

### CONSUL OWEN—THE VICTIMS.

We take the following *expose* of the miserable falsehoods of Mr. Filmore's Consul at Havana, from the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, written by an eye-witness. It presents a humiliating picture of official heartlessness, which must bring the flush of shame to the cheek of every American:

DEAR SIR: I see a letter going the rounds of the newspapers, from Allen F. Owen, U. S. Consul at Havana. Permit me, through the columns of your paper, to correct some of his statements in regard to his conduct toward Col. Crittenden's command, and other American prisoners since confined in the Punta at Havana. In the first place he says:

"I reside about four miles from this place, and not being well on the morning of the 16th, did not reach my office until some time after 10 o'clock, where, for the first time, I heard of the capture of about fifty of the men who came with Lopez to this island, in the steamer Pampero. I, at the same time, heard that the prisoners had been tried, found guilty, condemned, ordered to be executed, the order for their execution sent forward, and that they were about being removed from the harbor, where they were, to the place of execution."

This is the most perfect collection of falsehoods I ever met with, and is only equalled in absurdity by the audacity of the man in thus attempting to justify his conduct through the American press. He does not live four or five miles out of town, nor was he sick at the time referred to. He did know in the time of the arrest of Col. Crittenden and his party, and was sent for by them, and positively refused to see them on the score that they were outlaws. The American, German and English citizens resident in Havana, will testify to this whenever called upon.

The American Consul's assertion that the prisoners had been tried, found guilty and condemned, is a falsehood that every man in the United States, at all acquainted with Spanish law and Spanish rule, must see at once. It is not the custom to try prisoners in Havana, other than by the *garote* or shooting in the back, which Mr. Owen knew at the time he penned his letter, as well as the Governor-General did himself; and judging from his conduct, I should think he was more in dread of getting in prison himself than anxious to get others out. The Governor-General exercises great influences over cowardly wretches like Allen F. Owen, no matter what country they may hail from. Hence I account, in a great measure, for his neglect of duty in permitting the Americans to be shot.

With regard to the other prisoners, his conduct is equally outrageous. When I reached the prison I found eight or ten of my comrades there, and they all said that the Consul had not been to see them. I also sent the same evening, by an American merchant, at Havana, to Mr. Owen, and he refused to come, saying that our own government did not recognize us.—When Capt. Platt, of the sloop-of-war Albany, visited us, I sent to Mr. Owen by him, and he again refused to come.

Then Lieut. Taylor, of the Albany, said he would "make him come," and the next morning Mr. Owen paid us a visit with Capt. Platt. As he came in, the Americans gathered about him, and, for some reason, he backed through the door, and held conversation with us, with the *grates intervening*. I then asked him to assist me in corresponding with my friends in the United States. He refused to help me, and said that I would be sent to Spain.

Many of the prisoners then gave up all hope of assistance from the American Consul, and threw themselves on the protection of Mr. Crawford, the British Consul. Two of the Mississippi volunteers, Americans, called themselves Irishmen, in order to obtain assistance from the English Consul.

After I was released, and while remaining on board the ship *Norma*, the American Consul asked a friend of mine, from New Orleans, if I knew why I was released. My friend said no. Mr. Owen then said that he did not want the credit or the blame of my release to rest upon him.

My object in publishing this letter is to defend the reputation of my gallant companions now in prison, by refuting the falsehoods in Mr. Owen's letter, and to show to the American people the true character of their Consul at Havana.

Will the papers that have published Mr. Owen's letter, give this a place in their columns?  
J. A. KELLY.  
Late Captain Cuban Expedition.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.

The *Herald's* Washington private correspondent says despatches have been received at the Navy department from Commodore Morgan, together with private letters from highly respectable Americans abroad, which are calculated to dampen the enthusiasm in behalf of Kossuth. The despatches will be laid before Congress by the President at the earliest opportunity.

A correspondent of the *Courier and Enquirer*, writing also from Washington, states that the Spanish government exhibits additional anxiety in its despatches, by the last steamer, to obtain satisfaction for the injuries inflicted upon its Consul at N. Orleans. It is thought that when satisfaction is given, the American prisoners, now in Spain, will be released. The writer also says, it is understood, at Washington, that no appointment of Minister to France, to succeed Mr. Rives, will be made during the present administration, unless our relations with that country should assume such a shape as to require one. In the meantime, Mr. Sandford, Secretary of Legation, will perform the duties of the embassy.

The fleets on the W. India coast have been ordered to protect Cuba from an invasion.

THE ERIE.—The destruction by fire of the steamer Erie, about nine years ago, is doubtless well remembered. The immense loss of life on that occasion, was calculated to impress the event deep on the mind of the community. We learn from the *Silver Creek Mail*, that the wreck of the ill-fated vessel has again been discovered, submerged at a depth of sixty feet, about three miles from shore, opposite the town of Brandt, Erie Co. The hull has been visited in submarine armor, and was found in an upright position, favorable for stripping operations, which are to be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. [Buffalo Rep.]

Mrs. Farnham has been seen shingling her own house in California, clad in the Bloomer costume, as is her working day wont.

### CLOSING OF THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The London Correspondent of the N. Y. *Herald* writing under date of Oct. 10, says:

Yesterday was the last shilling day at the Crystal Palace. The number of visitors was above 90,000, and would have been considerably more, only at 9 A. M. a dense fog set in, which prevented many persons from going. The effect of the fog upon the machinery was curious. In the short space of two hours, the steel was covered with a thick coating of rust, which it would take many hours hard scrubbing to remove. On Thursday, the number of visitors was above 109,000! Saturday—to-morrow—being the last day, it is calculated there will be a great rush. This supposition will deter many from going there. Moreover, it is a half-crown day; and this will deter some.

The same correspondent gives the following interesting extract from the London Morning Chronicle, which is supposed to be the official organ of the Exhibition.

Influenced by the marvelous success which has attended this great undertaking, and convinced of the benefits which must accrue to the citizens of the United States from an Exhibition of a similar character in that country, steps have been taken for holding a preparatory one at New York in the next year. It will be remembered that, some time since, we published the circular issued by a committee of gentlemen at New York, on the subject of this projected World's Fair, and we stated that the proposition submitted to several continental governments, had met with considerable approbation. It is not contemplated in the present instance to arrange for an Exhibition upon so gigantic a scale as the present one, but it is proposed to erect a capacious building upon an eligible site, in the centre of the city of New York, which has been placed at the disposal of the projectors by one of its wealthiest and most influential citizens. The building will be constructed of iron and glass, upon a plan similar to the present structure in Hyde Park, and will be considered by the Government as a bonded warehouse. British and Foreign goods will be conveyed from the Thames, and from suitable ports in other countries, by first-class vessels provided by the directors and managers of the undertaking.

Upon the arrival at New York, the goods will be deposited in the building without any warehousing charges, and, upon their sale, remittances will be at once made to the owners. The various continental governments, including those of Austria, Rome, Spain, and several of the German States, have, we are informed, given their assent to the proposition; and a very large proportion of the articles now exhibited in the Foreign Departments, and which may remain unsold at the close of the Exhibition, will be sent direct to the United States. M. Monti, and the other principal Italian sculptors, have agreed to send specimens of their productions, and there is every reason to believe that the patronage which will be bestowed upon them in a country as yet young in art, and not possessing many works of this kind will be satisfactory. Several of the British sculptors, have also promised their support; and many of the manufacturers and machinists of this country, aware of the consequences to themselves of allowing their continental rivals to be alone represented in this transatlantic congress of art and industry, have also stated their intention of contributing to it.—Prospectuses setting out more fully and in detail, the nature of the intended exhibition, will be issued in a few days to each of the British exhibitors, inviting their concurrence, and we have no doubt the proposal will be responded to in a manner satisfactory to its liberal and influential projectors.

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### THE GRAND RIVER TIMES.

HENRY PENNOYER, EDITOR.

GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN,  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 12, 1851.

#### A Proclamation.

By JOHN S. BARRY, Governor of the State of Michigan.

In conformity with a custom long established, generally approved, and beneficial in its influence, I, JOHN S. BARRY, Governor of the State of Michigan, have thought proper to appoint, and, by these presents, do appoint THURSDAY, the twenty-seventh day of November next, as a day of public Thanksgiving and Prayer, and I do hereby recommend to the people of this State to set apart and observe the same accordingly; that they assemble on that day in their several places of public worship, and, with a just sense of dependence and a due appreciation of accountability, render thanks to the great Ruler of the Universe for the preservation of our Nation from foreign aggression and domestic convulsion, for continuance of public health, for bestowal of bountiful harvests, and for other crowning mercies; and, at the same time, in humility, to ask a continuance of the favors of Divine goodness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Lansing, in said [L. S.] State, this twenty-fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord 1851, and of the Independence of the United States the seventy-sixth.

By the Governor: JOHN S. BARRY.  
CHARLES H. TAYLOR, Secretary of State.

WE HAVE HEARD ENOUGH OF election news from the State at large, to lead us to believe that the democratic candidates are elected by very decisive majorities. In our own County, there has not been much of enthusiasm, the election has passed over very quietly; many of the whigs and a few of the democrats, have yet to learn that an election has been held. In the County of Ottawa, not one half the number of votes were polled this fall, that were last spring. The election of the Executive officers of this State is a matter of minor importance to many of our people; the election of two township officers in each town, will call more people to the polls, than can under any circumstances be induced to come up and vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. We believe and know, that this County is not alone in this apathetic feeling—many of the counties in the State are in the same predicament; the result is that the successful candidates, will constitutionally pass into the Executive Chairs by a mere minority of the whole vote of the State. In our opinion, the Convention that revised the Constitution, should have so arranged that instrument, as to have others than the Executive officers elected at the same time; if that Convention had made the offices of Circuit Court Commissioners and Notary Public elective, and to have been elected this fall, and every two years thereafter, the State would then have given at least a third larger vote than they now have, or ever will under the present arrangement.

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HAVING LATELY BEEN on a tour up Grand River, as far as Lansing, in company with Mr. HAWKS, of the *Allegan Record*, he being a gentleman of taste, and having heard him speak of the merits of the different hotels on the route, we feel bound to set down friend ISHAM, of Lyons, as No. one, in his new establishment with every thing about him, with his soul-stirring, accommodating disposition, he really takes the shine off of everything in the line on Grand River. Friends HUBBEL and IRISH, are equally as attentive to the comfort of the way-worn traveler, they are only excelled by friend ISHAM, in larger accommodations and his better style of fitting up, his extra fare. It was here for the first time in our lives, we had the gratification of seeing the *Hawks* devour chickens! it was done by seizing the fowl with both claws, and with the beak or bill, tearing the meat from the bones; in this case the chickens were so oily and fat, as to leave shining marks on the lower beak and breast of the *Hawk*, in the place where the ruffle used to be. We do not wish to detract or lessen one bit the fair fame or reputation of Messrs. HUBBEL, or IRISH, their Houses are of the first class, and excel in bills of fare, the best Houses at the Capital. Ionia and Lyons, has three good public Houses—and we say that a good, well regulated, orderly, well conducted public House, in a village or town, will do more than any other one thing, in extending the name and fame of that village or town toward the remote parts of the earth. Mr. ISHAM has set a good example; let all of our hotel keepers excel him if possible—on our northern route there should be a line of good hotels. Let our Grand Rapids men take the hint—rub up, scrub up, brighten up, throw away and discard the old, furnish new, keep up with the spirit of the times; so say we—that's all.

THE DETROIT ADVERTISER like its neighbor the *Free Press* appears

"In a dress spick and span new Without e'er a speck."

Not a "Bloomer," curtailed of fair proportions, but a "full length" likeness of the Times on a large scale, not our little *Times*, but the present go ahead times in which Typographic costumers are a race differing world wide from RICHARD CANTON or his suspicious ancestor old Faustus, of Beelzebub memory. We say with the *Free Press* "success attend all your well conducted enterprises" Mr. *Advertiser* and give us your *Times* as often as once a week, and we care not how much oftener.

WE HAVE RECEIVED Harpers's *Monthly Magazine*, No. 18, for November, and examined its contents, which fully sustain the unequalled reputation of this king of the Monthlies. "Napoleon," by Abbot, increases in interest; the story of "Reynard," is a perfect gem; and the continuations of "Sir Thomas Moore," "Maurice Tiernay," and "My Novel," render this Magazine the most readable book ever issued from Harper's prolific Press.

WE HAVE LAID YOUR suggestion before the committee, and your plan has been unanimously adopted. —By the way, hadn't you better make calculations to come over and go "up" on our road. You can do it upon one condition—that you shall go bare-foot, and quit chawin' ter-baeker. [Allegan Record.]

WE ARE OBLIGED to you for your kind suggestion. We fear however, that we shall be obliged to seek a quicker way, if it is to be built by the citizens of Allegan, unless we can get a long extension beyond the accustomed "three score years and ten."

THE DEMOCRATIC majority in the County of Ottawa, will not vary much from two hundred and forty; three towns remain to be heard from at the time of going to press.

THE DEMOCRATIC majority in the State, will be very large.

THE COUNTY COURT of this County, is now in session. His Honor, DENNIS A. REED, presiding, with some ability.

APPREHENSIVE.—The London *Times* is in tribulation for fear the newly discovered deposit of gold in Australia may attract the attention and cupidity of Brother Jonathan, and fears that he may be constrained from dipping into its resources, by a few scruples as English citizens, and those of other nations have manifested towards California: It says:

AS SOON as the Isthmus of Panama is opened by a railway—perhaps before—Australia will be at least as near to the United States as to the British Islands, and we know that Brother Jonathan is not over delicate as to the means he adopts to extend the power of the Republic in the New World. The *New York Herald*, which is the *Times* of the Republic, openly declares that the Republic will permit no European interference in matters relative to America, any more than the Republic is disposed to interfere in any European affair unless a provoked to it.—If the miraculous stories about the gold in Australia be true, there will soon be as many American as British vessels in that part of the world, and an army of "diggers," ready with spade, rifle or bowie knife, for any undertaking that promises to produce the "almighty dollar." Under such circumstances, Great Britain ought to knit her colonies as closely as possible to the mother country. We imagine that this is a position that none will call in question.

HEAVY DAMAGES.—C. H. McCormick, inventor and patentee of the Virginia Reaper, has been prosecuting Seymour & Morgan, of Brockport, N. Y., for an infringement of his patent. The case has just been tried before the U. S. District Court, at Albany, Judge Nelson presiding, and has resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff—damages \$17,606 66.

MR. L. J. SIGUR, late editor of the *New Orleans Delta*, is lying dangerously ill at Savannah, whither he went in hopes of saving the Pampero from confiscation. All his means are said to be invested in the speculation. [Free Press.]

ADVICES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED from Palmas Canary Islands, giving further particulars of the terrible pestilence at that port, and confirming the accounts which we recently published of the frightful mortality, which it had occasioned. The dates are to Sept. 4, three weeks later than our last advices.

SINCE THE disease first broke out, one-fifth of the whole population of 18,000 have been swept off, and the fever is still raging, though somewhat abated. It is not thought to be the cholera, for it is very contagious; but it resembles it, in the quickness with which death succeeds the attack. It is supposed to have been bro't to the island in a small vessel from the coast of Africa. The family of the American Consul (Mr. Torres) together with himself, are all dead with the exception of one child. He was a very worthy man, and had several handsome and interesting daughters, who were great favorites with the officers of American ships that touched there. Mr. Torres sent them all into the interior upon the first appearance of the pestilence; but hearing afterward that some of them were sick, he started off to join them, and on his arrival found them all dead, servants included with the exception of the child here mentioned. In less than five hours after he himself was a corpse. The panic and distress on the island is inconceivable. No communication is allowed with it from the adjacent islands, except from Tenerife, whence a small vessel sails twice a week for letters, to a port that has as yet escaped the malady. Every precaution is taken, by smoking the letters that are sent with brimstone, and dipping them in vinegar, and by putting the vessel in quarantine as soon as she arrives, in order that the disease may not be communicated to that island.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.

DESPATCHES FROM Washington give the rumor that Chev. Hulsemann, Austrian Minister to this country, had notified Mr. Webster of his intentions to withdraw upon the arrival and reception of Kossuth. Mr. Hulsemann had an interview of some length with the Secretary of State, on Saturday, and this is looked upon as a confirmation of the rumored withdrawal.

AMONG THE PASSENGERS by the Franklin, was Chevalier de Lodier, Minister Plenipotentiary from Brazil to the United States.

THE BRIG Isabella arrived here yesterday from Hayti, with intelligence that it was quiet in that country when she left. The Emperor Souleouque had just arrived from the Cape, and there was every prospect that he would accede to the proposals of the English, French and American Consuls, and make peace with the Dominicans.

YESTERDAY at 3 P. M. an attempt was made at suicide in Trinity Church yard, by an elderly gentleman. He was discovered by one of the day police, just as he was adjusting the knot of a silk handkerchief, which he had previously attached to a tree. From papers found on his person, his name appeared to be Wm. Emmons, of Boston, for several years private secretary to Judge Woodbury. He is evidently insane.

THE STEAMER Golden Gate, Capt. Peltham arrived at Panama on the P. M. of Oct. 16, in 12 days from New York.

THE Isthmus Railroad is rapidly progressing to its completion, and on the 11th Oct. the first train of cars passed from Navy Bay to Gatun. By July next it will be completed to Gorgegne giving a daily communication between Panama and Navy Bay.

THE STEAMER Cherokee brings California dates to Oct. 1. Among other items of news, the most interesting is the cheering intelligence of the election of "that fellow" Bigler as the N. Y. *Tribune* courteously denominated the Democratic candidate for Governor, by a majority of nearly two thousand! The majorities for the rest of the Democratic ticket are also very large. The "Star in the West" has covered herself with honor. Michigan sends greeting to her Democratic sister, California.

WE GIVE BELOW the following particulars: Returns of the late election for Governor have nearly all been received. The majorities for the Democratic State officers and members of Congress range from 1000 to 5000. Hon. John Bigler, for Governor, has 1500 majority in the State, and Messrs. Marshall and McCorkle, Democrats, are elected to Congress by heavy majorities. The entire vote polled is 45,000, and every county gives a democratic majority. Mr. Marshall was to leave for Washington on the 4th October. Mr. McCorkle would be detained some time by sickness. The miners on the Tuolumne river are meeting better success than last year. The quartz companies in the vicinity are getting on encouragingly. The silver mine yields largely. There was a Cuban filibuster meeting held at Sacramento on the 26th. It was largely attended, and the proceedings were most enthusiastically received.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 3.

IN U. S. COURT, this morning, Judge Kane gave his decision in the Telegraph case, sustaining the claims of Morse throughout, and against Bain. The decision was given in favor of Morse on all points and establishes the fact that he is solely entitled to the right of making instantaneous messages by telegraph. The case will be taken up to the Supreme court.

ON SATURDAY last a U. S. Commissioner in this city issued a warrant for the arrest of Hoymer, a fugitive from Maryland.

A LETTER FROM Panama gives an account of the loss in the Pacific of the whale ship *Ann Alexander*, of N. Bedford, Capt. Deblouis, in consequence of being struck by a sperm whale. A lance had been thrown into the whale, when turning suddenly he rushed upon the ship, striking her about three feet above the keel and knocking a large hole in her bottom. She began to settle immediately, giving the crew hardly time to escape in boats, with a little bread and water. They were fallen in with 2 days after by the ship *Nantucket* and taken to Payette.

GRATIFYING.—The following advices from Hamilton, Canada West, give the gratifying intelligence that the Great Western Railroad Co. have succeeded in making the loan for which they entered the London money market. This will give an increased impetus towards the completion of this great thoroughfare to Detroit.

HAMILTON, Nov. 4.

IT IS ANNOUNCED on authority of private advices from London, "of unquestionable correctness," that Mr. Atcheson, the agent of the Great Western line of railway, has succeeded in raising in the English market all the money required to complete the road, and that more might have been had if it had been necessary. [Free Press.]