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THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 17.

THE NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Montgomery.

PATRIOTISM—A NEW MEANING.

Mr. G. W. CURTIS—author of the Potiphar papers, which are very good, and of sundry abolition essays, which are careless in style and wishy-washy in argument—has recently endeavored to instruct the students of one of our Northern colleges in the recondite mysteries of patriotism. Mr. CURTIS, in the sublimity of that self-conceit which distinguishes his dapper little intellect, imagines that patriotism is a term of occult signification, only comprehended esoterically by himself and other sworn votaries of the higher law, and that it is a special mission of benevolence on his part to transmute its hidden meaning into such vulgar vernacular as the young men of the North may be capable of understanding. It appears from the precepts instituted by Mr. CURTIS, that these sturdy old Romans, who, in their simplicity, believed that patriotism was devotion to country, and was evidenced by willingness to suffer or perish in its behalf, were a set of wretched fogies and ignoramuses; that modern patriots are no better; that WASHINGTON WAS a superannuated imbecile, PATRICK HENRY a noodle, and the whole tribe of great men who have assiduously sought to disseminate obedience to law, and attachment to the country of their birth, a superficial and mistaken set of fellows. Mr. CURTIS being pre-eminently a patriot himself; having signalized his boundless devotion to America, by uniformly denouncing and calumniating nearly one half of her population, by consistently striving to foment civil feuds, and kindle the fires of intestine war, is of course peculiarly qualified to appreciate and expound the glowing beauties and excellencies of patriotism.

It may be readily inferred that the views entertained by Mr. CURTIS on the subject of patriotism are slightly different from the common notions existing among the people. For instance he contemplates with supreme scorn the current idea that an elementary ingredient in patriotism is "obedience to law." His school of political ethics soars immeasurably above such narrow and insensate ideas. "Obedience to law," says this youthful sage, "is the ecstacy of Atheism." The converse of the proposition is doubtless equally logical and satisfactory. If he who obeys the law is an atheist, he who violates and tramples upon the law is a ruler and a God fearing man. But let Howard CURTIS speak for himself:

> What excuse is it for my lying, and thieving, and murdering—for my trampling upon conscience, which is God in me, that the law ordered it? It is the ecstacy of Atheism. Whenever this nation shall say it, original barbarism lapses upon the land; the work of Wickliffe, and Luther, and all history, is undone, and the light of the world is buried. Can conscience exist, and humanity exist, and duty exist? Can the rose delay blooming, or the day dawning, or God its birth?

I should be sorry to seem unmindful of the scope of what I say. I do not think I am; think, and you think with me, that if there were ever a doubt of the happy direction of the government, it is in the days that are passing; and no one sees there is a daily debate in our minds as to where does duty end, wrong for the sake of some apparent advantage.

Will you ask where we should be if every citizen is to decide for himself whether he is to obey the law? Or, the other hand, *look you now!* are we right in saying that a judgment is not against his moral judgment for a year, for two years, for six months, for a week, the citizen has that conscientious moral nature in contempt of such a man, as in the very same strand, woven deeply his habits? Would such a sentiment be required, and that to make of us a nation of such men, is to be committed to a nation of such men, is to be one not only the goodness, but the wisdom of God.

It is difficult to avoid treating the above precious remarks in a way they more fit for the lash of irony. *Castigare ridendo* is the appropriate remedy for these inexplicable higher-law fatuities. Argument is wasted upon them. It is quite sufficient as an answer to the sophistical and glittering generalities of Mr. CURTIS to bring him down to test, and to ask him if law, as it is understood parliamentarily, where are we to find a substitute. Individual conscience, we doubtless do the reply. Very well; and suppose a case. Mr. CURTIS—with party passed a bill last winter, taking from the citizens of New York the right to appoint their own police. The Courts sustained the act. It was therefore at law. But the conscience of the forty thousand Democrats in the city of New York are shocked at the law. They find it outrageous and iniquitous. Obedience to it would be the "ecstacy of Atheism." As pious murderers and incendiaries are they with the position assumed by Mr. CURTIS, they are required to disobey the law. What follows? Tell us that, Howard. If you will not, we will, in a single word—ANARCHY!

The fact is Mr. CURTIS preaches treason in smooth and eloquent language, and does it under his innocuous doctrines with the name of "conscience." He knows that he lives under a government of laws, and because the vast majority of those laws are detestable to him and the wretched traitors who coincide with him, he utters an indecorate quantity of sheer sophisms and assumptions, calls rebellion patriotism, and puts forth incendiary opinions, such as in a country with less liberty, institutions than our own, might compel him to a place where he would have ample time to study social and civil duties in all their ramifications. Yet this is the legitimate consequence of the tenets of the abolition societies. They hold the law in contempt when opposed to their individual opinion, forgetting that if, as citizens under a government, we are to do not what that government tells us to do, but what we think right, there will immediately spring up a myriad of conflicting views. Mormonism will be justified, and assassination and burglary will find vindications. It will be deemed right by the abolitionist to cut the throat of every slaveholder, and by the slaveholder to exterminate the whole brood of abolitionists. Such a state of no rule will be the mother of all who are strong enough to enforce the decisions of "their consciences," and we should be reduced either to the most lawless and frightful anarchy, or to a despotism more absolute and grinding than that exercised by the Emperor of China. But we leave the labor of refuting the preposterous theories of this minion of Seward.

MOSS SIDE, by Marian Harland. Messrs. PETERSON & JACKSON, Philadelphia, have sent us, through T. L. WHITE, No. 100 Canal street, a copy of this popular story. It is a very cleverly, giving abundant evidence of that versatility of imagination, exuberance of language, happy description of scenery, easy flow of incident, and power of evoking pathetic emotion which distinguish the author. The characters are finely delineated, and the fervor of unaffected piety pervades the work.

GAS FIXTURES.—Messrs. HENDRICK & GAINES, No. 99 Canal street, have just received a large and handsome assortment of gas chandeliers, brackets, &c., which they offer suitable for gas or camphene. Parties in the line of interior decoration or other establishments would do well to call at Messrs. HENDRICK & GAINES's.

SILK AND FANCY GOODS.—We invite attention to the advertisement of Messrs. DE PEYSTER & CO., No. 83 Gravier street, wherein will be found they are now opening their fall and winter stock, consisting of superb dress goods, scarfs, embroidered silk, chemisettes, and straw bonnets, and every variety of articles in the fancy line, assortment and prices particularly suitable to the trade.

ANTIPHELIC MILK.—This preparation so highly recommended as a means of removing freckles, and of preserving and purifying the complexion. Together with the celebrated toilet powders of LUBIN, may be procured at F. E. HENRIQUEZ, corner Bourgne and St. Louis streets, and at the principal drug stores of the city.

A curious question of fact (says the New York *Commercial*) has arisen in the Mobile county court, a case is there pending, wherein the surrogate has already rendered a decision. The testator, who died in March, left a legacy of $5000 to his niece, living in Dubuque, Iowa. He further stated that both nieces and nephews, male and female, died on the same day. If she died first, the legacy was to be paid first, if it goes to her heirs. It becomes as if the question of priority of death must be decided by longitude.

There are in New York four hundred and ninety-two establishments where clothing is manufactured, and some idea may be formed of the immense importance of the trade from the fact that a number of our leading houses do business to the amount of over two million dollars a year. Fulton street, where there are only four houses that do a wholesale business, but where a large amount of the retail trade is done, has four shops, employing each two hundred persons, four employing each three hundred persons, and four houses that each employ over four hundred persons. The twelve establishments in Fulton street give employment to over 3000 persons.

By Telegraph.

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THE MISSING STEAMER.

AUGUSTA, GA., September 16.—The *South-erner* arrived at Charleston this morning, a complete wreck, with six feet water in her hold.

THE GALE ON MONDAY.

LOSS OF THE STEAMER NORFOLK—THE STEAM-SHIP CENTRAL AMERICA—THE EMPIRE CITY AT NORFOLK—BRIG JOHN ROADS ASHORE—STEAMER JAMESTOWN BLOWN TO SEA.

PHILADELPHIA, September 16.—The steamer *Norfolk*, hence for Richmond, was sunk in the Chesapeake Bay during the gale on Monday. The crew were all saved.

NEW YORK, September 16.—Fears are entertained for the safety of the steamship *Central America*, which left Havana on the 8th instant, and has not yet arrived.

NORFOLK, September 16.—The steamship *Empire City*, which has put in here, brings $700,000 in treasure.

The brig *John Roads*, of Boston, is ashore on the South coast of Cape Henry.

The steamer *Jamestown* is reported to have been blown to sea, with her cargo much damaged by water.

MAINE ELECTION.

PORTLAND, September 16. One hundred and seventy towns show a loss for the Republicans, as compared with last year, of 317 votes.

FINANCIAL.

WASHINGTON, September 16.—The Bank of Commerce, Georgetown, and the other banking houses on which a run was commenced yesterday, continue to redeem their bills, and confidence is generally restored.

ARREST FOR FRAUD.

BOSTON, September 16.—George S. Abrahams, custom house broker, and agent for Baring & Brothers, has been arrested for forging and altering figures of invoices for the purpose of defrauding the revenue.

KANSAS NEWS.

ST. LOUIS, September 16.—We have Kansas advices that state that the Constitutional Convention has organized, with John Calhoun as President. Calhoun, on taking the chair, spoke in favor of submitting the Constitution to the people.

Five hundred troops had left Leavenworth for New Mexico.

The St. Joseph's *Journal* gives an account of a battle between Col. Sumner's command and a band of Indians on the Arkansas river, about the middle of August. Sumner's loss was four killed. The loss of the Indians was 30 killed and 20 wounded.

FINANCIAL.

CINCINNATI, September 16.—From 2 to 5 per cent. discount asked on all New England and New York country banks.

OVERLAND PACIFIC MAIL.

WASHINGTON, September 16.—The overland mail contract, lately awarded for John Butterfield, Wm. Dinsmore, and Wm. G. Fargo, and others, and by Assistant Postmaster-General Dundas, in behalf of the government. The price paid is $600,000 per annum, commencing on the 15th of September, 1858. The line is to be completed in twenty months from the present date.

MASSACHUSETTS POLITICS.

BOSTON, September 16.—The Democratic State Convention has nominated E. D. Beach for Governor.

CHIEF AND BIGAMIST.

BOSTON, September 16.—Wm. C. Godfrey was arrested to-day for stealing a gold watch. He is also charged with bigamy, in marrying three wives. The last one to-day. He was connected with Dr. Kane's expedition, and has published a book concerning it.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

WASHINGTON, September 16.—A letter from Commander Foote, of the sloop-of-war *Portsmouth*, at Canton, China, says that the treaties between Siam and England, France and the United States are rapidly developing the resources of Siam. Several vessels are now building. With some of the United States.

WM. R. CASH, one of South Carolina, is applying for a certificate to practice in the Supreme Court, but objections to the performance of the ceremony have been made, and it is doubtful if the accustomed privilege will be granted.

JENKINS'S REPLY TO WALKER.

ATLANTA, GA., September 15.—Jenkins, in reply to the letter addressed to the New Orleans *True Delta*, says he will not be a candidate for Governor. He thanks the people of Georgia for the honor they have conferred upon him. Price runs descending. Cotton firm. Rice 4½.

LIVE INTELLIGENCE.

CHARLESTON, September 16.—The U. C. Bank has passed down at 4 A. M.

H. A. Wm. Reed, Grand Marshal, and Richard Mackey, Grand Master of the Knights Templars of the United States, have been presented with a massive grand Templar's jewel, set with gold, red enamel and diamonds, in testimony of their valuable services.

THE ATLANTIC CABLE.—Another letter from Robert Mackenzie, dated Aug. 26, says in New York everything is in readiness.

LONDON, Aug. 26, 1857.

The Atlantic Telegraph Company's electrician, Mr. Whitehouse, has left for Valentia, to complete the arrangements for the shore ends of the cable. The Agamemnon is now at Sheerness, and will be ready to receive the cable on board on the 4th of September. The Niagara is at Plymouth, and will be ready to receive her portion of the cable on the 5th of September. The Niagara will proceed to the mid-Atlantic, and the Agamemnon will proceed to Valentia, where the cable will be landed. The Agamemnon will then proceed to the mid-Atlantic, and the two ships will then commence paying out the cable, and will meet in the mid-Atlantic. The Niagara will then proceed to Newfoundland, and the Agamemnon to Ireland. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Gorgon, Porcupine, Cyclops, and Leopard, to protect her from icebergs. The Agamemnon will be accompanied by the Valorous, Hardy, Sphinx, and Advice, to protect her from the French fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Susquehanna, Arctic, Baltic, and Fox, to protect her from the Russian fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Sanspareil, Diana, Medea, and Antelope, to protect her from the Spanish fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Argus, Bulldog, Grappler, and Lightning, to protect her from the Portuguese fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Triton, Hydra, Vulcan, and Firebrand, to protect her from the Dutch fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Mastiff, Greyhound, Terrible, and Racer, to protect her from the Danish fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Retribution, Rapid, Recruit, and Recovery, to protect her from the Swedish fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Vesuvius, Volcano, Etna, and Stromboli, to protect her from the Italian fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Devastation, Ruby, Emerald, and Sapphire, to protect her from the Austrian fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Tartarus, Pluto, Proserpine, and Styx, to protect her from the Prussian fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Vengeance, Thunderer, Dragon, and Wrangler, to protect her from the Turkish fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Orion, Leander, Newcastle, and Apollo, to protect her from the Chinese fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Encounter, Pearl, Centaur, and Transit, to protect her from the Japanese fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Amphion, Nimrod, Valorous, and Hardy, to protect her from the Persian fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Esk, Barracouta, Medea, and Antelope, to protect her from the Siamese fleet. The Niagara will be accompanied by the Sanspareil, Diana