroe, I think, stated it as his firm belief, from recollection of something unusual in construction, that he saw one of these pistols, and nothing in the hand of the commander of the detachment, who he afterwards learned was Major Pitcairn, and saw him discharge it in June any other shot was fired at said company.

(Signed) JOHN P. PUTNAM, WHITE CREEK, NEW YORK, December 8, 1855.

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(Signed) A. BURR, Dated September 26, 1855. Witness present, ALEXANDER S. TUTTLE.

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