

GENERAL HALPINE'S LAST POEM.

The last poem written by the late General Charles G. Halpine (Private Miles O'Reilly) is given below. It was read on Wednesday of last week at the festival held at Jones' Wood, New York, to commemorate the heroism and patriotism of the Irish soldiers who fell in the late war for the Union.

LINES FOR THE DAY. To raise a column o'er the dead, To strew with flowers the graves of those Who long ago, in storms of lead And under the bolts of battle sped, Beside us faced our Southern foes; To honor these—the unshriven, unhearsed,— To-day we sad survivors come, With colors draped and arms reversed, And all our souls in gloom immersed, And with silent file and muffled drum.

In mournful guise our banners wave, Black clouds above the "sun burst" lower; We mourn the true, the young, the brave, Who for this land that shelter gave, Drew swords in peril's deadliest hour,— For Irish soldiers, fighting here, As when Lord Wellington advanced, And Cumberland beheld with fear The old green banner swinging clear To shield the broken lines of France.

We mourn them—not because they died In battle, for our dearest race In every field of warlike pride From Limerick's wall to India's tide— Have borne our flag to foremost place— As if each sought the soldier's trade. While some dim hope within him glows, Before he dies, in line arrayed, To see the old Green Flag displayed For final fight with Ireland's foes.

For such a race the soldier's death Seems not a cruel death to die— Around their names a laurel wreath, A wild cheer as the parting breath, On which their spirits mount the sky; O had their hope been only won— On Irish soil, their final flight And had they seen, ere sinking down, Our Emerald torn from England's crown, Each dead face would have flashed with light.

But vain are words to check the tide Of widowed grief and orphaned woe; Again we see them by our side As full of youth, and strength, and pride— They flit about to meet the foe! Their kindling eyes, their steps elate, Their grief at parting hid in mirth; Against our foes no spark of hate— No wish but to preserve the State That welcomes all the oppressed of earth.

Not a new Ireland to invoke— To guard the flag as all they sought; Not to make others feel the yoke Of Poland, fell the shot and stroke Of those who in the Legion fought; Upon our great flag's azure gem— This cause on many a bloody field, Thinned out by death, they would not yield— It was the world's last hope to them.

O ye, the small surviving band, O Irish race wherever spread, With willing voice and wringing hand, And with the keens of the old dear land, Think of her Legion's countless dead, Struck out of life by ball or blade, Or torn in fragments from the shield, With briefest prayer by brother made, And ruddy in their blankets laid, Now sleep the brave who fought so well. Their wounds—tell not them of pride, No laurels check the gleam of their eyes, Only feel the world is wide, And dark and hard—no help nor guide— No husband's arm, no Father's care; But at their woe our fields were won, And pious pity for their loss. In streams of generous aid should run To help them say "They will be done," As bent in grief they kiss the Cross.

Then for the Soldiers and their Chief Let all combine a shout to raise— The double type of pride and grief, With many a scripture and relief To tell their tale to after days; And here will shine—our proudest boast— While one of Irish blood survives— "Sacred to that unflinching host— Of soldiers from a distant coast— Who for the Union gave their lives." "Welcomed they were with generous hand, And to that welcome nobly true, When war's dread tocsin filled the land, With swiftness arm and swinging brand, With slayers to the rescue led; Their fealty to the Flag they gave, And for the Union daring death, Foremost among the foremost bravest, They welcomed victory and the grave In the same sigh of parting breath." Thus be their modest history penned, But not in our love most cease; Let prayers from pious hearts ascend, And o'er their ashes let us bend. All funds and factions into peace; Oh, men of Ireland! here unite— Around the graves of those we love, And from their homes of endless life The Legion's dead will bless the sight And rain down anthems from above! Here to this shrine by reverence led, Let love her sacred lessons teach— Shoulder to shoulder rise the dead, From many a trench with battle red, And thus I hear their ghostly speech: "Oh, for the old Earth, and our sake Renounce all feuds, engendering fear— And Ireland from her traces shall wave, Striving once more her chains to break When all her sons are brothers here."

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The Late Bank Defalcation in Boston.

From the Boston Advertiser, Aug. 2. The following, purporting to be a sketch of how the late bank defalcation occurred, and the manner of its accomplishment, we copy from the Saturday Evening Gazette. It derives its main importance from the inference that it was prepared by the defuncting cashier, whose conduct, however, it contains nothing to justify and but little to excuse—

A man calls at a certain bank and expresses a desire to open an account, intimating that it will not be worth much, yet as a matter of convenience he would like the favor. Upon due inquiry he is found to be respectable, and accordingly accepted. For quite a period the manner of conducting his business has the appearance of care and system. But at the bank the business has increased rapidly. Depositors have been added daily, and in every department the work has doubled, with no additional assistance. A daily and a weekly cashier in the book-keepers' department, in which centres in this bank all the details of the institution. As a national bank, the work has increased the necessity of making many returns, especially if many large and accurate returns are required. Consequently the work unwittingly and unintentionally gets behindhand. In every bank a daily balance is required, proved. Here the balances were checked without the proof, the book-keeper hoping and all believing that every day would give him the opportunity and leisure to make up the lost ground. But the business is too large, too immense to admit of it. Hence the opportunity for large and numerous blunders. The daily balance which ought to show the real condition of the bank, is made up for want of this very proof; the book-keeper is fearful, nervous, and ambitious, and from other causes dislikes to ask or aid in the making of a check. The accounts are made up of confused and irregular, and blunders and complaints are frequent. In this dilemma our friend first spoken of, apparently has overdrawn the book-keeper's credit on him, states what he thinks the fact, and the book-keeper, of course, the book-keeper feels uncertain, and being unable to furnish proof, and returns to examine, and see if it be so or not; at the same time fear of being wrong, he is unable to have our friend's check returned. The account, however, is unquestionably overdrawn, and again the book-keeper calls on our friend and insists that he must look the matter up. The checks are asked for, and behold, such as were not accounted for, are accounted for, although not marked so, have been presented and paid. The fear that possesses the mind of the book-keeper no longer can tell. Fear is the strongest emotion that can seize upon the human mind, and he is so overcome that our friend promised immediately to cover the overdraft from resources already negotiated or controlled by all the feelings that a man can experience when placed in such a terrible position. He has no other alternative (a large amount) coupled with promises the book-keeper consents to wait. The account is still enlarging, and our friend does not seem to meet his promises. The book-keeper calls again to have our friend's check returned. He is coming—and the accounts will be made good. Fear and overwork have done sad work for the book-keeper, and he knows not what to do. Having no adviser or counsellor, he waits for our friend by means of his warrant-ably obtained, begins to increase and move out in different channels of business—stating by so doing he can save the bank, the book-keeper and himself. Day by day, week by week, month by month, the account grows along, almost every day the book-keeper calling on our friend and beseeching the terrible alarm by positive assurance that he can recover himself, but wants a little more time.

At this juncture the book-keeper very unexpectedly is offered the berth of cashier of the bank, which he accepts, taking with him part of the accounts, among them our friend's, but this he cannot keep long, as it would seem that he has been deceived. He is now in a different channel of business—stating by so doing he can save the bank, the book-keeper and himself. Day by day, week by week, month by month, the account grows along, almost every day the book-keeper calling on our friend and beseeching the terrible alarm by positive assurance that he can recover himself, but wants a little more time.

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wonder is that the enormous taxes and military laws, which are onerous to the extreme, are borne at all. But, while the people groan under their burdens, the world calls Prussia powerful, and rejoices that one European power is able to awe the occupants of the Palaces. They forget that money is the mirror of war, and that the Great melted up the silver ornaments of the Prussian palaces, a century ago, to provide for them. The country has not grown richer meantime. The commerce of the Rhine has found other channels. The French "Napoleon" is current everywhere; the Prussian leader is rarely seen outside of the domains of William the First.— Correspondent Boston Journal.

RAILROAD LINES.

NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—THE MILBURN SHORT-LINE RAILROAD, direct line to Bethlehem, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, White Haven, Wilkesbarre, Mahanoy City, Scranton, Pottsville, and other points in the Lehigh and Wyoming counties. Passenger Depot in Philadelphia, N. W. corner of BUREAU and ARCH STREETS. ELEVEN DAILY TRAINS—On and after MONDAY, May 9, 1868, as follows:—A. M. Express, leaving Philadelphia at 6:30 A. M., for Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, White Haven, Wilkesbarre, Mahanoy City, Scranton, Pottsville, and other points in the Lehigh and Wyoming counties. Arrives at Mauch Chunk at 11:30 A. M., at Hazleton at 12:30 P. M., at White Haven at 1:30 P. M., at Wilkesbarre at 2:30 P. M., at Mahanoy City at 3:30 P. M., at Scranton at 4:30 P. M., at Pottsville at 5:30 P. M., and at Philadelphia at 6:30 P. M.

WEST CHESTER AND PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD.—On and after MONDAY, May 9, 1868, as follows:—A. M. Express, leaving Philadelphia at 6:30 A. M., for West Chester, arriving at 11:30 A. M. P. M. Express, leaving Philadelphia at 6:30 P. M., for West Chester, arriving at 11:30 P. M. Local trains, leaving Philadelphia at 7:30 A. M., 11:30 A. M., 3:30 P. M., and 7:30 P. M., for West Chester, and returning at 8:30 A. M., 12:30 P. M., 4:30 P. M., and 8:30 P. M.

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RAILROAD LINES.

READING RAILROAD.—GREAT TRUNK LINE from Philadelphia to the interior of Pennsylvania, the Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Delaware, York, Lancaster, and Berks counties, and the Canada, Summit, and Pennsylvania Passenger Trains, Monday, August 5, 1868, leaving the City at 6:30 A. M., for Reading, Pottsville, and other points in the Lehigh and Wyoming counties. Arrives at Reading at 11:30 A. M., at Pottsville at 12:30 P. M., at Mauch Chunk at 1:30 P. M., at Hazleton at 2:30 P. M., at White Haven at 3:30 P. M., at Wilkesbarre at 4:30 P. M., at Mahanoy City at 5:30 P. M., at Scranton at 6:30 P. M., at Pottsville at 7:30 P. M., and at Philadelphia at 8:30 P. M.

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RAILROAD LINES.

1868 FOR NEW YORK.—THE CAMDEN AND BURLINGTON RAILROAD COMPANY LINES, FROM PHILADELPHIA TO NEW YORK, AND VICE VERSA. PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1868, leaving the City at 6:30 A. M., for Camden and Jersey City, arriving at Camden at 11:30 A. M., and Jersey City at 12:30 P. M. P. M. Express, leaving Philadelphia at 6:30 P. M., for Camden and Jersey City, arriving at Camden at 11:30 P. M., and Jersey City at 12:30 A. M.

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AUCTION SALES.

M. THOMAS & SONS, NOS. 139 AND 141 S. 4TH ST. HANDSOME FURNITURE, PIANO-FORTE, FIRE-GRATES, BRASS AND IRON WORK, AND OTHER CARPETS, &c. On Thursday Morning, August 6, at 10 o'clock, will be sold, by public auction, a large assortment of superior furniture, including—Suits, hand-made walnut parlor and chamber sets, mahogany piano-forte, sideboards, extension tables, chairs and glassware, beds and bedsteads, washstands, desks, office furniture, dining-line, mahogany Brussels and other carpets, &c. FIRE-PROOF SAFE—by order of Executor, superior Fire-Proof Safe, made by Farrell & Herring.

THOMAS BIRCH & SON, AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, NO. 1110 CHESTNUT STREET, DISTANCE NO. 1167 SASSON AT SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, TWO BROWNWOOD PIANOS, FRENCH PLATE MANTELS, AND OTHER FURNITURE, TABLES, TRAPES, AND IN-GRAIN CARPETS, &c. On Friday Morning, August 7, at 10 o'clock, will be sold, by public auction, a large assortment of Superior new and second-hand Furniture, comprising—Suits, mahogany piano-forte, sideboards, extension tables, chairs and glassware, beds and bedsteads, washstands, desks, office furniture, dining-line, mahogany Brussels and other carpets, &c. Also, a superior PIANO-FORTE. Also, at 11 o'clock, will be sold 2 elegant rooming-rooms, situated on Chestnut Street.

BUNTING, DUBROW & CO., AUCTIONEERS, NO. 222 AND 234 MARKET ST. FIRST LARGE SALE OF BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, &c. On Friday Morning, August 7, at 10 o'clock, on four months' credit, 37,974 FIRST LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF CARPETS, IN-OIL CLOTHS, &c. On Friday Morning, August 7, at 10 o'clock, on four months' credit, 37,974 LARGE FERRYPORT SALE OF 2000 CASES BOOTS, SHOES, TRAVELLING BAGS, &c. On Friday Morning, August 7, at 10 o'clock, on four months' credit, 37,974

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LIPPINCOTT, SON & CO., AUCTIONEERS, 240 MARKET STREET. FIRST LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF 1000 LOTS AMERICAN AND IMPORTED DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, AND FURNITURE, &c. On Friday Morning, August 7, at 10 o'clock, will be sold, by public auction, 1000 lots American and imported Dry Goods, Notions, and Furniture, &c. On Friday Morning, August 7, at 10 o'clock, will be sold, by public auction, 1000 lots American and imported Dry Goods, Notions, and Furniture, &c.

MARTIN BROTHERS AUCTIONEERS, NO. 62 CHESTNUT ST., rear entrance from Minor. RAILROAD LINES. BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD. Trains between WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE, AND WASHINGTON AND THE WEST are now running as follows:—FOR BALTIMORE. Leave daily, except Sunday, at 7:00 A. M. and 12:30 P. M. Leave Baltimore, except Sunday, at 7:00 A. M. and 12:30 P. M. FOR WASHINGTON SOUTH OF ANNAPOLIS. Leave at 6:15 and 7:00 A. M., and at 2:00 and 4:30 P. M. FOR ANNAPOLIS. Leave at 7:00 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. No train to or from Annapolis on SUNDAY.

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