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Testimonials. WINCHESTER, MAY 27, 1853.

We, the undersigned, being satisfied by your opinion as to the character, standing of the Insurance Company of the Valley of Virginia...

THE FACT that we have entrusted our own property to the Company, is perhaps the strongest evidence...

Wm. S. MASON, U. S. Senator. J. H. McHenry, N. W. Richardson.

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Applications for Insurance may be made of the Agents of the Company at their respective offices...

PHENIX MARBLE WORKS. CORNER SHARP AND GERMAN STREETS, BALTIMORE, MD.

CASH FOR NEGROES. I AM DESIROUS to purchase a large number of NEGROES...

AGENTS FOR INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA.

UNITED STATES HOTEL, HARPER'S FERRY, VA.

FOR PASSING IN THE NEW ACCOMMODATION TRAINS of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad...

FOR WHAT IS MONEY, BUT CONVENIENCE? HO! YE LOVERS OF THE WEED!

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN CIGARS, CIGARETTES AND SNUFF.

GENERAL AGENCY. THE subscriber has been appointed the public in the prosecution of Claims before Congress...

TO TRAVELLERS. Superior and Economical! New Line between Harper's Ferry and Washington.

NEW JEWELRY STORE. THE subscriber begs leave to return sincere thanks for the patronage he has received...

WATCHES AND JEWELRY. Watches and Jewelry of every description, carefully repaired as usual.

J. R. THOMPSON & CO. Merchant Tailors. Two doors east of the United States Hotel...

PENNSYLVANIA AND CONNECTICUT. Two doors east of the United States Hotel...

CLOTHS, CASSIMERES & VESTINGS. which they will make up in their usual style...

FARMERS LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST. Having rented the Brick Warehouse at Shepherdstown...

WILL PRACTICE in the Interior and Superior Courts of Jefferson, Clarke and Loudoun Counties...

ORANGES AND LEMONS. just received by August 27, 1853.

HEBBERD AND MCKEREL. FRESH supply of Herring and Mackerel...

TORRADO AND CIGARS. A prime lot of Torrado and Cigars, just received and for sale...

Poetry.

BY GEO. D. PRESTICE.

This morn'—the sea breeze seems to bring Joy, health and freshness on its wing...

"This noon—a calm, unbroken sleep Is on the wings of sleep; A soft haze, like a fairy dream...

"This eve—an earth the sunset skies Are printing their own Eden dies...

I think in dreams—low, sweet and clear, Their own dear voices in my ear...

[From the N. Y. National Democrat.]

SONS OF THE FALL.

The curious wind comes arching through the street, With boisterous hum...

The charcoal man has donned his thickest coat, Like many others...

The shopkeeper, with his fragile stock, Of face and mien...

Delains and Tibbits float upon the air In tempting manner...

And winter furs come on unperceived—Of spon and sable...

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COUNTRY LIFE.

The dwellers in remote districts, who only on occasions make a holiday ride to the city...

are very apt to think that we, who live here among brick and mortar...

are a species of blessed creatures, who enjoy life, as a flower does sunshine...

and performs his duty in the grove, and in the field...

and in the clouds that move like spirits over welkin clear...

But I am sad—thou art not here!

"This noon—a calm, unbroken sleep Is on the wings of sleep...

A soft haze, like a fairy dream, Is floating over wood and stream...

And many a broad magnolia bower, Within its shadowy woodland bowers...

Is gleaming like a lonely star; But I am sad—thou art not here!

"This eve—an earth the sunset skies Are printing their own Eden dies...

Like blossoms on the face below, And like an unsexed spirit, the breeze...

Seems lingering 'mid the orange trees, Breathing its music round the spot...

But I am sad—thou art not here!

"This midnight—with a soothing spell The far off tones of ocean swell...

Soft as the mother's caress mild, Low lulling o'er the sleeping child...

And on each wandering breeze are heard The rich notes of the mocking bird...

And every bird is singing its lay; But I am sad—thou art not here!

I think in dreams—low, sweet and clear, Their own dear voices in my ear...

Around my cheek their tresses twine— Their soft and sunny hands are clasped in mine...

Thine eyes are full of love and bliss; Thy head is pillowed on my breast...

Oh! I have my own heart's blood here, And I am happy—thou art not here.

[From the N. Y. National Democrat.]

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.

A correspondent of the Placer Herald is responsible for the following:

"A marriage took place on the night of the 15th ult., at the Nevada Hotel—a lady not known to the California public...

to a gentleman from Kentucky, now a citizen of this State, he being the fifth upon whom she had conferred...

hymenal honors, and a third whose betrothal she yet adorns the soil...

By a strange concatenation of circumstances, her two last husbands, between whom and herself all marital duties had ceased...

by the operation of the divorce law, and put up at the Nevada House on the same evening...

ignorant of the fact that their former *ex-spos* had rested under the same roof with themselves...

and also that they had both in former years been wedded to the same lady.

Next morning they occupied seats at the breakfast table opposite the bridal party...

Their eyes met with mute, but expressive astonishment. The lady bride did not faint, but bravely informed her newly-acquainted lord...

of her singular situation, and who their guests were, by the nobles of his nature and influence...

by the nobles of his nature and influence, he summoned his predecessors to his bridal chamber...

and the interchange of congratulations was the warmest and friendliest manner...

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THE SPEECH OF LOVE.

You ask me love, to sing to you, Dear heart! but what and why?

So glad are I to speak your words, That tinkle into certain chords, And are but born to die!

Words cannot show my burning love, My spirit's secret fire; For silence is the speech of love, And my pleasures and my pain; But speech and song expire!

There is more eloquence in looks, More posy in sighs, Than ever yet in speech was framed, Or any sort of poet's fame, Though lit at ladies eyes.

Then bid me sing of love to more, But let me silent be; For silence is the speech of love, The music of the spheres above, That best belittles thee!

[Kitchener Magazine.]

A COMPLETE REPUTATION.

(From the Norfolk Argus.)

Gen. Pierce can proudly point to his public life for an earnest of his devotion to the rights of the States...

His course on this subject has been even, as regular, and as unflinchingly above reproach...

as his own unqualified career as a private citizen. From the time that Abolitionism first raised its Gorgon head...

he anticipated its dangers, and he grappled with its champions. The journals of Congress prostrate him, and prove it completely.

There is no politician who can present a longer, a stronger, or a more exemplary record...

than this man, whose life is a record which so nearly concerns our common welfare...

and which is now, and will hereafter be, constantly agitated by the banded foes of the Constitution.

It is not only a record, but a record of great and only crime consists, in the estimation of Southern Whigs, that he frowns down every attempt to re-open a question...

the adjustment of which a few years since, convulsed this Union to its very foundations...

and in the discharge of his duties as a public officer, he proclaimed to the world his determination in respect to this subject...

Here is his emphatic declaration, and thus far he has adhered most scrupulously to it. If he has deviated from it a single iota, we should like to be furnished with the proof.

"I believe that involuntary servitude, as it exists in different States of this Confederacy, is contrary to the Constitution. I believe that it stands like any other admitted right, and that the States where it exists are entitled to efficient remedies to enforce the constitutional provisions. I hold that the laws of 1850, commonly called the compromise measures, are strictly constitutional, and ought to be unhesitatingly carried into effect."

Of the rights of the constituted authorities of this Republic are bound to respect the rights of the South in this respect, as they would view any other legal and constitutional right, and that the laws to enforce them should be respected and obeyed, not with a reluctance and hesitancy, but with a firmness and determination...

to their proper position. "Such have been and are my convictions, and upon them I shall act. I fervently hope that the question is at rest, and that no sectional, or ambitious, or fanatical excitement may again threaten the durability of our institutions or obscure the light of our prosperity. But let not the foundation of our hope rest upon man's will."

It is to the man whom Southern Whigs continue to denounce as giving encouragement to free soilers and having abolition proclivities...

His last act repels this unjust and groundless imputation. It is found in the decided letter which we give below, from the Secretary of the Interior, in the case of the fugitive slave claimed by Islam Keith, of this State, where the fugitive slave law is indicated.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. Washington, Oct. 4, 1853.

Sir:—Yours of the 31st inst. has been received, and I have telegraphed you to consult the District Attorney, employ counsel, if necessary, and use all reasonable means for the enforcement of the law. This department is determined to have the fugitive slave law so far as it depends upon it, executed in good faith, and that the officers legitimately employed in carrying it into effect, shall be sustained. They need not fear any difficulty here so long as they discharge their duties efficiently and faithfully. I am, Sir, &c.

R. McCLELLAN, Sec'y.

Col. Francis M. Winkley, Marshal, Eastern District, Pennsylvania.

THE WASHINGTON GLOBE.

The prospectus of the "Daily Globe" and the "Congressional Globe" is published in the Washington papers...

under the signature of John C. Rives. The Congressional Globe and its Appendix, containing a perfect record of the proceedings and debates of Congress, executive communications, &c., are prepared in quarto form at \$2 per year, and by a special law of Congress, are carried in the mail through the Union free of cost. The Daily Globe will be issued at \$50 a year. It will be as large as the Intelligence or Union, and beautifully printed. Mr. Rives says:

"I will have a corps of sixteen Reporters in Congress, each in his department, and will take notes during the session, and will prepare them for the Press, put them up by slip in the hands of compositors, and they will be ready for the printer's hands, and will be put in type, and in a few minutes after it is ended it will be in print; and thus the accurate debates of Congress will be preserved in a permanent and accessible form, and will be a great benefit to the country."

The miscellaneous news will be carefully gathered up from all the newspapers of the country. I will obtain from the Executive Departments the matters of moment transacted in them, and will be put into the Globe and mailed in the Express Mail trains."

BEAUTY.

True beauty resides in the soul. It is the form of goodness. How charmingly is this expressed in the following: "Spiritual beauty, and the sweet youthfulness which cleaves to it, unlike the fading beauty of the body, never departs. Rather does it enhance with age, participating in the nature of angels, and is often the most beautiful of all."

While the ladies persist in maintaining the strictly defensive conduct, men must naturally, take the offensive line, that of attack; otherwise both parties held aloof, there would be no more marriages; and the hosts would die in their respective inaction, without ever coming to a battle. Thus it is evident that as the ladies will not, the men must take the offensive. I, for my part, have made it in the course of my life, at least a score of chivalrous attacks upon several strongly fortified herms. Sometimes I begin my work too late in the season, and winter suddenly came and rendered further labors impossible; sometimes I have attacked the breach madly, sword in hand, and have been plunged violently from the scaling ladder into the ditch; sometimes I have made a decent lodgment in the place, when—bang! blows up a mine, and I am scattered to the deuce; and sometimes when I have been in the very heart of the citadel—ah, that I should say it—a sudden panic has struck me, and I have run like the British out of Copenhagen!

... Dr. Cox speaking of persons who profess to do a great deal for religion, without really professing any, says they resemble Noah's carpenters, who built a ship in which other people were saved, although they were drowned themselves.

... The Arabians have a saying, "It is not good to jest with God, Death or the Devil, for the first neither can nor will be mocked, the second mocks all one time or another, and the third puts an eternal sarcasm on those that are familiar with him."

WINCHESTER AND POTOMAC RAILROAD MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above Company took place in the Court House on Saturday last. The report made by the President, W. L. Clark, Esq., exhibits a more substantially encouraging state of affairs than existed at any former period.

The gross revenue of currency for the year ending September 30th, 1853, was \$39,328.44, being \$157.63 less than the revenue of 1850-51 and \$4,652.26 more than the revenue of last year, 1851-52.

The increase over last year in the passenger receipts is \$4,897.59, and in the freight passengers \$3,856. The increase in tolls from tonnage is \$3,944.64.

A dividend of four per cent. was paid to the stockholders on the 15th of May last, and another of six per cent. has been declared, as announced in the proper columns of this paper, payable on the 1st proximo. Besides this, there has been paid during the year, on account of the loss and damage arising from the flood, the sum of \$10,455.30; and the floating debt has been reduced from \$35,000 to \$24,994.64. Whilst the works of the company are improved to the extent of new bridges and trestles, the Ferry, and the road-way and rolling-stock are in good condition and abundantly sufficient for all the purposes of our trade.

The quantity of iron transported during the year was 250,000 lbs., or 500,000 lbs. more than in any former year; and this, the president remarks, notwithstanding a large portion of our iron supplies had to be imported from the West. The trade in this item, he says, is just what it was in 1845, ten years since, when the quantity brought to a distance was as great as it is now, greater than, more so, having been paid done in the country immediately and necessarily tributary to the road by means of improved farming, and the extensive and good fields of our merchants and millers. The singular fact is mentioned that wheat is brought up the road for manufacture from within six miles of Harper's Ferry.

The progress of the four-track it participated in, *pari passu*, by the other principal articles of traffic, moving both eastward and westward.

Very serious fears are entertained of the road can now be reasonably feared. The range of the tributary country has not been narrowed more rapidly than its productiveness, and the latter is fair to presume that such will continue to be the case. For the current year, the probability is that the business of the road will be increased by the anticipated extension of the Manassas Gap road to Strasburg next summer. The higher prices of grain, inducing a larger export and a larger quantity of stock, will doubtless be a great benefit, and moreover, indicated by the returns of the present month. After the opening to Strasburg, the worst of the winter will be over, and the danger is visible in the future; while, on the other hand, the promise of new and more extensive agriculture in several quarters of the horizon. A country with the capacity of the road, and the exorbitant on the east will, with proper energy, be effected in a few years; and there are others which will doubtless be effected in a few years. That one country, so long associated commercially with Winchester, cannot now, by any accession to its wealth and prosperity, be separated from her. Its interests must grow sufficiently to reach both Alexandria and Winchester, directly or indirectly.—Winchester Virginian.

ROD FOR GOSSIPS.

The following paragraph, which we find floating in the newspapers, lay it on the gossips with an unspurring hand:

"The slave-trade poisons the atmosphere of an entire neighborhood, and blights the sanctities of a thousand homes with a single breath. From a woman of that class nothing is sacred save the altar of calumny, and upon slaughtered reputations. She is the Ghoul of Eastern stories, transferred from the Arabian Nights to the circle of the fireside. She never asserts anything—she merely hints and supposes, and whispers what 'she says.' Every neighborhood, in the city is infested by some creature of this sort, and in country towns they are very often afflicted with two or three of these Ghouls. Women are too good to set a hundred families by the ears, and to break up a church, three are sufficient for any kind of mischief, from the separating of the husband from his wife, to blasting the fame of a stainless girl. A pure woman is simply an angel embodied in human shape, a slanderous woman is something worse than the cholera—certainly as infectious as the yellow fever."

It is more than true. One is not to set a hundred families by the ears, and to break up a church, three are sufficient for any kind of mischief, from the separating of the husband from his wife, to blasting the fame of a stainless girl. A pure woman is simply an angel embodied in human shape, a slanderous woman is something worse than the cholera—certainly as infectious as the yellow fever."

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