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the Life and Character of JAMES K. POLK, de vered in Tarborough, on the 21th July, 1849 : By WILLIAM F. DANCY, Esq.

Salemn indeed, my audience, is the service we have that instrument. embled to perform. James K. Polk, towards whose by turned with painful anxiety, has gone down to teen years.

The Providence which bestowed him grave.

man of genius is left far behind in the race.

In 1823 he entered upon the stormy career of poli- of 1835, elevated to that of Speaker of the House, the clusions, even when convinced, which make against

In 1825, being in the 30th year of his age, in the full and rich maturity of all his powers, both physical full and rich maturity of all his p and mental, he was elected to represent his district excitement rose higher than at any former period of Palo Alto, which sounded the onset to arms-to the Tennessee, (the old neighbors of the lamented de-

A reasonable deduction will be made to those who of political action to which he adhered through good Polk in 1839, declined a re-election from a district verse encountered. Every where, from the fertile priate remarks, Among other things the Bishop re- was a citizen of this city, where he kept an eating and evil report, and through every mutation of party. which had so long sustained him. Retiring from the valley of the Rio Grande to the golden shores of the marked: "I never heard him (Mr. Polk) utter an house. With his career in this city we are unac From his early youth he was a republican of the turmoil and strife of an eventful public career, he straitest sect." He regarded the Constitution of sought repose in the bosom of his family-happy in the fight-"not a star bethe United States as an instrument of specific and the society of troops of warm and devoted friends, dimed in its azure-field, or a single stripe obscured." the virtues of the deceased : strictly delegated powers, and this formed the ground- and thrice happy in the proud consciousness of an When it is remembered too that the war found us whol-

It was Mr. Polk's fortune to be in public life at a tinguished credit and ability. on his country has called him away. His great most eventful period of our history. The times were We have now traced Mr. Polk through a period habiliments of mourning-the laurel is entwined enthusiastic admirer of Jackson, and never did man tive of his county in the State Legislature, winning the cypress-the sceptre has been exchanged manifest his faith by more able or devoted service. the regard of all by the suavity of his manners and urning, and like a stricken mother weeps in an- "iron will" reposed confidence in his friend, and sentative of his district in Congress, and by his abilalmirers, have gathered around his grave to-day, ity in debate, energy, and great business capacity, himself in the front rank of its leading members-

THE NORTH CAROLINA STANDARD the highest posts of honor and preferment, while the -- the heart; yet I am bold to say, with a full sense of the great "Father of Rivers" continues to pour his an- ALL THE "HONESTY AND CAPACITY. of Ways and Means, Mr. Polk was, at the session mit us to be just, much less readily to admit con-

at Three Dottars per are be sent, unless the money for tics, being elected to represent his county in the State third station in point of dignity in the Union. 'Fo our self-esteem; but when the passions of the Honors to Mr. Polk. Now that this great and pure representative of this government at such a city, is same shall accompany the order. Subscribers, and Legislature. He was again elected a second time, a native dignity and suavity of manners, he added a hour to which this conflict gave rise shall have man is gathered to the tomb of his fathers, every among the mysteries of refined Taylorism. That pa he same shall accempany the other. Subscripting other, and phers, who may wish to send money to the Editor, can phers, who may wish to send money to the Editor, can phers, who may wish to send money to the Editor, can phers, by Mail and at his risk. Receipts for to so at all times, by Mail and at his risk. Receipts for and by his talent and devotion to his duties, gave to so at all times, by Mail and at his risk. Receipts for the do display on a higher theatre. If sums will be promptly transmitted. If sums will be prompt

man of genius is left far behind in the race. Returning again to Tennessee, with his constitu-tion greatly impaired by excessive application at the office of the late Felix Grandy. At the bar he rose rapidly to distinction. country, both in trade, commerce and immigration.

That such a specimen of whiggery should be the APPENDIX-NOTE a. at Ind the second ach subsequent insertion; these of greater length in pro-portion. Court Orders and Judicial Advertisements will in the Congress of the United States. He brought the government, the was elected to represent his district excitement rose higher than at any former period of the government, the was elected to represent his district excitement rose higher than at any former period of the government, the was elected to represent his district excitement rose higher than at any former period of the government, the was elected to represent his district excitement rose higher than at any former period of the government, the was elected to represent his district excitement rose higher than at any former period of unfurling our starry banner upon the balls of the ceased) Bishop Otey was invited to preside, and on with him into public life those fundamental principles After a service of fourteen years in Congress, Mr. to remove his colinary utensils and kitchen furniture

work of his political faith. In a word, he was op-posed to the assumption and exercise of all doubtful pose so desirable, was destined to be of short dura-pesed to the assumption and exercise of all doubtful pose so desirable, was destined to be of short dura-pesed to the assumption and exercise of all doubtful pose so desirable, was destined to be of short dura-pesed to the memory of one whom he ferson Co., known as 'Hamberlin's Track.' where powers, or a loose and latitudinous construction of tion. He was again called from retirement and plac- of the materiel for its prosecution had yet to be cre- felt it a privilege to call his personal friend. He had he kept a doggery and gambling house. Mr. Hamed in the attitude of a candidate for Governor of his ated, the long lines of communication to be kept up, known him for thirty-two years; their friendship had berlin, who resides near the track, soon became dis Mr. Polk was elected to Congress for seven con- adopted State, and after an animated canvass was and lastly our unvaried and uninterrupted success commenced at an early period of life-they had been gusted with his conduct, and one day told him be ing couch a million American eyes were but yes- secutive terms, and served uninterruptedly for four- elected-overcoming heavy odds against him. He in thirty pitched battles, over an enemy superior in fellow students at the same college-associated as must keep a decent house, or he would be compelled filled the office of Governor for two years, with dis- numbers and position, the result is almost without daily companions, in scenes and pursuits which form to turn him out of it. Not being able to comply with a parallel in the history of the world: the characters and develop the qualities of both heart this very proper demand, Heudebert removed his ne-Had the war resulted merely in the punishment of and mind. He had subsequently known him long farious implements of trade to Port Gibson. What al, freed from its prison-house of clay, has ascen- well calculated to develop the powers and quicken of fifteen years of laborious public service-a period a proud and pusillanimous neighbor, for numberless and intimately in those social relations, which bring kind of establishment he kept at Port Gibson, we do ed to the God who gave it-his body mingles with the energies of the politician. The very atmosphere pregnant with great events and marked by greater insults to our flag, then would its objects have been men together in private and familiar intercourse. He not know, nor do we know how long he resided there. is kindred dust. He who but yesterday stood upon was rife with great events. It was the end of the accomplished and the national honor amply vindicahe heights of power clothed with all the insignia of old and the beginning of the new order of things. ously existed. First, the delicate and thoughtful school ted. But it was attended with consequences far highuthority, and watching with eagle-eve the vast in- The younger Adams had fallen back before the dis- boy at Chapel Hill-studious, sober and discreet- er and happier than these. It developed in an extra- distinctions, Mr. Polk's diligence and application to In fact, such was the nature of his offence, that be erests of this great Republic, has passed forever from pleasure of the popular power, and the lion-hearted punctual in the discharge of every duty, surpassing ordinary degree our military resources and the mar- study, combined with vigorous powers of intellect, barely escaped the penalties of Lynch Law. When midst. That eye is extinguished in the darkness Jackson had risen triumphantly upon the shoulders all in the race for distinction, and winning the high- tial character and energies of our people. It enlarg- almost distanced competition. He always received we heard of Heudebert again, he had opened a grocedeath-the trappings of office have given place to of the people. Mr. Polk was the warm, ardent, and est honors in his class; then the first honor and generally, if not in each instance, ry and gambling house in Jackson. With his capire equal in extent to the original thirteen States. It it was a seperate distinction. In his right and faith- reer in Jackson we are well acquainted. He has has imparted civilization to Mexico.. It has elevated ful submission to lawful authority and regulations he been several times indicted for keeping a gambling While the nation bows its head in Nor was that service unappreciated. The man of deep devotion to his duties; then the honored repre- the national character abroad, and secured us against had no superior-in his intercouse with his compan- and disorderly house, and at one time he was informfuture aggressions upon our rights. Nay, more. It ions he was affable, courteous and just. He was ed by several respectable heads of families, that if he ish over her child, we, the humblest of his friends leaned his great arm trustingly upon him. His abil- ity in debate and great business capacity, placing awakened a spirit of inquiry among the down-trodden never known to be absent from recitation, or other did not stop his keno table, they would drive him as masses of other lands, aroused their dormant ener- duty or exercise prescribed by the college laws, unless a nuisance from the city, and throw his gambling pay the last tribule of affection to his memory, and soon attracted the attention of the House; and he Chairman of the most important committee of the gies into action, and sent the ball of revolution bound- prevented by sickness. Through the long acquain- cards and apparatus into Pearl River. bedew his ashes with our tears. And it is meet was, by the common consent of his party, assigned House, and the chief prop and support of his party ing across the plains of Europe. Her sovereigns, tance already mentioned, he had never known him This was a heavy blow to his prospects. "By that we should do so. It is meet that we pay hon- to the position of Chairman of the Committee of at a most trying period; then Speaker of the House startled by the sound, looked with straining eyes far perform an act, he had never heard him utter a senti- gar, gentlemen," said the horror stricken Heudy, "jis institute of the memory of those who have been distinguish-ed in life by good and great deeds, or who have won that body. From the nature of its duties, this com-all these positions he was the same sleepless senti-ousy the onward march of the model Republic of the upon his cheek, or cause a sigh of regret to escape ment, the recollection of which might raise a blush that body. From the nature of its duties, this com-all these positions he was the same sleepless sentithemselves a name among men; for while it mittee is always the organ of the Administration in nel upon the watch-tower, the same tireless watcher North to honor and renown-they gazed in silent from the bosoms of those who loved him. Well you starve me in Natchy-you win my money on nurts not the dead, who are insensible to the offering, the House. Under its supervision have to pass all of the public interests, the same faithful guardian of wonder upon the moral sublimity presented by the might we lament the departure of such a man ! well the Hamberlin tract-you drive me to Jackson, and it exercises a hallowed influence on the heart. It chas- estimates for the public service comprehending every the public trusts committed to his care. Nor is this bristling bayonets of sixty thousand volunteer free- might we do honor to his memory ! well mingle our now you tell me I must go some other place, or you tens the affections, purifies them of the dross of time question of finance. To attack it, then, is to attack all. To the execution of these duties he brought an men, all animated by one common impulse of patri- sympathies and our tears with those of his friends in will throw all my things into de pearl river. I have

es our natures to that spirit and embarrass the Administration thr which rules beyond the sky. Now, for the ninth Madison and Monroe, sleep beneath the sacred soil of full and vigorous maturity of all his faculties, the pride, or vain and ostentatious display. Virginia. Massachusetts guards with pious care, the acknowledged organ and leader of the Administration, We have hitherto considered Mr. Polk in a sphere and consolation to the heart of the drooping soldier, red ashes of Jackson and Polk.

relains upon our gratitude and admiration. He possession and reliance under the most trying cir- threshold. 'None ever ascended the platform of pow- never did his firmness forsake him. His great and were uniformly sustained by the House. His sup- of his appointment as Consul at Lyons. goodness of an unsullied heart*-great in the vast- after and eventful Administration.

ness and comprehensiveness of his plans-great in | Gen. Jackson came into power the bold, decided. the glory and success of their accomplishment. Call- and unequivocal enemy of the United States Bank. ed suddenly by the people from that retirement he In his first annual message to Congress, he announchad voluntarily sought, and clothed with the highest ed it to the assembled representatives of the people, powers in their gift, we find him equal to every emer- and declared that under no circumstances, could a gency in which he was placed. He at once took his bill for its re-charter receive his constitutional sancition in the front rank of American statesmen. tion. The charter had five years yet to run. In the coming conflict. The youngest in years of those who had preceded September, 1833, indignant at the unblushing corrup-State with the skill and ability of a veteran. Falling, salutary measure of removing the public money from as his administration did, upon the most eventful era its custody. A measure so summary and so bold, with delicate questions of foreign and domestic poli- country ; and then commenced a scene of turbulence distracting our councils, he never, for a moment, and political violence without a parallel in our previous liered or hesitated in his course. His great mind history, and which has been fitly styled in the politthe very age and body of his time; its form and and the restoration of its deposites from the agonizing ressure"-the living image and representative of the cries of a suffering people. But little did it dream the useful arts. reat American heart. Such men may die, but their of what stern stuff he was made, who stood at the ds are immortal ! His great measures are stamp- helm of State. The man who had faced the conqued in ineffaceable characters upon his country's his- rors of Napoleon on the plains of New Orleans, and his name is linked with the most distant future; and pose by the senseless ravings of political gamblers posterity, looking back through the dim mists of the and stockiobbers." In anticipation of the dread sentence that had been past, will wonder-then learn and love !

ing birth to James K. Polk. On her remote frontier, commodations to the utmost tension. The country American independence, his infant eye first saw sued. The marble mother at the centre gives the or- lic service, to assist him in the arduous and untried the light. Her hills witnessed his childish sports and der, and forthwith its numerous branches, stretching astimes-her vallies rung out with the merry peal like the arms of the fabled Briareus into every State his boyish laugh-and here too at the very foun- in the Union, answer back the appeal. A rapid con- whole. tain of freedom, he imbibed his first lessons of patri- traction of the circulating medium commences. From oue duty and devotion, as he hung with boyish rap- a period of great apparent prosperity, distress and ture upon the eloquent lips of the living actors in dismay overshadow the land. Property fell enor- tration, was our unadjudicated claim on Oregon. hose scenes.

The family was Irish, and came to America in the early part of the 18th century. America owes an im- proach its intended victim. Steadily and yet more steadily did it contract the coil of its circulation, when perishable debt of gratitude to Ireland. Her re-vivified spirit pervades the whole Republic. Irish genius by one spasmodic effort it strove like a huge serpent The migratory spirit of our hardy and enterprising and eloquence flash up from every hamlet and hillside in the land. Many of the most distinguished folds. A universal cry of wailing went up from the names of our country are proud to trace their origin fright, and universal bankruptcy seemed inevitable. to the " Emerald Isle." Calhoun, Jackson, Polk, and Gaston of our own State are familiar illustrations of the fact. It would seem that Providence had choorganized oppression at home.

The year 1806 finds the stripling boy of eleven threading the forest wilds of the boundless West, whither his father had gone, one of the earliest pioaround him: neers of civilization, in that portion of the young and "Like some tall cliff that lifts its awful form. growing State of Tennesnee. Here, in the bosom of Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm; a sequestered valley, far up one of the tributaries of the tortuous Tennessee, and amid the privations of Eternal sunshine settles on its head." the wilderness, the budding boy expands into the full lossom of young manhood; and here too were develped those hardy virtues of his character, which disnguished him on the stormy theatre upon which he afterwards played his part.

Time will not permit the delay of a minute detail of his early history. His father, we are told, designed him for a merchant; and with that view, placed him in a mercantile establishment. What strange destinies control our lives ! And how often are our best appointed aims thwarted by the decrees of fickle for-tune! "There is a divinity which shapes our endsrough-hew them as we may." The genius of young Polk chafed like a caged tiger, beneath an employ-ment so uncongenial to his feelings, and incompatible with his taste. His great spirit panted for a more ample and enlarged theatre for the exercise of its powers. The predilections of the parent finally gave way before the ardent wishes of the son, and he enters a classical school preparatory to a college course. The fall of 1815 finds him a student of our University. His career here was brilliant, Each semi-annual examination witnesses the triamph of his genius, and the close of his college course crowns him with the highest honors of his class. In the field of intellectual conflict he trod the undisputer and the acknowledged organ and leader of h Victor! "Twas here too he laid the foundation of upon whom develved the duty of meeting the powerthose habits of industry, perseverance and indomitable ful array of talent and ability united in the opposition, energy, which distinguished him throughout his sub-solitary and almost single handed, and with an elo-

blitty rarely equalled, an energy never flagging, and jotism, marching merrily At no period of his course does Mr. Polk occupy a a sincerity of conviction and honesty of purpose nev- ing like reapers to the harvest of death." ine, is the nation called upon to assemble around the more commanding attitude. The Premier of England or questioned. Office he regarded as a sacred trust But if the war was glorious, how much of the ercgrave of one of those whom it has honored with the holds not a position more proud than this. At the to be exercised for the benefit of those conferring it, dit is due to him whose giant arm guided the helm

committed to him, and summoned all the vast oner- onward career.

trusty warrior on the eve of battle, he girded all his tling nature of its results, finds its parallel only in debate on the next day being expected, Mr. Polk sat, armor around him and awaited with calm composure that of the young Napoleon in Italy. Nor are the over his books, preparing for the ordeal which he-

The stiring events of his most remarkable admin- altogether unlike. Both were men of bold and strik- from his labor, fainted and fell upon the floor. It is the plank is down several miles and a gate erected. him in the pathway to power, he guided the ship of tions practised by the Bank, he determined upon the istration, are too fresh in the recollection of my hear- ing characteristics. Both were endowed with pro- not to be doubted that the labors of the President This road is one of the greatest thoroughfares in the ers to require extended comment. A brief glance at digious energy of character, and uncommon person- impaired his health and shortened his life." the more prominent is all that the occasion demands, al sagacity. Mr. Polk was in the cabinet what Nawhich has yet marked the career of the Republic- produced the most profound sensation throughout the or the hurried nature of this sketch will allow. To poleon was in the camp-bold, yet cautious and wary history will belong the task of recording the giant -laying his plans with the utmost coolness and com- an obscure village on the Merrimac, in the State of strides which the Republic made to honor and re- posure, tracing all the details to their remotest con- Massachusetts, numbering in population not more nown during the period of his service-how our arms sequences, awaiting calmly the propitious period, and than three thousand souls. Within that period its use with the crisis and adapted itself to the circum- ical parlance of the day, the Panic Period. The Bank triumphed, and how the bounds of the Republic were when it arrived, striking home with such fearful and stances by which it was surrounded. He was indeed boldly took the field, and strove to wring a charter extended-how commerce flourished, and how new terrible energy as to disarm his opponents by the present day it is estimated at 35,000. The small the line is going forward rapidly. This is the next impulses were given to every branch of science and very suddenness of the attack. Both possessed an village has grown to be a wealthy and flourishing almost intuitive knowledge of men. Napoleon rais- city, and Lowell is now distinguished as the Manches-

The system of policy which brought Mr. Polk into ed his officers from the ranks, and conferred upon ler of America. This wonderful result has been power was boldly and openly proclaimed, and after them the Marshal's baton, when they had won it by achieved by the industry and enterprise of her people a tremendous struggle triumphed. It is needless to their skill and personal prowess. Mr. Polk selected in establishing manufactories. This fact speaks volery, and though his noble heart has ceased to beat, "showed himself in a sheet of fire" in the thickest say, that it had his most unqualified approval. They his civil agents from among those who had won their umes, and should serve to stimulate our own citizens his manly form has faded from the sight of men, of the fray, was not to be turned aside from his pur- were the principles to which he had devoted the best way to prominence and position, by their force of to make an effort at bettering their condition by enpowers of his early manhood, strengthened by the character, talents, and moral worth; and it is no gaging in similar schemes of prosperity. The facilconvictions of his riper years. They had grown with small compliment to his sagacity, that of the two ities and natural advantages for manufacturing in this

To North Carolina belongs the proud honor of giv- pronounced against it, the Bank had stretched its ac- and never did honest public servant address himself. period of the war, one half of whom were the crea- and it is matter of just surprise that so little progress more faithfully to the task of carrying them out. ing birth to James R. Foil. On her remote frontier, and the scenes of the was flooded with fictitious wealth in the shape of bank He called around him as constitutional advisers, men his country's flag, or proved recreased, from the fact that larger loads can be drawn. in the county of Mecklemourg, and the scenes of the promises to pay. Now the opposite policy was pur-ever-memorable 20th May, and on the very birth-spot promises to pay. Now the opposite policy was pur-ever-memorable 20th May, and on the very birth-spot promises to pay. Now the opposite policy was pur-ever-memorable 20th May, and on the very birth-spot duties of his new position. And more-that cabinet the characteristics of the two are in many respects hewers of wood and drawers of water for the North. was a unit, and moved together as one harmonious similar, in others they are totally dissimilar. Mr. Virginia can never assume her proper_rank in the

> tion, and that great coldness and selfishness of heart, tant branch of industry. Unfortunately, we have Not the least embarrassing of the many perplexing questions which met him at the outset of his adminiswhich marked the career of Bonaparte. All his pur- confined our attention too much to the single pursuit poses were pure, patriotic and noble; all the "ends of agriculture, to the neglect of this great interest. mously in value, and man lost confidence in his fel- This question, which had baffled the Diplomacy of he aimed at" were his "country's God's, and truth's." There is no location which could afford a better low man. Nearer and still nearer did the Bank ap- previous administrations, and been postponed from And more-his great heart embraced within its com- market for the manufacture of varas and cloths than time to time under an agreement of joint-occupancy prehensive benevolence, the interests of universal Norfolk. True, we have not the convenience of with England, now assumed a threatening aspect. humanity.

But the events of his great administration are considered the cheapest of the two, and is gradually to crush the commerce of the country in its sinuous people, had studded the valleys of 'Oregon with a ended, and he retires to the bosom of his beloved superceding the use of water, even at those points teeming population. Looking back far over the de-Tennessee. The people rise up in mass to do him where it is of ready access. It is impossible for au land. Man stared at his fellow man with wild af- sert wastes through which they had passed, and with homage as he passed, and his homeward journey is enterprise of this kind to fail with a suitable amount hearts full of affectionate lovality to the land of their more like that of the conqueror marching on the pathof capital and under judicious management. It was the struggle of death-the last effort of expir- birth, they called npon the Government to terminate way to power, than that of a plain citizen of the Reing vitality. Deputation after deputation waited up- the fatal union, and give them the protection of Amerpublic, divested of the patronage of office, retiring sen this free Republic for the reproduction on a new on Genl. Jackson, and besought him to restore the lican law. The appeal struck a responsive cord in to the walks of private life. It was the grateful triernment, under the existing tariff law, numerous factheatre of that Irish energy and talent kept down by deposites. The stoutest hearts gave way-the stern- the bosoms of the masses. Without descending to bute, paid by the national heart, to purity and integtories have sprung up, as if by magic, in the States est resolutions were shaken. Consternation seized details it is sufficient to say, that all previous nego- rity of purpose. of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee;

upon the Republican ranks, and the timid of his own tiations between the two governments had been basupon the Republican ranks, and the timid of his own tiations between the two governments had been bas-party friends faltered and fell back. But calmly and ed upon the principle of compromise, and in that bed-side are gathered the devoted family circle-his and in their very infancy are not only successfully competing with the long established manufactories of serenely the old man stood amid the raging elements spirit the parallel of 49° had been twice tendered by faithful domestics, his aged mother, and she who had New England, but are even driving their fabrics from us to the British government and twice refused. shared the fortunes and vicissitudes of his evenful their own doors, in consequence of the cheapness and This was the state of the question upon Mr. Polk's life-smoothed his ragged path way to renown, and quality of the Southern article. This is a proud and advent to power. In deference to the action of his shed most exquisite gentleness and grace around the satisfactory result, and if persevered in, we shall beat predecessors alone, he caused the same offer to be various offices he held. His faculties are unclouded Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread, our Yankee brothers at their own game, and gain again made, and it was a third time refused. The to the last. Not a murmur, not a regret escapes possession of the home market. We hope it may not. offer was then withdrawn, our title to the .whole him; but calmly and serenely the great man dies, Nor prayer nor entreaty could shake his purpos have the effect to force these humble petitioners to country asserted, and negotiations abruptly broken like one who had fallen asleep! What an impresor change his determination. His word was the fiat the halls of Congress to ask protection against the off. The message of Mr. Polk, communicating these sive commentary is here presented upon the empti- "peculiar institutions" and other advantages of the of destiny. His band of faithful friends, like the Old Guard of Napoleon, closed in firm and stern ar- facts to Congress, produced the most profound sen- ness of all human ambition-the vanity of all human South, as they have heretofore done against the pauray around him, and shielded him from the raging sation throughout the land. It was his first annual pride-and how strikingly illustrated the truth that per labor of Europe. message, and the bold and manly tone it assumed "The path of glory leads but to the grave. Amidst this scene of universal panie and alarm, struck upon the popular heart. War-immediate Quis desiderio sit pudor aut modus there was one who quivered not in the blast-who war, and war with the greatest power on earth-Tam chari capitis? stood unmoved amid the storms of political adversity. seemed inevitable. The pride of Great Britain, it Cui pudor et Justitize soror That man was James K. Polk. Nobly and faithful- was said, would never permit her to yield a point Incorrupta fides-nudaque Veritas? upon which her honor was staked. But the result Quando ullum iveniet parem? proved far otherwise. In a short time negotiations Mothers! If you would, teach your sons the true the right. While friends were falling round him and were renewed, and Great Britain made us the idenpathway to honor and usefulness-if you would learn Courier: tical offer she had thrice refused-with the additionthem lessons of humility and deep filial devotion. the tall plume of Murat at the battle of Eylau-was al and unlooked for concession of a strip of territory. point them to the example of James K. Polk. His every where seen in the thickest of the fight, encour- lying north of the parallel, three times as large as the honor was never impeached, his integrity never quesaging his followers to stand firm and stemming with State of New York. This bold stroke of policy on tioned. He was a most unpretending citizen; he was the part of Mr. Polk, resulted in the full and ample a most dutiful son. "Mother, I have obeyed you in the part of Mr. Polk, resulted in the full and ample concession of all our demands; and his firmness ex-torted from England that measure of justice which had been long withheld and thrice openly refused. There is no measure in the vast range of his varied torted from England that measure of justice which had been long withheld and thrice openly refused. duties and responsibilities as President, which ex-bibited in bolder relief the prodigious energies of his fame ! hibited in bolder relief the prodigious energies of his well his fame ! As chairman of the Committee of Hays and areas, and the acknowledged organ and leader of his party, upon whom devolved the duty of meeting the power-ful array of talent and ability united in the opposition, solitary and almost single handed, and with an elosequent career ; habits which in the absence of more builliant qualities, often enable their possessor to attain statesman of the west roll back the tide of panic and stirred the deepest and darkest passions of the human Such was the exclamation of an enthusiastic Roman in contemplating the future grandeur of the "Eter-nal City." While the Republic exists-while the 1Sce appendix-note b.

one danin hard time of it. I no ask your boys to play Keno. Some time they win, sometime they

lose. I no ask them to drink. But they be ver good Industry and Application of Mr. Polk. The Wash- customers, for they drink when they be dry, and when ighest office in its gift. Washington, Jefferson, head of the Committee of Ways and Means, in the and not bestowed for the mere gratification of empty of State at that perilous period, noted with swelling ington Correspondent of the New York Com. Adv. they be asked always. Ah; gentlemen, this country pride our every success, and sent the message of hope writes : "As a public officer he was one of the most be no longer free, and I shall ery ver much." This laborious men that ever lived. Some of his most speech had no effect upon Heuderbert's thearers. remains of the illustrious representatives of the Ad- and possessing its fullest confidence-the friend and comparatively narrow and contracted, yet exhibiting in a distant clime! Never at the darkest hour of day, important messages to Congress were delivered in 'One week from that day the Circuit Court of Hinds ans family. Harrison lies quietly entombed upon admirer from principle of the illustrious Jackson, and abundant evidence of capacity for the highest. We did he falter in his purpose of accomplishing the ob- the very form in which they came from his hand, with county met, the song of Heuderbert's dealer was the banks of his own beautiful Ohio; and Tennessee, loved and trusted by him in return, he stands before come now to regard him as the Chief Magistrate of ject of the war. Never, when an infuriated opposi- all their sins of omissions, repetitions, erasures and heard no more, and Headerbert himself was forced daughter of our own modest mother, claims the hon- us as the master spirit and embodiment of his party; the only free Republic on earth. "Faithful over a tion assailed him at every point-when the halls of interlineations, in his own writing. While Speaker to visit his friends in Louisiana, where he remained and like Saul among his brethren, looms "a head and few things," the public voice decided that he should Congress rang with impassioned declamation against of the House he had to bear the brunt of a most vio- until the adjournment of the Court, when he again Were the subject of my remarks one who had shoulders above them all." "Twas at this period, too, be "ruler over many." No President has entered the justice of the war, and when the proposition was lent and excited opposition, in which was intermine returned to Jackson. He then returned to his pots simply ruled the Republic and then descended to the and in the bitter school of scandal and personal vitu- upon the duties of the office under circumstances less boldly and unblushingly made to withdraw our gal- gled a feeling of bitter personal hostility. He had and kettles, opened an eating house, where he carried rave, a decent observance of his death would be be- peration which marked the hour, that Mr. Polk learn- auspicious-none with a greater number of complex lant army from the scenes of its toil and bloodshed, to contend against men thoroughly masters of parlia- gambling on in all its various branches, and lived in ming and proper. But James K. Polk had far high- ed those lessons of calm, firm, and determined self- questions of solemn public import meeting him at the with a megro woman up to the hour

was in every sense of the term, a great man-great cumstances, which made him impregnable as a leader, er with a deeper or more abiding sense of the vast patriotic heart turned with ineffable scorn from a sug- porters and opponents were alike astonished at the The above is a true sketch of James Heuderbert, the in word, thought and deed-and greater still in the and prepared him for the stirring scenes of his own responsibility of his position-none was ever ani- gestion so base. He boldly threw himself upon the promptness with which his opinions seemed to be whig consul at Lyons. Comment is unnecessary. mated by more elevated patriotism, or profound sa- people, and the stout hearts and strong arms of those formed. They did not know that he frequently sat The whole country is insulted and disgraced, at home gacity. The youngest in years of those who had who sustain their country's honor in the honr of per- up the whole night, studying the rules and precedents and abroad, by such an appointment, as Heuderbert preceded him, he felt the solemn nature of the trust il, gathered around its flag, and cheered him in his applicable to the expected business of the next day. is destitute of honesty and capacity, and without a I have been informed that on one occasion, after an redeeming trait in his character. But he is a whig ! gies of his mind and body for the trial. Like the The campaign in Mexico, in the brilliant and star- arduous sitting of the House, a continuation of the That covers a multitude of sins."

> THE PLANK ROADS. The planking of the Detroit authors and chief actors of the respective theatres knew awaited him, until daylight, and upon rising and Howell road is rapidly progressing. Already State, and will be made still greater by the planking of it. It will enable farmers to come into market at MANUFACTURES. Twenty years ago, Lowell was all seasons of the year, with double the loads that

they have heretofore been able to draw. The Detroit and Birmingham plank read is also rapidly progressing. One mile of the plank is already down, and the work of grading and placing plank on population has increased most rapidly, and at the thoroughfare in the State. Even in these dull times, teams are continually passing to and from the city. over the road.

> The city is destined to reap a rich harvest by means of these roads. Plank roads make business. Every good farmer keeps a team, and with good roads and low toll at all seasons, a vast amount of produce. wood, &c., &c., will be brought to market by those who have not been able to do so heretofore. This will create a greater competition in the market, and enable all to purchase the necessaries much cheaper. At the same time the profits of the producer will b

We-hope to see the charters granted in 1848, in various parts of the State, taken, and the work commenced. The charters of the Detroit and Saline, the Detroit and Utica, the Detroit and Erin, the Jackson and Lansing, &c., &c., are all good, and the several routes lay through the best parts of the State. The stock will not only be good, but the increased facilities to farmers will tend to open and settle the nnoccupied lands. Every farmer who has any spare means should be a stockholder in the road which is nearest to his farm. Detroit Free Press. water-power, but we can command steam, which is

NORWEGIAN WATER TELESCOPES. An instrument which the people of Norway have found of so great utility that there is scarcely a single fishing boat without one, is the water telescope or tabe, of three or four feet in length, which they carry in their boats with them when they go a fishing. When they nently successful. Without any assistance from govreach the fishing grounds, they immerse one end o this telescope in the water, and look through the glass, which shows objects some ten or fifteen fathoins deep as distinctly as if they were within a few fect of the surface; by which means, when a shoal of fish comes into their bays, the Norwegins instantly prepare their nets, man their boats, and go out in pursuit. The first process is minutely to survey the ground with their glasses, and where they find the ish swarming about in great numbers, they give the signal, and surround the fish with their large draught nets, and often catch them in hundreds at a fin Without these telescopes, their business would often prove precarious and unprofitable, as the fish, by these glasses, are as distinctly seen in the deep clear sea of Norway, as gold fish in a crystal jar. This instrument is not only used by the fishermen, but it is also found about 1 the navy and coasting vessels of

Norway. When their anchors get into foul ground,

ately apply the glass, and, guided by it, take steps

to put all to rights, which they could not do so well

which the meanest fisherman can make up with his

been enabled to discover stones, holes, and eneven

own hands, without the aid of a craftsman. This in-

or their cables warped on a rondstead, they immedi-

his growth and strengthened with his strength, thousand officers whom he sent to Mexico during the State, are not surpassed by any other in the Union tures of his appointment-not one ever dishonored has been made by us in this great source of national own-fortune-both fill a premature grave. But while been too long dependant, and too content to be mere Polk was entirely free from that unscrupulous ambi- scale of her sister States until she fosters this impor-

*See Appendix-note a stellor or farloant a

ly did he redeem the confidence reposed in himably and eloquently did he stand up and battle for treason lurked in every bush, his manly form-like his giant arm the reversed tide of battle :

"Among the faithless-faithful; Among the innumerable false-unmoved, unshaken, un-

seduced, unterrified; Nor number, nor example with him wrought to swerve

from Truth. alarm which threatened to overwhelm the administration. The timid took courage by his bold example

Society UPSET IN CALIFORNIA: There appears to be what the French call bouleversement-a complete overturn-of the usual arrangement of society at the gold region; for a specimen of which see the follow- without the aid of the rude and simple instrument, ing extract from a San Francisco letter, in the Boston

In those States south of us, they have been emi-

"Since my arrival I have seen a lieutenant of the strument has been lately adopted by the Scotch fishnavy and a New York merchant, dragging a hand- ermen on the Tay, and by its assistance they have cart, at an ounce per load ; a few days since I met a professor in one of your first colleges driving his ox ground, over which their nets travel, and have found

ment. Imagine our friend, the artist, with and women "camblets." Gloves were introduced buckskin trousers, red flannel shirt, and California about the year 1755. There were very few campets. hat, peddling newspapers : "Sun, Herald, and Tri-bune, sir! latest dates from New York, only two duced, they envered the floor outside of the chairs dollars each." around the rooms.

Norfalk Argus.