

LAST HOURS OF JAMES K. POLK.

The following account of the last illness and death of James K. Polk, late President of the United States, possesses a melancholy interest, which we know will be appreciated by most of our readers.

NASHVILLE, June 16, 1849. Interesting Account of the Last Days of James K. Polk, Ex-President of the United States.

Mr. Polk had suffered from diarrhoea, on his way up the Mississippi river from New Orleans, in March, but the attack passed off, and he reached this city in good health.

Having taken up his abode here, the Ex-President gave himself up to the improvement of the grounds, and was seen every day about his dwelling, aiding and directing the workmen he had employed.

For the three first days, his friends felt no alarm. But the disease baffling their skill, (and for skillful physicians, Nashville will compare with the first cities in the Union) Dr. Hay, his brother-in-law, and family physician for twenty years, was sent for from Columbia.

Upon the coffin was a plain silver plate, with these words: JAMES K. POLK, BORN NOVEMBER 1795, DIED JUNE 15, 1849.

The body lies in state to-day. The noble drawing room are shrouded in black, and every window in mourning with black scarfs of crape.

The funeral took place at four o'clock this afternoon, Masonic ceremonies being first performed in the drawing room over the body.

From the house the funeral cortege, which was very large, all pieces of business being closed by order of our Mayor, proceeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church, where, after services performed by the Rev. Mr. McFerrin, it was conveyed to the cemetery, followed by a vast concourse of citizens.

Mr. Polk sent for the Rev. Dr. Edgar, of the Presbyterian Church, seven days before his death, desiring to be baptized by him. He said to him impressively:

The Rev. Doctor made known to him the assurance and promises of the gospel that mercifully run parallel with man's life. Mr. Polk then remarked that he had been prevented from baptism in infancy by some accidental occurrence, that he had been several times strongly inclined to be baptized during his administration, but that the cares and perplexities of public life hardly gave him time for the solemn preparation requisite, and so procrastination had ripened into inaction, when it was now almost too late to act.

therefore sent for the Rev. Dr. Edgar, made known this obligation, and expressed his intention to be baptized by his friend the Methodist minister.

His mother, wise as she is pious, did not hesitate to give her consent; and in the presence of the Rev. Dr. Edgar, and the Rev. Mr. Muck, of Columbia, the ex-President received the right of baptism, at the hands of the Rev. Mr. McFerrin.

Mr. Polk has died worth about one hundred thousand dollars, the bulk of which is settled upon his amiable lady; who, it is to be hoped, will long make this city her abode—an ornament to society, for "all lips do praise her."

From the Kentucky. Mr. Editor:—Some two or three weeks ago you gave us a fancy sketch, in which you represent the sisters of our confederacy as rural nymphs, and describe our own honored State as a beautiful, young and lovely girl, walking about over the greenward with the Goddess of Liberty.

I have been waiting with great impatience for you to finish the picture, and give us a view, through fancy's glasses, of the little sisterhood—particularly some of our little sore-eyed sisters of the north-west.

Ohio stands next to Kentucky, well dressed, with a brazen face like a grocery girl, who runs about amidst her noisy customers and nests of wooden pails, and bunches of brooms, and dodges her head under whitewash brushes and bacon hams that hang overhead.

Illinois, an athletic, swarthy thing boasts not, but wants to have it understood she's brave and intellectual. She speaks not but gazes on the monument that tells of Hardin's deeds, and drops a tear, then looks approvingly on Douglas, Breese and others.

Wisconsin peeps around the corner of the lake. A huge free negro standing by, bellows "let me vote." The stripling girl with matted hair, just entered her teens, seems awed by such a beast, and stands, with one red scaly foot upon the other, shivering in doubt and dread.

Pennsylvania, straight, laced, starched to hide her wrinkles, frowns at haughty South Carolina. Van Buren in the rear pats David Wilnot on the back, and David smacks his fists at all who deal in slaves—swearing that negroes are the greatest folks alive.

Virginia, like a stately matron stands erect, pointing to Vernon; or eye fixed on vacancy, and thinks the eyes of the world are fixed on her. When she is asked to build a rail-road, or improve her agriculture, or to colonize her free negroes, or do any other practical thing, she repeats a latin sentence, and says, "consolidation is encroaching there—see its talons fasten on that little State."

North Carolina seems not to care much for anything but catching fish. Dressed in a flowing robe of purest white stands South Carolina. Upon her ample forehead dignity's enthroned, and all her face is faultless save her lip—this wants the plumpness and the genial warmth of mutual friendship, and in their stead is high resolve and generous condescension.

Excuse the rough pencilings of a STUDENT.

COTTON SEED EXTRACTOR. The New York Farmer and Mechanic says: This new invention of Mr. Stephen R. Parkhurst, is said to be the most perfect machine of the kind, and will prove of the greatest advantage to all branches of the cotton manufacture.

The machine is of the simplest construction, and it seems a wonder that the idea had not been long since suggested. It is composed mainly of two cylinders, closely set together, a feeder, and the ordinary fan.

The cause was a common one, and he thought he could prescribe for it without losing his reputation as a conjurer. "The remedy is a simple one," said he, "and I have never known it to fail." Always meet your husband with a smile.

EXECUTION.—Negroes Charles and Jimmy, who were convicted of the murder of John Morrison, the watchman at Lucas Mill, expired their crime upon the gallows in the jail yard yesterday morning at a quarter past 7 o'clock.

THE RIGHT REV. MR. TYLER, Roman Catholic Bishop, died at Providence on the 18th ult.

LAZINESS.

We regard laziness as one of the most crying evils of the present day; and we believe that we could not do society a greater service than to take up our parable against it.

"Six days shall thou labor and do all thy work." is a part of the Commandment; and we hold that he who spends these six days in idleness is just as great an offender against the law as he who does not remember the seventh, "the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

But suppose an individual is not under the necessity of laboring with his hands or head for a livelihood—shall he still be compelled to work? Yes, or not; for it is contrary to the laws of nature for a man to consume the fruits of the earth without doing something to restore to the common stock as much at least as he takes from it.

The idler, then, whether rich or poor, ought to be arraigned at the bar of public opinion as a criminal of the most atrocious class; and should be dealt with accordingly.

But the prevalence of idleness seems to sanctify it in the public estimation. We scarcely ever hear a discourse from the sacred desk—no matter what the text may be—which is not garnished with an eloquent episode or two against the offence of Sabbath breaking;

There was no heart in that audience which did not thrill with indignation upon consideration of our wrongs—which did not join with the Speaker in his appeal to Heaven, to avert the crumbling of this fair fabric—to prevent the destruction of this goodly heritage, and, in any event, there was no true man there who was not ready to exclaim with the Speaker:

"Land of the South, Imperial Land, Then here's a health to thee. Long as thy mountain barriers stand, Mayst thou be blest and free. May dark dimension's banner never wave Over thy fertile land. But should it come, here's one will die To save his native Home."

INFLUENCE OF A SMILE.—It is related in the life of a celebrated mathematician, William Hutton, that a respectable looking countrywoman called upon him one day, anxious to speak with him. She told him, with an air of secrecy, that her husband behaved unkindly to her, and sought other company, frequently passing his evenings from home, which made her feel extremely unhappy, and knowing Mr. Hutton to be a wise man, she thought he might be able to tell her how she could manage to cure her husband.

THE DAY OF EXECUTION OF JAMES BROWN, in aiding and abetting slaves of John Truesdell in leaving the State has been postponed by His Excellency the Governor, until the last Friday in August.

WE LEARN ALSO, that the Governor has remitted the fine imposed by a Court of Magistrate and Freeholders, upon Zach. Bowen, of this District, for not sufficiently clothing and feeding his slaves.

DAY OF NATIONAL HUMILIATION. President Taylor has recommended that the first Friday in August be observed throughout United States, as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, to avert the dreadful visitation of that pestilence, the cholera, which the Providence of God has permitted to ravage the country.

HON. WM. C. PRESTON of South Carolina, "says the Danville Register," accompanied by his lady, passed through this place on Sunday last, on his way to the Virginia Springs.

TESTIMONIAL TO GALLANTRY.—The Medals awarded to the Charleston Company of the Palmetto Regiment of Volunteers by the City Council, were presented on the 4th, by His Honor the Mayor.

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Wednesday Morning, July 11, 1849. W. THURLOW CASTON, EDITOR.

CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH.

Engagements elsewhere prevented us from being present at the celebration in this place, but a friend has kindly furnished us with the following notice:

The 73d Anniversary of our National existence dawned upon us bright and beautiful, genial and bland as a May day, yet bracing as October. At early dawn, the boom of cannon, the merry peal of bells, and the glorious "standard sheet" proudly floating from our venerable steeple, announced that America's sons were again called on to celebrate their natal day, and to do honor to the memory of those choice spirits who had achieved their country's greatness by their own ruin.

The services of the day were introduced by the Rev. Dr. S. S. Davis, who read from 26th Numbers the blessings of God upon a virtuous people—a most appropriate selection—one most fitting the day and the occasion.

After reading, the Rev. Doctor poured forth from the depths of his heart a full measure of thanks to the Great Ruler of Nations, who had so long marked us as His "chosen people," and implored a continuance of His divine guidance and cherishing care.

The Choir sang in fine style a patriotic ode, after which the Declaration of Independence was read in a clear and impressive manner, by Dr. C. J. Shannon.

The Convention resumed its sittings at 4 o'clock, in the Methodist Church, where after a few hours it closed its deliberations.

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SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

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- Bro. W. E. HUGHSON W. P. T. J. WARREN, W. A. Z. J. DEHAY, R. S. G. B. SHIVER, A. R. S. L. W. BALLARD, F. S. W. M. SHANNON, T. F. L. VILLEPIGUE, C. J. B. F. BOONE, A. C. PETER OAKS, I. S. G. W. HOWELL, O. S.

CADETS OF TEMPERANCE.

The following brethren were on Friday evening 6th inst., duly installed as Officers of Kershaw Section No. 4, to serve for the present quarter.

- ROBT. A. MICKLE, W. A. WILLIAM CRIFTON, V. A. WILLIAM L. DEPASS, S. JOHN J. MCKAIN, A. S. RICHARD T. CAFFERS, T. THOMAS G. PREGUES, A. T. WILLIAM D. MASON, G. THOMAS B. LEE, U. CHARLES E. BONNEY, W. JOHN M. ...

TEMPERANCE CELEBRATION IN COLUMBIA.

A Temperance Convention was held in Columbia on the 4th of July, which in connexion with the citizens of the Town, celebrated in grand style, the birthday of our National Independence.

An imposing array of the beauty of the Town was found already assembled. S. Olin Talley Esq., on the part of the citizens delivered the anniversary oration, well written and well spoken.

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ILLNESS OF MR. CLAY.

The reply of Mr. Calhoun to the attack made upon him by Senator Benton was not yet made its appearance, as was expected.

Mr. CALHOUN'S ADDRESS.—We are prevented by circumstances beyond our control from publishing this address this week. It will appear in our next.

ILLNESS OF MR. CLAY.—A telegraphic dispatch in the Baltimore Sun, dated July 5, says: The Hon. Henry Clay was attacked with cholera on Tuesday last, but nothing has since been heard of his condition, and there is great anxiety expressed by the community to know the result.

Governor French, of Illinois, has determined to call an extra Session of the Legislature this fall, for the election of a United States Senator, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the ineligibility of General Shields.

FOREIGN NEWS. Such now is the regularity and rapidity with which the Atlantic is crossed, and the great increase in steamers, that we have scarcely time to give the news of one, before another arrives.

On Wednesday, the 13th ult., in Paris an attempted insurrection on the part of the Red Republicans, was put down by the prompt measures of the Government.

The French Army and the Romans, on the 20th of May, had another most sanguinary engagement near Rome. They have been engaged in a series of combats, and the advantages are claimed by both parties.

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