

From the Raleigh Standard.
WASHINGTON CITY, May 18, '60.
The Japanese Ambassadors reached this city on Monday last; Wednesday morning they had an interesting interview with Secretary Cass, and yesterday at noon they were formally presented to the President. At an early hour of the day the avenue about Willard's Hotel was thronged with people of both sexes, anxious to get a glimpse of these oriental visitors. The United States Marines and the Ordnance Corps from the Arsenal were drawn up in front of the Hotel for escort duty. At 11 o'clock a signal was given to the Marine Band, which immediately began playing a national air, and soon thereafter the Ambassadors and suites made their appearance, accompanied by the Navy Commissioners. They were arrayed in the richest silks, and presented an appearance novel and unique. Prince Simme, the Chief Ambassador, was clothed in a beautiful purple robe, with large, flowing sleeves, and trousers of the same material, made somewhat in the style of the Turks. A queer looking sword was fastened to a belt, the handle or guard being in front instead of at the side as worn by our military. On the top of the head was worn a cap which resembled a lady's leather work-box, and his feet were encased in white sandals. As each prince entered his carriage the members of his suite knelt down, and then took positions on the sides and rear of the vehicle. In front of the Chief Ambassador was borne a long lance, on the end of which was a large black Maltese cross. The second dignitary then appeared, and then the third, each followed by their suites, when the same ceremonies were gone through. Everything now being in readiness the procession started, the military being in front. The military escort, the gay costumes of the Princes, the thousands of ladies and gentlemen lining the sidewalks on the line of the procession, rendered it one of the most imposing pageants ever witnessed in this country. On reaching the Presidential mansion, the gates were unlocked and the procession passed in. Here the same ceremonies were observed when the Princes left the carriages, the subordinates kneeling and then closing round their master to guard him to the door. Although none but Army and Navy officers, members of Congress, &c., were admitted to the White House, yet it was crowded to its utmost capacity. There were some seventy-five Naval officers present in full dress, and about ninety Army officers, among them Gen. Scott, who attracted marked notice.

At twelve o'clock precisely, the President and Cabinet entered the east room, and took position facing the parlors. After a brief pause the parlor doors were opened and the embassy silently advanced, bowing twice very low, to which the President responded by a like number of bows. After an introduction to the President, the principal Ambassador presented his credentials, which act was accompanied by two more bows. He then read an address to the President, which was translated from Japanese into Dutch, and then into English. It is as follows: "His Majesty, the Teiyou, has commanded us that we respectfully express to his Majesty, the President of the United States, in his name as follows: Desiring to establish on a firm and lasting foundation the relations of peace and commerce, so happily existing between the two countries, that lately the plenipotentiaries of both countries, have negotiated and concluded a treaty. Now he has ordered us to exchange the ratification of the treaty in your principal city of Washington. Henceforth he hopes that the friendly relations shall be held more and more lasting, and he is very happy to have your friendly feeling, that you have brought us to the United States and will send us back to Japan in your man-of-war." The address was then handed to the President, who passed it over to the Secretary of State. Mr. Buchanan then replied by reading the following address: "I give you a cordial welcome as representatives of his Majesty, the Teiyou of Japan. We are all much gratified that the first embassy which your great empire has ever accredited to any foreign power has been sent to the United States. I trust that this will be the harbinger of perpetual peace and friendship between the two countries. The treaty of commerce, whose ratification you are about to exchange with the Secretary of State, cannot fail to be productive of benefits and blessings to the people both of Japan and the United States. I can say for myself, and promise for my successors, that it shall be carried into execution in a faithful and friendly spirit, so as to secure to both countries all the advantages they may justly expect from the happy auspices under which it has been negotiated and ratified. I rejoice that you are pleased with the kind treatment you have received on board our vessels of war whilst on your passage to this country. You shall be sent back in the same manner to your native land. Meanwhile, during your residence among us, which I hope may be prolonged so as to enable you to visit the various portions of our country, we shall be happy to extend to you all the hospitality and kindness eminently due to the great and friendly sovereign you represent."

This address was listened to with the most earnest attention by the Japanese Princes. In fact they scarcely took their eyes off the President during the entire interview. A copy of this address was handed to the first Ambassador, and then the members of the Cabinet were introduced to the orientals, when a general hand-shaking ensued; but not even then did they change from their grave, dignified demeanor. The wives of the several Secretaries were then introduced, receiving from these dusky princes a low obeisance only, their etiquette forbidding hand-shaking with women. The ceremonies now being over the entire embassy slowly retired, walking backwards, and bowing thrice. The procession was again formed, Prince Simme in the first open carriage, surrounded by his guard and standard bearers on foot. Behind came the others of the embassy, wearing green silk robes and trousers of the same material. Large crowds of persons followed the procession, and the windows of all the houses on the avenue were alive with women and children. The embassy expressed themselves as delighted with their reception, and speak in the warmest terms of their great admiration and respect for the President. The majority of these people are quite low in stature and somewhat effeminate looking. One of them, Prince Skahara Thuroga, is remarkably handsome. He is nearly as white as our people, with jet black hair and a pair of large, lustrous eyes of dazzling brilliancy. His countenance is the most intelligent and expressive I have ever seen.

Something about Japan, its Government, People, &c.
The people of Japan have no record of the date of the settlement of their islands, and assume that Japanese have been Japanese from the creation of the world. Their government is wholly unlike that of China. It cannot be proved that there is an absolute monarchy existing in Japan, neither that the citizens have any real liberty of action. Despotism exists without a despot. It has two emperors—a civil and religious one. The first is called 'Mikado,' and the second 'Siogoun' or 'Koubu.' The religious emperor appears to be a kind of lay figure, who has nothing to do but sit in a temple and be adored. The lay or civil emperor is not much better off, and the real government appears to reside in a kind of council of empire. Society is organized on the feudal system. The princes are the great landlords, and the common people hold their farms of them as vassals. Each prince is sovereign in his own hereditary domain, as the county palatines and great vassals of the English crown formerly were; stripes between these great feudal lords are prevented by the number and omnipresence of the Japanese police, which is more penetrating, prompt and arbitrary than that of France. Japanese society is divided into eight classes—1st, the princes; 2d, nobles; 3d, priests; 4th, soldiers; 5th, literary common folks; 6th, wholesale merchants; 7th, retail merchants, artisans and artists; 8th, peasants and laborers. The first four classes only have the right to wear two sabres. They have, in fact, a 9th class, the lowest of all—perfect Pariahs—viz: the tanners and carriers. These are outcasts, from the Buddhist idea that whoever touches a dead animal becomes impure. The accounts of the population of Japan vary in stating it at from fifteen to forty millions. After the expulsion of the Jesuits in 1637, the Dutch alone were admitted to any trade, and that only to the port of Nangasaki. The right was also, in 1641, conceded to the Dutch to build factories at Dezima, a small artificial island in the harbor of Nangasaki. A Russian embassy was sent in 1804, but failed entirely. In 1842, William H., of Holland, endeavored to obtain of Japan similar concessions to those made by China. His letters were not answered until 1844, and then the 'Siogoun,' or temporal emperor, replied that he had carefully observed the events succeeding the fundamental change in Chinese policy, and was convinced that no kingdom could enjoy a durable peace except on the condition of totally excluding foreigners. Our own government made various attempts before reaching the successful issue which crowned the expedition of Commodore Perry. In 1846 Commodore James Biddle visited Jeddo, the residence of the 'Siogoun,' but was refused permission to land or communicate directly. His letter to the 'Siogoun' waited eight days for an answer, and the answer was a refusal to treat. Admiral Cecille visited the waters of Nangasaki the same year, and was as peremptorily refused permission to land or undertake any measures for opening a communication or commercial relations between France and Japan. The Perry expedition broke first the charmed circle of Japanese exclusiveness, and the visit of the native prince and dignitaries, now in Washington, is the first international courtesy of that kind ever conceded by the Japanese government to any other people. Its importance cannot, therefore, be exaggerated; since, if the report of the Japanese ambassadors, on their return home, be favorable to the United States, we may look forward to the ultimate creation of a direct trade between the two countries, and the opening of new mines of wealth to American daring, ingenuity and thrift.

The Pony Express.
St. Joseph, Mo., May 22.
The Pony Express has arrived here from San Francisco, with dates to the 11th. The steamship *Golden Gate* sailed from Panama on the 5th, with \$1,700,000 in gold. A farewell festival was given by the authorities and citizens of San Francisco to the officers of the Japanese ship *Candimurrah*, which sailed immediately after the arrival of the Pony Express, which brought news 18 days later from Europe. On reaching Japan, the *Candimurrah* will have completed the transmission of news around the world in much quicker time than was ever done before.

The late arrivals of steamers from Europe brought intelligence that Baron Bruck, the Minister of Finance of the Austrian Government, had committed suicide in consequence of complicity in enormous frauds. From statements subsequently received it appears that the guilty Baron was himself compelled to commit to the dungeon men who were either the accomplices or the victims of his nefarious proceedings. Among these are Rivorella, who was the soul of the Austrian Lloyds and of the principal financial and mercantile interests of the place, and who had recently purchased a country seat near Trieste, worth \$800,000; Mondolfo, who has branch houses in Venice and Milan, and who ranks among the most spirited, able and enterprising, and wealthy merchants of Trieste; Brambilla, another of the notabilities whose influence on the Exchange of Trieste was almost as great as that of the Rothschilds; Perugia, whose sister married the Trieste agent of the Rothschilds, (Mr. Landauer, who is attached at the same time to the banking house of Morpurgo & Tarente) and who also occupied a distinguished position in the Wall street of Trieste. The ladies of the family of Mr. Brambilla, and some of those connected with the other parties arrested, are among the most fashionable women of Trieste, where they moved in the very highest society. These revelations will affect seriously the Austrian dynasty, for the Trieste bankers and merchants whose arrest has now become necessary, were its most fervent supporters, and so intimately associated with the financial concerns of the empire, that the integrity of the one cannot be shaken without giving a terrible blow to the prestige of the other. This state of affairs will cause even the Rothschilds to be looked upon rather suspiciously by the very autocrats whose interests they have been so anxious to promote. *Wilmington Herald.*

The Douglas Cases.
A matter of fact was, not very enthusiastic in his admiration of Mr. Douglas, has made up the following table of estimates of the smash-up of office-seekers and spoilsmen, resulting from the tremendous fall of Mr. Douglas at Charleston, to wit:
Douglas candidates for the Vice Presidency 13
Douglas expectants of Cabinet places 150
Douglas aspirants for Foreign Missions 275
Other office-seekers, great and small, blowers and crowsers for Douglas 100,000
Lobbyjobbers, contract hunters, and spoilsuckers generally 25,000
Railroad monopolists and speculators 5,000
Sum total of Spoilsmen 130,000
All this magnificent schedule, depending upon the supposed invulnerability and availability of Mr. Douglas, has gone down with him into the dust. His failure now settles him for all time. This was his last chance. His fancy stock of Popular Sovereignty will not survive a four years' suspension. It goes down, and soon he will dwindle from the magnificent proportions of a great statesman to the real dimensions of a cunning and desperate politician.—*Atlanta American.*

A Beautiful Thought.
As in the light of cultivated reason, on looking abroad and seeing a wealth of beauty, a profusion of goodness, in the works of 'Him who has strewn flowers in the wilderness, and painted the bird, and enamelled the insect, in the simplicity and universality of his laws you read this lesson: An uneducated man dreams not of the common sun light which now in its splendor floods the firmament and landscape; he cannot comprehend how much of the loveliness of the world results from the composite character of light and from the reflecting properties of the most physical bodies. If instead of red, yellow and blue, which the analysis of the prism and experiments of absorption have shown to be its constituents, it had been homogeneous simple white, how changed would all have been! The growing corn and the ripe harvest, the blossom and the fruit, the fresh greenness of spring and the autumn's robe of many colors, the hues of the violet, the lily and the rose, the silvery foam of the rivulet, the emerald of the river, and the purple of the ocean would have been alike unknown. The rainbow would have been but a pale streak in the grey sky, and dull vapors would have canopied the sun instead of clouds, which, in the days of flaming brilliancy, curtailed his rising and going down. Nay, there would have been no distinction between the blood of children, the flush of health, the paleness of decay, the hectic of disease, and the lividness of death. There would have been unvaried, unmeaning leaden hue, where we now see the changing and expressive countenance, the tinted earth and gorgeous firmament.

The Supreme Court.
Will commence its Summer Term in this City, on Monday, the 11th day of June. Causes will be called as follows:
June 13, those from the I Circuit.
" 18, " " II "
" 25, " " V "
July 2, " " III "
" 9, " " IV "
" 16, " " VI and VII Circuits.—*Raleigh Standard.*

Messrs. Bell and Everett.
The nomination of these gentlemen by the late Baltimore Convention, appears to have given great satisfaction throughout the country to all who sympathize with the objects of the Constitutional Union party: Not a word from any quarter has been uttered derogatory to the characters of those eminent and worthy statesmen. The Black Republicans on the one hand and the Democrats on the other, have been disposed to speak lightly of their chances of success, but there is a universal acknowledgment of their great fitness, in all respects, for the high offices to which they have been nominated.—*Washington Dispatch.*

The Tennessee Democracy.
The signs indicate the approach of an ugly difficulty betwixt our Tennessee Democracy. The friends of the majority platform, and the friends of the minority platform are active in drumming up Democratic sentiment in favor of each. The Tennessee delegation refused to secede, and thereby hangs a tale. Will the Democracy of the State sustain them? Will the Democracy of the State repudiate and condemn them? These are the questions. Already the friends of the rival platforms have made significant demonstrations, and a huge surging sea of bad feeling is running in between them. It is related in Italian history that during a certain battle, so intent were the combatants on destroying one another, that a terrible earthquake shook the field without either army being conscious of it. Let the Democratic combatants expect an earthquake that will make them conscious of its presence.—*Memphis Bulletin.*

Speech of Mr. Douglas.
Speaking of this speech, the Washington Star, a Democratic paper says: "The effort of Mr. Douglas in the Senate yesterday and the day before, was precisely what, under the circumstances surrounding him, we had expected. As a popular oratorical effort it was unquestionably an entertaining, able and ingenious one; as a historical synopsis of the facts in controversy, a most atrociously untruthful one; and as a state paper, neither more nor less than a very truculent and shamefully impudent and tricky one."

The Tea Plant.
The progress of the experiments in acclimatizing the tea plant, so far as heard from, is favorable, and there is reason to believe that it can be grown in the open air of the northern line of North Carolina and Tennessee. Eighteen thousand plants have been sent into this Southern region, and eight thousand more have been distributed to persons in the Northern States owning green-houses, as objects of curiosity.

Terrific Tornado in Cincinnati.
The most destructive tornado ever known passed over this city, 22d May. It came from the North-east in a densely black cloud, two miles broad, rushing forward with fearful rapidity, accompanied with thunder, lightning and torrents of rain, demolishing and unroofing houses in its course. The damage it has done amounts to half a million of dollars. A great many persons were injured, and six were killed. Among the buildings injured was the Commercial office, the roof of which was blown off and carried the distance of a square, a part of the wall falling through and injuring many persons. The steeple of St. Joseph's (Catholic) Church was blown down. Nearly all the public buildings, school-houses and churches, besides a large number of private dwellings were unroofed and otherwise damaged. The telegraph lines are prostrated in every direction.

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OF MASSACHUSETTS.

TO CENSUS TAKERS.
We are prepared to furnish BLANKS to Marshals and their Assistants, which, by distributing among the community a day or so before hand, will save the officers a deal of trouble and delay, when they call upon families for a statement of farm products, &c. The price will be \$1 per hundred. Orders should be sent in immediately.

College Examinations.
The Commencement Exercises of Concord Female College, also of Statesville Male Academy, took place on Monday and Tuesday last, in the presence of numerous friends and visitors. The results were highly satisfactory. We will notice both more in detail next week.

York Collegiate Institute.
The Examination at this College, will take place June 7th, at 9 o'clock. The annual Sermon will be preached by Rev. A. W. Lineberry, and the annual Address delivered by A. M. Bogie, Esq., of Taylorsville.

A Mean Action.
Some unworthy person amused himself on Monday night in defacing with black paint a merchant's sign. That individual, whoever he be, is a bad member of society, though he may not think so—and is in a fair way for a higher destination than merely walking upon another earth. If the gallows do not get him some day, it will be because he will have changed his ways.

Hung.
On Friday last, Hardway Bone was hung at Dallas for the murder of James Corneille in Catawba county. We learn he made no remarks on the gallows, but appeared unconcerned to the last.—*Charlotte Democrat.*

Strumous or Scrofulous affections are the cause, the blight, the potato-rot of mankind. They are vile and filthy as well as fatal. They arise from contamination and impurity of the blood, and are to be seen all around us everywhere. One quarter of all we meet are afflicted with them, and one quarter of these die of them. The blood, because they are curable. AYER'S SERRAVALLO cleanses out the scrofulous corruption from the blood, restores it pure and healthy, and effectually expels the food contamination from the system. No longer groan under your scrofulous disorders, since the irresistible Ayer has provided his SERRAVALLO—*Democrat, Wiltshire, Ct.*