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POETRY.

For the Voice of Industry.

THE SUNSHINE.

Dear, blessed sunshine! how I love
Thy coming, glad and bright;
When art thou on those dark old walls
With floods of crimson light?
No hoar in pale robes shall
Ever wear such gorgeous hue;

No radiant from perfumed lamps
Such glorious beams throw.

O, how I love the sunshine!

And how I love it here;
So fair in the blue skies;

When all is still and dark and drear;
My heart is full and cold and sad,

By hope impurely stirred;

Spring's upward when it comes,

Like a lonely funeral-bird.

—
Notes of a Living Hand,

That gently open all;

Birds, showers and sunbeams in their turn,

With blessings not to tell;

That scarcely not earthen come—

But sheds on them a beam;

As bright and beautiful, as ever;

On kindly boughs did gleam.

Notes, too, of a glorious realm,

O, so unlike to this;

That the weepers there forget to weep;

And the sorrowing talk of lies;

And the light grows never dim;

Amidst the flowers green and fair;

Our Father's guide us till we die;

And then receive us there.

Pittsburg, Miss.

From the Liberator.

LINES!

Written after a visit to Bunker Hill.

By S. H. LLOYD.

On Bunker Hill stood—around

I gazed upon the battle-ground,

Where names were in force arrayed,

Each bent to triumph or to slay.

They fought—the dead the hill bestowed,

And bore each blade of grass beweaved;

Like lions not, they fought, and long.

The famous bonnet, ere Freedom's song

Was heard,—"We'll tell that then the right

Of despot's reared, and that the chain

Of slaves who tread this favored land!"

That all who dwelt from sea to sea,

Might know where here all, ALL are free.

I saw—days long that spent here beds,

Bitter beds were strewed by the dead—

Then gray hearts were wrung with woes,

For England bent beneath her feet.

My heart, always pressed that battlefield,

Where freedom broke Britannia's bands,

"Tis there a gloomy life on high,

Gloomy smothered the sky;

Tis said to show where freedom dwelt,

And where no nation mourned.

But it is true that ALL are free?

Are none, in chains of slavery?

Then, privately, will O tell me why?

Thou speakest to man a constant lie?

Or would that man would raise no more

Such monuments of human gore?

But in the heart the cross would rear,

To bridle each stamp to dry each tear,

"I feel but faint, timid thought to do,

And scarcely truly captive free."

Thomas Jefferson once said, sir

He was President of the United States, the first

question I would ask of every man who ap-

plied for office, should he do his use intox-

inating liquors?"

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who was classifying cases of insanity, that he

had lost his senses by watching a policeman

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MISCELLANEOUS.From the Eng. Journal.
LETTER FROM THE GOLD HOUSE.

To the Editor of the People's Journal:

the People's Journal.—

Sir—I am the oldest house in my neighbor-

hood. When I was first built (A. D. 1585)

there were three dwellings standing within

two hundred yards of the site chosen for my

foundation, which had been reared some

several years before, and which, affected to treat

me as disengaging the consequence, and to turn

it I may use the expression, the cold gable-

end towards me. Upwards of a century and

a half ago they disappeared, to make room

for improvements. Yes, they were decent

unquestionably. I am not naturally malicious; but

I confess that in every brick, from basement to

crown—not omitting my stack of chimneys

—I felt outraged at their downfall.

And now my own lease of existence is fast

drawing towards its close. The house-deck

on my roof is worn with length of years, and I

so smoke-injured, so defaced by the attacks

of time, and the brooks which the seasons

have made upon my constitution, that the

men who erected me would not recognise

my old age, nor would I be likely to be

mistaken for the great Pestilence.

Strange, that I could note what his parents

had not eyes to see. He went to his work

regularly, yet—day by day. At night he

crept up to his home more refreshed than when he set forth in the morning. The final

change was coming on—hour by hour it was

drawing higher. Death, the deliverer, had

kissed his cheek. "You won't get a doctor

for the boy?" remarked the occupant of the

adjoining room, a lucifer match vendor. The

child's parents shrank their bodes. "He will

not get up again," said one; "we can't afford

to have a child ill."

And still he declined—still grew worse and

worse. One morning, about a week ago, he

turned his beautiful eye upon his mother, and

said plaintively—"Mother, dear, I cannot get

up, to-day." "Not get up to-day?" The

woman was alarmed. She bent over him. She had travailed for that child, and he was

dying. She saw it now, and cursed her short

sightedness and softness. Dying, and but the

other day she refused him a doctor, lest

they should lose the weekly stipend he earned

by his having to absent himself from work!

"I do think mother," he said, "that it is

this close room, and the nasty smells that

come from the court below which have made

me ill."

I thought so too, or rather I knew it.

He died the day before yesterday. And

how many other human beings, adults as well

as children, has the fatal atmosphere around

me hurried to a premature grave. Mortality

is so frequent in this court as to occasion no

surprise; yet a man said jestingly on my

threshold this morning—"No old people die here."

He was right, for none live to grow old.

If I might be permitted to express an

opinion, a house of grave character and

considerable experience, I would suggest that

there must be something frightfully rotten

in the state of Denmark," said Will Shakespeare.

But you know best. Perhaps it is a part of

the economy of governments to kill off their

poor rapidly as possible. I would ask one

question, however: May not the lepers, and

other contagious diseases, beogenous in my

vicinity, spread to the dwellings of the wealthy

and breed sad havoc there? Altogether, I

must beg leave to doubt the policy of such

legislative neglect.

But you understand. No, I am doomed to end

my days in what my former owners ex-

pectedly the mad roads of Rowley's time—

would lock me vulgarly, unmercifully in de-

gradation. At least, then, let me be whored out.

Let the intemperate hordes of heaven visit me,

of course. Pardon me if the bold odors which

my thoughts of every day suffuse up. I fear my

longings to be a man, to be a man, to be a man,

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er, that we are chiefly interested, and to these we think Mr. Moffat's plan might be more particularly directed. St. Giles's and the Almonry have been destroyed by the "Woods and Forests," like so many wasps' nests, and their queen commissioners glory in having done so for the sake of "improving the neighbourhood." The victims of these so-called improvements, in which man is sacrificed to fancy street architecture, are now flooding the miserable courts and alleys of the metropolis with (if possible) a more deeply dined snarler. It is from these haunts that we must rescue the machine, for misery creeps upon him like the piercing cold, against which in time he ceases to exert himself, and asks only to die in peace. For this class of the population, then, we turn again to the calculations of this pamphlet, and we find that it is possible to provide a six roomed house and a garden attached, for six shillings a week, in consequence of a free passage by the railway to and from town. We have been looking some inquiries about the rents of rooms in the neighbourhood occupied by our working population, and find that this is the average sum paid for two rooms. And if six rooms should be too much for him, a four roomed dwelt, with fresh air, water, and garden, could be provided at two shillings less than he is now giving for his wretched couple of apartments in town! Well, indeed, might the committee of the London Trades' Union speak of this scheme as "one which would realise more than their fondest hopes."

London is continually pictured as "the great heart of England;" how much health would be the action of that heart, if its life-blood, instead of stagnating in its deepest depths, should, by these great arteries, the railroads, be pulsed forth every night, and brought back purified in the morning to the performance of its vital labors! The poor weavers of Spitalfields keep up a memory of the country in their hearts by the geraniums and green flowering plants which make even their grotto windows cheerful. How strong must be that yearning after nature which keeps alive such a taste in a poor man struggling for his daily food! But there is a moral as well as a physical scurvy in men—as the lime to the sailor in the great ocean; so is the smallest plant speaking of the freshness of nature, to the poor mechanic shut up in our vast brick and mortar Babel. Trees, flowers, and "the green garniture of fields" are the natural companions of man, and in proportion to the length of time which you banish him from their society, so will he be distorted from the true image in which he was originally made.

It was no idle saying—

"God made the country, but man made the town. Society, in its upper phases, has long been practically learning its truth, and it only remains for the masses of the population, profiting by the last word of practical science, the railroad, to learn it also. It might be perhaps, at a far distant period, but we think it very unreasonable to suppose, that time will come when cities, instead of containing stagnating multitudes, will resolve themselves into vast bazaars—crowded or deserted, as the hours of labor began or ended for the day—If such a state of things should ever come to pass, it will be brought about by such a scheme as the one we have alluded to, and it is our earnest wish, that the experiment should be tried, as we believe it would result in working a most favorable evolution in the habits of the working classes, and thereby make firmer that broad base by which the social pyramid is supported.

We are glad to find that the new Clerk of Congress, Mr. C. D. Tracy, has imminent consideration the institution of the poor caused by this "cleanse's" system of his predecessor and his, within the last few days, strenuously in payment of his intention to bring in a bill, in the next session, for a public grant of ground for the erection of houses for the working classes.

FREE AND SLAVE LABOR IN VIRGINIA. The white workmen on the Teedeger and Armory Iron Works at Richmond, Va., have made a strike in consequence of the employment of slaves on a portion of the works. As an indication of the progress of the age, this movement is important, striking as it does, the very root of slave labor. It sets up a distinction in the slave States themselves between the servile labor of the degraded beings who are held in bondage, and the voluntary labor of the skillful mechanics who have gone there from the North—a distinction which the South have not been accustomed to, behold, and one they would fain have never to see exist. When the principle that "all labor is degrading" is overthrown and the mechanics whose capital is his property and his sinews, begins to be regarded as what he really is by the cotton lords and tobacco growers of the South, they will not, like the Richmond workmen, be thrown upon their dignity as citizens, and their brethren as freemen, to save themselves from being classed and associated with slaves; and to be treated in almost every sense like them. The progress of the age is onward, and light is breaking, slowly though surely on one of the most productive though badly managed sections of the republic.—*Barr's Patriot.*

The authorities of Albany have forbidden the landing of any more emigrants from the North River steamboats at their wharves

THE VOICE OF INDUSTRY.

WHAT WE LABOR FOR:

The RIGHTS OF MAN to himself, to a permanent home on earth, to the loans of tools, to the pursuit of his trade, to the best opportunities for education, and to freedom in every thing.

LOWELL.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 1847.

INDUSTRIAL REFORM PLEDGE.

We whose cause is the search for a system of restoration of National Rights, and the recovery of the rights of man, do solemnly agree that we will not sit idle as man for man for the Presidency of Congress who will not pledge himself to withdraw all the influence of his station, if elected to prevent all further traffic in the Public Lands of the United States, and to prohibit the sale of land to individuals, or to corporations, or foreign powers for the introduction of actual settlers, or foreign power for the Government to be less than half and no longer than half of the original area of the Public Lands to a Limitation of the same, and to prohibit the sale of land in the territories in this state to the exemption of the Homestead Act, or any future debt or mortgage, and to a limitation of ten of the hours of daily labor on public works or in establishments chartered by law.

REFRAIN OF THE NEW POST OFFICE LAW.

☞ The Publication Office of this paper has been removed to No. 26 Central street—its former place of publication. Persons wishing to transact business with the paper or editor, are invited to call.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW YORK, June 7th.
This London of America presents a wide field of observation and reflection to the stranger. On the one hand there is much to admire and interest—in which the capabilities of the human mind are wonderfully displayed in beauty and adorning our external relations. But on the other, there is much for serious and melancholy reflection. While Science, Art, and human energy are engrossed in building elegant temples, with costly and attractive internal and outward arrangements, while the most exquisite architectural taste is studied and observed in rearing these temples of wood and stone, that the few possessors of extreme wealth may dwell in pomp and vicious idleness—the temples which God built, and which contain the human soul, that "immortal gem" are desecrated and despised with impunity! The existence of such a city as this, with its 40,000 paupers, its thousands of street beggars, its dissipation, prostitution and crimes, its narrow and crowded streets, lanes, and by-paths, and consequent disease and premature death, its extreme wealth and extreme poverty—are incontrovertible arguments in favor of the great cause in which we are engaged, and for the furtherance of which the "Industrial Congress" have assembled at this time. That our cause will triumph is beyond a doubt, and never were our encouraging prospects more glorious. The eyes of the working people are opening upon the subject—they are beginning to see that some radical change in the laws which regulate man's relation to the soil and the instrumentalities of life, must take place before he can enjoy those rights which are declared inalienable and essential to the happiness and progress of the race.

The Congress is well attended, considering the time and money to be sacrificed by those who leave their homes and business to consult and deliberate upon measures for the emancipation of down-trodden humanity. We have some strong hearts and sound heads with us on this glorious occasion, and I feel sure that great good will result from our coming together. Among other important measures brought forward for consideration of the Congress, is the "Workingmen's Protective Union," which seems to meet with general approbation, and I feel fully confident that the workingmen of this State will soon organize upon this plan. A Division is about being formed in this city and I think I shall be able to induce the formation of one in the Western part of the State, before my return. Mr. Brooks, an able and devoted member, from Wyoming, near Rochester city, assures me his influence shall be exerted to form one in that section. Mr. B., is a large Farmer, and lives in a wheat-growing country, and will be of great service to us in carrying on this enterprise. The high prices of all kinds of provisions, (I understand) that bread is actually selling in this city from 20 to 25 per cent higher than in London) is causing great dissatisfaction among the laboring classes of New York, and "strikes" for higher wages occur almost daily. The Old Fellowship procession on Saturday, on the occasion of laying the corner stone to their new Hall, exceeded anything of the kind I ever witnessed. The number in the procession is computed at 15,000. But it appears a most extravagant and inconsistent manner of accomplishing benevolent purposes. True benevolence and charity seek no such pomp and parade.

A very great difference is perceptible between this city and Boston and Lowell, upon the subject of temperance. Bar Room and Rum Shops of all grades and description are visible on every street and the *founds* may be seen on all hands. But the permanent cure for this drying evil lies in the condition of labor. I also noticed a striking difference in the observance of the Sabbath between New York and Lowell. While the corporations of Lowell, black rocks, lay stones and dig canals on Sunday, the poor women here in New

York set along upon the sidewalks and self fruit and confectionery with as much complacency as the minister walks into his pulpit, and I had almost said, with as much Christianity as many of them manifest in vending their theological wares! I have found many warm-hearted friends, in New York, but none so devotedly attached to me as the Cabell and Hack drivers appeared on my landing from the steamboat. They were almost willing to fall down upon their knees if I would grant them the pleasure of taking me "up town." Poor fellows they had better go back into the country, "leave themselves farms" and go to work to make themselves a happy home.

I leave for Rochester to-day, from whence you shall hear from me again. W. F. V.

SIGNS OF THE GOOD TIME COMING.

Yes, reader, notwithstanding the unhappy war the United States is waging against a sister republic, and the will of our punishing brethren inhabiting the "green isle," and the slavery, intemperance, and other evils, by which we are surrounded, we can catch a glimpse of a "better time." The seed of Universal Reform has been sown broad cast through the land, and watered by refreshing showers of truth; the genial sun of love is risen, and will soon warm them into life; and in place of the callous hearts henges, of today, we shall have men living, breathing men, such as God intended they should be; and justice will be quoted out to all. The whip of the task master will be thrown away, —the slave is free. The landlord will cease to oppress—the soul is redeemed—its "free for all." The capitalist will not overburden the operative, for labor will then be the only true capital—they both are free. Intemperance will not be known—the drunkard is free. No more wars or fighting, no gallows raised for legal murder; no crime of any kind—the world is free. And where once was contention, hatred and discord, will be peace, love and harmony.

We may live to see the day

—Or the good time coming!

But still we may be permitted to dream a little on the future, when there is so strong an indication of the dawn of a "better day," and there certainly is, if we judge from the signs of the times. It is truly cheering to witness the change in public sentiment respecting the various Reforms of the day, especially those to which this paper is particularly devoted. In looking over our exchanges, where formerly we could see but an isolated sheet that dared to speak out in behalf of the down trodden laborer, we now find scores coming in "from all" of humanity; and some, too, where it was least expected. Others (not yet converted to the good cause) occasionally give them a passing notice, and will no doubt by and by come out and work "to-morrow." The working men themselves, are waking up from their lethargy, and are asking why these things are so; and they have a speedy answer by taking a cursory glance at the present organization of labor. They see in a moment that their own hands have created all the wealth by which they are surrounded, and why cannot they have their share of it? Surely, "the laborer is worthy of his hire." Thought begins action, and once fairly aroused, who can doubt this result. The plowmen in the cause have worked long and well, and they have much more to do. Industrie must be franchised, the soil free, liberty to the bond, peace and temperance reign on earth, and all vice removed; ere their labors cease. But be not disengaged, brave hearts; you have cause to rejoice, for there is a deep, strong current setting in, which (though slowly), is steadily bearing on the good ship Reform to a safe haven; and though ye may have passed away ere I be confirmed, yet rest assured that those who come after you will rejoice in "the good time coming."

☞ The "Voice of Industry" at Lowell, (edited we suspect by a foreigner) calls the Native Americans "a fragment of a party." Perhaps it is so but the gentlemen will find that the people will "gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost." The "Truth" of Boston, and the "American Journal of Industry," of New Haven, shall rule America, and adds his supposition that "every candidate for office must have been inspired" to let his alien blood out. Exactly; we have no doubt that there will be some rapping done, before this country is free from the curse of foreign influence. Will this foreign dictator to American industry please hold out this own arm?—*American Standard.*

What you "suspect" is not true. Mr. Sizamal, the Editor of this paper was born of native parents on the native soil of these United States, (not much to brag of considering that he is wronged out of the native right of his share of it,) yet at the same time he is perfectly willing that the "native sons of Ireland, Scotland, Wales or any other country should have the right to live on this part of God's earth, ungrave the croaking of mercenary demagogues. We would enquire if the Sizamal's ancestors were of Irish extraction? If not (or if not owning to his premises) what right has he over an Irishman? Because he happened to come yesterday does not make him out any more of a man than he who came today. The editor of the Voice is so foolish as to believe that "all men are created free and equal" no matter of what country color or what their religious belief, in them he holds men and brethren children of one ev-

er, and us suchis ever ready to extend to them the right hand of fellowship. It would be well for the editor of the Signal to rid himself of some of the influences by which he is surrounded before he talks of "freeing this country from the curse of foreign influence." And as to this "foreign" dictator, (as he is pleased to call the editor of this paper) holding out his arm to be "tapped" we would in the most delicate manner in the world most respectfully decline, knowing as we do, the editors utter aversion to such mode of operation.

WHO IS OPPOSED TO THE TEN HOUR RULE?

We understand from good authority that the ten hour question was brought up in a "Common Council" by one of the members who happens to have a little of the "milk of human kindness" in his disposition, it raised quite a "breeze" among them, was bitterly opposed, especially by the "overseers." Is it not strange that this class of persons (with some exceptions) should be against the adoption of this law, when they have the lightest work, greater pay and more liberty than any others about the establishments, except it be the drunks in the counting rooms; are they afraid of their bread and butter? By the way, the idea has been suggested by a good friend, of presenting petitions to the city government for a reduction of the hours of labor to ten, of those persons employed by the city, if we can get one up with fifteen hundred or two thousand names attached to it, there is no doubt but the point can be carried, our rulers keep an "awful squint" towards majorities as a recent affair in this city has determined. What say, shall we now?

☞ We would direct the attention of our readers to "the letter from the Editor."—We hope he may be able to form a Protective Union in Western New York; a few such would compel the flour speculators to "shut up shop."

☞ A work entitled "Fascination," or the Philosophy of Charming, by John B. Newson, M. D., has been sent to us. We would recommend this to all who desire to "know themselves." We have not made a thorough examination of its merits, but the names of the publishers (Fowler & Wells) are a satisfactory guarantee of its excellence. Price 40 cents; N. L. Dayton, Agent for Lowell. Also, "Elements of Animal Magnetism," by Charles Murley, same publishers. Price 12 1/2 cents; N. L. Dayton, Agent for Lowell.

☞ On account of the sudden illness of Chief Justice Shaw, the court which convened at its sitting here this week has adjourned; therefore the case of Roy which was on trial is put over until next court.

☞ "Truth's Telegraph" has arrived and is rich with intellectual hose, may the publisher meet with the success he so justly merits.

THE INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS.

This now permanently organized institution for concentrating the influence of all men of all parties who are struggling in the cause of Human Rights and Universal Brotherhood; this infant rocked in the cradle of liberty in 1845; this now well-formed child of 1847; this giant that is to be in a few brief years more, is now in annual session. According to the Constitution, the body assembled on Wednesday morning last, at Croton Hall, and have held day sessions for business and evening meetings for addresses.

On Wednesday evening the delegates attended the regular monthly meeting of the National Reform Association, at Albany Hall, when one of them, Mr. Brooks of Wyoming, addressed the audience by request, in a concise, vigorous, sound, and happy manner, on the objects and measures of "National Reform."

The meeting was also addressed most happily by Messrs. Allen of Boston and O'Connor of Philadelphia on the same subject.

On Thursday evening, at Croton Hall; Mr. Meeks of Baltimore, Mr. Allen of Boston, and Mr. O'Connor of Philadelphia, were invited to address the Congress and the public audience assembled. Messrs. Meeks and O'Connor spoke on National Reform, and Mr. Allen on Trade, Labor Exchanges, and Protective Unions.

Among the interesting speakers during the day sessions, was Mr. Young of Lowell, editor of the Voice of Industry, on the rise and progress of the Protective Unions of New England.

Committees have been appointed to report on the best means of propagating the principles of that organization on the Presidency, the Policy of Nominations Ed. Public Office, War, and other interesting topics; who have not yet time to report.

A detailed report of the proceedings will be commenced in next week's paper.

P. S. Some of the delegates were to speak last night at Croton Hall, and others at Brooklyn.—*Young America.*

The "Phrenological Journal" has come to hand with its usual quota of useful and interesting matter. It has a likeness of Abby Hutchinson, with the Phrenological developments and parentage of the Hutchinson Family. We wish that every family would subscribe for this truly valuable journal.

GENERAL SCOTT.

This Knight of the "long candle," since the wholesale murderer, Venâ Cruz and Cerro Gorra, has been delivered of a proclamation and a precious document it is. If he can make the Mexican swallow it, their reputation for credibility is much larger than has been represented. This woman and baby killer, and by political "devotee" to all the saints in the Catholic calendar, would make them believe, if he could, that he is the best friend they have on earth, and cites for proof: "We have not profaned your temples, nor abused your women, nor seized your property, as they [the Mexican Press] would have you believe." His sending bomb shells into churches is not profaning them, or murdering women is not abusing them, or stealing everything they can lay hands upon, is not seizing property, as they do in accordance with the rules of war, we don't know what is. No, General Scott, "bomb shells" and "soft powder" do not go down well, although mixed with a "bathful of soap."

What a fib, that if necessary an army of one hundred thousand men could be brought? If they knew the state of public opinion at the Norriton regard to this war, it would lead them to doubt the truth of the gentleman who has "never falsified his word."

It may be the glory of some to be deemed great, in this trade of human butchery; but we do think that after years have gone by, and on taking a retrospective glance of days "long past," the knowledge of saving the life of one fellow being, or even the doing of one kind action, would be much more pleasant, had to be the greatest "butcher" that ever commanded an army on a field of battle.

In the case of Roy, now being tried in this city, for the murder of Macintosh at Charlton town, we hear the junior counsel for the prisoner, in trying the case make the remark that he "felt no squeamishness about Capital punishment," and quoted the usual passage from the old Mosiac law of "whose sheatheth man's blood, &c." to prove that the law of slacking people to death for certain offences is right. Perhaps he may think so, we do not however, for the worst possible you can put a man in your opinion is to string him up by the neck until he is dead; and what possible benefit it is to the murderer or murderer, or their families or community at large we have yet to learn. We deplore the great amount of crime committed as much as any one, but cannot see the justice there in committing one crime to punish another. We think that the counseled up in such cases should have learned the first principles of humanity, else in pleading the cause of the unfortunate criminal his neck is broken.

Mr. Clark Hockley was drowned in Merrimack river on Saturday afternoon last. He was in a boat in company with a lad, and while taking a fish net stopped over and pitched in, and was not seen to rise again until his body was recovered about ten minutes afterwards. All attempts at resuscitation were unavailing. He was a young man and has left a wife and child.

The Journeyman Cordwainers of Lancaster, Pa., packed their kits, and said they had worked their last, while endeavoring to fit stones, the lever which he was at work slipped, striking him in the neck with great force, throwing him a short distance. Upon examination the Physician pronounced his neck broken.

The Journeyman Cabinet makers of Pittsburg, Allegheny and Bayardstown, have turned out a grand procession, and paraded through many of the principal streets of Pittsburgh. They demand an increase of 20 per cent, on the present price of labor.

PROBLEMS OF THE INVASION.—Latest news has been received from the seat of slaughter, Scotts the world-be-here, and his deluded blackland followers from the "Halls of Montezuma" that at last advised, while a Mexican army of 14,000 had advanced between them and the abysmal hills. The butchery of late had been on a small scale comparatively, but large enough to add to our overwhelming injury. "No three men now alive on this continent will more richly deserve the execrations of posterity than Polk, Taylor, and Scott.—*Young America.*

ANOTHER STRIKE ON THE WATER WORKS.—We understand that the laborers upon the line of Water Works between Newton and Cambridge, to the number of 200, stopped work this morning. They claim an advance of price from \$1.00 per day, at which they have heretofore been working.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BOSTON, June 2, 1847.

DEAR VICE.—An anniversary week is at length over (in our city, at least) and no one who has not lingered on our crowded thoroughfares and yet more crowded meetings, can realize the comparative quiet which reigns throughout our streets this evening. The Anti Slavery Convention, which was held in Marlborough Chapel, commenced on the morning of the 25th and continued until Thursday night. Speeches were delivered by Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Wm. H. Channing, Parker Pillsbury, Chas. L. Remond, — Brown, S. S. Foster, and others whose names I do not recollect. Frederick Douglass, who was elected President, was expected to deliver an address but was prevented by sickness. Wednesday evening Mrs. Lampert, M. A., from Philadelphia, arose to speak but was unable to do so on account of the noise made by the *theorists*, many of whom probably supposed her to be Abby Folsom, ascries of Abby! Abby! were mingled with their stamping and hisses. On Thursday evening the mob evidently came prepared to do a row, and had the four Police Officers who were there done their duty, and attended to the affair in season all would have been well; but they took no notice of the noise, and the mob gaining courage from the circumstance, threw down the lights, tore the seats to pieces, ground, hissed, and leaped about like a set of incarnate fiends. The gentleman who was addressing was stopped in the middle of his speech, as it was utterly impossible to proceed. On the first rush of the mob may supposed the building to be on fire and added not a little to the confusion by attempting to force their way out. They soon learned the true state of affairs, however, and quietly awaited the restoration of order. The Police finally arrested two or three of the ring leaders and carried them to the "lock-up" which succeeded in quelling the tumult. The meeting was formally adjourned, and the people returned to their homes deeply impressed with the fact that the law affords them no protection against the insolent *theorists* who abuse by word and disgrace to our city. Sabbath afternoon Mrs. Mott delivered a lecture at the Melodeon and it is to be hoped that the respectful attention which she met with from the highly intelligent audience assembled there to hear her, may in some measure atone for the disgraceful treatment she received at the Marlboro' Chapel. George Combe calls her the most intellectual woman in America; and although I believe it to be saying rather too much, I willingly concede that she is a remarkable woman. Though averse to linking females speaking in public, the gentle dignity of Mrs. Mott's manners, the purity of her diction and the boldness of her sentiments divested me of all prejudices while listening to her.

The Associationists held their meeting in Washington Hall, and though there were not so many there as world have been, had the notice being given earlier, they had quite a respectable house, and what they lacked in quantity, was more than made up in quality. Very interesting speeches were delivered by Misses. Channing, White, Ripley, Orvis and Dwight.

Friday the Washingtonians, God bless them, had a meeting in the afternoon and a public in the evening. At the close of the afternoon meeting, some friends and myself went into the upper part of the building and were surprised and delighted to behold the comfortable provision which the Society had made for the poor degraded inebriate. The room contained several neat and comfortable beds for the accommodation of such poor creatures as they found drunk in the streets without friends or home. Two other rooms were filled with garments of almost every description whereby to clothe them when they came to their senses. It is cheering to hear these noble Washingtonians (who not content with words alone go to work with their hands also) relate their own past history and then leave us to contrast it with the present. Such men as Hawkins and Porter are living illustrations of the truth of "Temperance Reform" and when we hear them speak so earnestly and hopefully of the future we cannot but feel confident that they must and will succeed. Thompson, Cole, Hoxam, and others delivered short addresses in the evening, and "The Wright Family" discoursed some of their sweetest music to us. Those four young sisters did fair to ride a high position in the musical world, and I trust they will, for their sweet voices are not easily forgotten.

The first season of the "Italian Opera" (I hope) closes to night. I would that I could give you a faint conception of Fortunata Tedesco singing, but it is impossible. It is such music as I have dreamed of, but never heard before. But the leaves us this week and we must make up our mind to do without her, for the voice of herself, Rainier and DuVita will never be forgotten by hundreds who feel that their hearts have been made pure and better by hearing them. Mrs. Barrett is playing at the Museum and draws full houses. Millie Blangy will reappear at the Howard Atheneum in a short time. The tide of emigration still flows on, hundreds and hundreds of the poor emigrating Irish are seeking

refuge among us. What can be done for them?

BOSTON, June 7, 1847.
DEAR VICE.—I have to tell our brother of the "Pleasure Boat" that there came on an "indunction" from a high place against that part of the cargo of this gallant little craft which was captured by the Voice of last week. I didn't let it last to tell from what quarter came such a "show of nonsense," accompanied with such tempestuous gusts of wind. As often upon the circulation of the paper was the loss of two or three subscribers persons who were listeners to the harangue of one who was ascertained that we should select such *ideologues* as there never being such gross inconsistency as denouncing the Mexican War, and calling Taylor a murderer. Such selections were enough to kill the paper, and he would not read another word. This man was a Whig; a professor of religion; anti-slavery and anti-slavery and Lyceum lecturer. In anti-slavery. He had slaveholders, but then he would vote for them because circumstances required it; and because a man sold men, women and children, it was no reason why they would not make good slaves. Then he had read "Yours from the Cotton City," and this "Spinning Jenny" said nothing of a need of reforming our mills, and guessed the paper was muddled, for "OH! holy nature! why does he not speak of a reform?" that is the question; not who this personage is who claims to be a *narrator* for it has already been ascertained that he is "Spinning Jenny" and nothing else? "I have not got for sale yet that he called our sheet the "Voice of Folly." I see in the Mail of June 2d, he has got "on high sail, in a pair of patent boots." Perhaps this was the only way to raise himself as a Doctor.

But I will return to the subject of copying from the "Pleasure Boat." Being asked to read something about the war, and General Taylor, I thought best to give them something from the "Captain's Office." All seemed to listen before I got through they exclaimed, "that's good; it is first rate; we like to see men not afraid to speak against this war, and the miserable shuffling, shifting set of editors who stoop to the blind leaders of the blind." Here I named two subscribers which more than made up the loss of the approbation of the war Whig man. Some of the Boston folks wonder that I am not discouraged and worn out in the service; and we believe there are no girls equal to those factory girls who print magazines and newspapers, and none deserving of good husbands; and above all, should have the hearty endorsement of the many in support of a paper that has for its object the glorification of the condition of the working men and working women, by enlightening public sentiment. I should be happy to comply with the invitation of a friend, and say something upon the subject of Native Americanism, but do not understand their principles, and feeling a great sympathy for the unfortunate sons of Erin, who have ever worn the yoke of oppression, and are now furnishings in consideration of their sad woes I could not think of sending them back to poor Ireland. I regret that the tide of emigration has caused to throw many of our mechanics out of employment as I have heard since I came to Boston, and they tell me it is the cause of these "hard times" and if we mean our paper shall live, we must take hold of Native Americanism. Thanks to those who have sent me papers on this subject, and to those who send their babies, we always find time to read them, which is a source of great pleasure, and I am much indebted to those who bestowed such favors.

N. B. I would invite those of the sisterhood who are on the lookout for cheap and nice furniture in this city or Lowell, to look at the advertisement of Misses. Allen & Beals, that they may know where to get the best bargains.

Note.—We would inform our sister that she need give herself no uneasiness on account of "the principles" of the Native Americans; as it is yet to be learned that they have any. "Preserving men for opinions" sake may do very well for a bigoted priest, but will not answer for those who acknowledge the brotherhood of man, and are "doing their master's work."

The CHAMPION OF AMERICAN LABOR is the title of a paper lately started in New York City. It is a large, well printed paper, but we believe the working classes would be doing worse than throwing away their money in supporting it unless it shall advocate either righteous measures than it does in the number forwarded us or additional ones. It advocates the demanding such duties on imported labor as would save the American laboring classes in exclusive possession of the home labor market? Now the editor and publishers of this paper ought to know that so long as the soil is a subject of speculation it will be held as such, prices as to be beyond the reach of the working classes generally; that those of necessity labor at such prices as we can get, that every rise in the price of land, places it so much the farther beyond their reach, making them more dependent still; that property is rapidly going into the hands of the few, thus increasing the number of

such as are compelled to labor for wages; that already one-fourth part of the mechanics, &c. of this country cannot find employment except by underbidding others, and that this number of surplus laborers, this constant underbidding and lowering of wages is making the condition of the laborer more helpless and dependent. If the importation of foreigners was entirely stopped—which is impossible—these causes, together with the great advantages which our laws give to money, labor will gradually, unless a radical remedy is put in operation, bring the masses of this country into the same condition in which the masses of Europe now are. The present rapid importation of foreign laborers will of course hasten this catastrophe; but if it must come we prefer to have it come as fast as possible. "It may be possible to gradually reduce us to the condition of the Irish, so that we will starve to death by thousands in the midst of plenty without grumbling at it, but let this condition be forced upon us rapidly, let us be brought to starvation while we can still remember times of plenty and comparative independence—and we shall not be prepared to submit to it without attempting to better our condition though the effort should result in a bloody instruction, which would give us either into the arms of liberty or death."

There should be no objections offered to the importation of all able bodied foreigners—if the public funds were made free in limited quantities to actual settlers, and a limit fixed to the quantity which any one might obtain possession of hereafter, the working classes would no longer be the slaves they now are—they would be perfectly independent, and foreigners instead of rotting in our alms houses at our expense, would then be added to the number of producers. We have wild land enough to put the whole of Europe on if they wish. We desire to see the surplus labor of our own, as well as other countries permitted to locate on the western lands, and added to the number of those who earn their own living and add to the wealth and prosperity of our country.

There is not now advocated, and we believe cannot be any reform carried out, which shall be a radical remedy for the wrongs of labor except the "hard reform." Nor are we alone in this opinion. A very large share of the talent of the country—the public newspapermen—of philanthropists and politicians are with us. We should be glad here to give our readers the testimony of the Bible on the fundamental question of Blackstone, Paley, Paine, Channing, Veney, Carlile, Fourier, Evans, Birrell, Spence, Gray, Jaques, Jefferson, Jackson, Benton, Birney, Smith, &c. &c., but our article is already too long.—*Northampton Democrat.*

MOVEMENTS.—Mr. Birney (James G.) has sent in his adhesion to the call of a Convention, put forth by Messrs. Goodell & Jackson, and others. From this, it seems he is in favor of organizing a new political party.

Young America, the organ of the Land Reformers, shows a warm side for them, and remarks—Aschase Liberty men adopt all the national reform land measures, and as the National Reformers expect to have candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, some means ought to be devised of uniting the strength of both parties on the same candidates."

Mr. Birney, we presume, will be the candidate for the new party.—[*National Era*]

Don't be too presumptuous, friend Era.—The National Reformers have not begun to think who shall be their candidate; but, in case these Liberty men and the National Reformers should unite upon one who is in favor of Haines for all, may they not reasonably expect for him the support of every friend of universal freedom? I do not know that there is any probability that these people can, but it seems to me quite clear that they ought, to unite on a candidate.—*Young America.*

FLOUR is said to be \$20 a barrel in the Magdalene Island, Gulf of St. Lawrence. There is great destitution there, and also in Cape Breton.

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