





## The Commonwealth.

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### Death of Hon. Millard Fillmore.

The death of Hon. Millard Fillmore, will fill all this wide land with sadness and sorrow.

Mr. Fillmore was born in Cayuga county, New York, Jan. 7, 1800—the 2d of nine children of Nathan and Phoebe Fillmore. His father was poor, and had too many others to look after to bestow much special care on him. At the age of 14 he was apprenticed to a fuller with whom he lived until he was 19, at which age he commenced the study of Geography and Grammar. The next year (1820) he took up the study of the law—doing office work in summer and teaching a little school in winter for his support. In 1828 he was admitted to the bar and moved to Erie county. In 1829 he married Miss Abigail Powers, of Erie county, and in 1833 removed to the city of Buffalo. In 1827 he was admitted as Attorney, and the next year as Counsellor at Law by the Supreme Court, and in 1828 was elected to the Legislature. After serving three terms he retired, but his popularity had by that time grown so great that in 1832 his friends nominated and elected him to Congress on the anti-Jackson ticket. In 1836 he was again elected, as a Whig. It was during this term that as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee he developed those high and striking qualities which afterwards secured him from his fellow-citizens the honors of the Vice Presidency. In 1844 he received the Whig nomination for Governor of New York, but was defeated by the celebrated Silas Wright. In 1848 he was nominated by the Whigs for Vice President on the ticket with Gen. Taylor, and elected. On the death of General Taylor, July 9th, 1850, he succeeded to the Presidency and took the oath of office on the 10th. The Cabinet which Gen. Taylor had selected immediately resigned, when Mr. Fillmore appointed the following: Daniel Webster, Secretary of State; Thos. Corwin, Secretary of the Treasury; Chas. M. Conrad, Secretary of War; Wm. A. Graham, Secretary of the Navy; A. H. H. Stuart, Secretary of the Interior; Nathan K. Hall, Postmaster General, and John J. Crittenden, Attorney General. On the death of Mr. Webster, Oct. 24, 1852, Mr. Fillmore appointed Edward Everett to succeed him in the department of State. In his last annual message to Congress he took strong ground against the acquisition of Cuba. On the 4th of March, 1853, Mr. Fillmore retired from the Presidential office—Mr. Pierce succeeding him. On the 30th of the same month he had the misfortune to lose his beloved wife and returned almost heart-broken to his desolate home. But he left his country at peace with all the world, contented, free, independent and prosperous. He made no attempt during his term to conciliate politicians. Duty was the only star by which his official career was guided. The result was that in the nominating convention, held by his party just before his retirement, he was not able to command twenty votes. Returning to Buffalo he devoted himself to a life of study, relieved by occasional excursions through the United States and Europe. The University of Oxford, England, offered him a degree which he promptly declined and all the Courts and courtesies of the old world received him with the consideration due his great merit and former high office. While absent in 1856, in Rome, he was notified of his nomination for the Presidency by the American party and at once returned to America to prosecute the canvass; but even his warmest friends saw that the choice of the country was destined to fall on either Mr. Buchanan or Mr. Fremont and thousands of them abandoned his cause to support Mr. Buchanan. Maryland, alone of all the States, gave him her eight electoral votes. He then returned to the practice of the law with the firm of Fillmore and Haven (Solomon G.) in Buffalo, since when he has not appeared prominently in the politics of the country. His second wife (formerly Mrs. McIntosh of New Jersey) and an only son—a lawyer in Buffalo—survive him, and to these a whole nation extends its sympathies.

The Democracy of the Ohio Legislature, having a good working majority, propose to redistrict that State, in such a manner as will give them a voice in Congress in proportion to their strength. As it now stands the Democrats have only five out of nineteen Congressmen, notwithstanding the State is about equally divided politically.

A farmer tells the Columbus Sun and Enquirer that in clearing the cotton seed from his gin-house he found thousands of the cotton caterpillar flies. Can there be any stronger arguments for going in heavily for corn this year so as to be prepared for a general sweep of the cotton crop next fall?

Ex-President Johnson has announced himself a candidate for Congress in the Greenville District of East Tennessee.

### The Eagle and the Crow.

In a recent speech in the House of Representatives against the Civil Rights Bill, Hon. Wm. M. Robbins, the chivalrous representative in Congress of the Salisbury District, North Carolina, speaking of the "levelling" spirit of the times, made a pertinent suggestion of a reform that ought to be put into immediate execution. He said:

Above your head, Mr. Speaker, I see the image and presentation of the eagle—our national emblem. In the name of equality, sir, I demand what business has he there? He is a monarch—the king of birds. He is not a fit emblem for us in these times—no proper representative of the prevalent idea. I suggest that he be torn down, as the French tore down the monogram of the Emperor. Do you ask me what bird could with propriety be put in his place? The crow, sir. He is a bird of medium size, and therefore embodies well the idea of the levellers. His plumage is of the favorite color, so popular with the dominant party. (Laughter.) I will not, because it would seem ungracious—carry out the parallel in its details, and show how it an emblem for the times he is in respect, such as his thieving propensities, and the like. (Laughter.) I think what has been suggested is sufficient to satisfy you that if this bill is to pass, the so-called reformers should at least amend it, by providing that the eagle shall henceforth come down from his high perch, and the crow be exalted in his stead. (Laughter.)

Week before last, in the city of New York, a young police officer deliberately shot and killed a beautiful girl for breaking the engagement existing between them. At the inquest the parents of the murdered woman slowly arose, parted the crowd between them and the murderer, and, with every nerve and muscle strained, advanced a pace or two and the mother began a fearful curse: "Do you see that lying there (pointing to the corpse), you bandit, you assassin, you drunken vagabond? Do you know who that is? That's my darling daughter, Mary, my idol, who never had a cross word for me in her life, who was my own, my beautiful own! And there she lies, slain by you, son of a brood of murderers! Oh! you slaughtering wretch! Is there no revenge for me? Will no kind person, no avenging heaven, give me an arm? Curse you, you vagabond! curse you, you snake! May you feel my curse till the day you are dragged out, dog that you are, to die on the gallows!"

The most enthusiastic republican that we have heard of is the editor of a Minnesota paper (quoted by the New York Tribune), who declares that "our indecorably beautiful sunset scenes come as near representing the opening portals to the celestial republic of souls as anything mortal vision ever beheld."

We had heard of the "City of the Great King," and the "Kingdom of Heaven," but had no idea that imagination could conceive of a republic beyond the shining gates. The writer's experience of republics must be very different from what has been vouchsafed us here, in the land of the Reconstructed.—Mobile Register.

Governor Davis, of Minnesota, sent back the Appropriation bill to the Legislature, the other day, because it contained a clause increasing his salary from \$3,000 to \$4,000, with a request that it would strike out that provision. The wishes of the Governor were complied with, and he signed the bill.

Senator Sumner has in his possession a gold watch which was presented by Washington to Lafayette after the battle of Yorktown. Upon it is this inscription: "G. Washington to Gilbert Mortier de Lafayette, in commemoration of the capitulation of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, October 19, 1781."

A noble sentiment was that expressed by the venerable Peter Cooper, of New York, at the celebration of his eighty-third birthday: "While I have always recognized that the object of business is to make money in an honorable manner, I have endeavored to remember that the object of life is to do good."

A New Villany.—The New York Times, as our readers are aware, has recently discovered that Congress has no right to interfere with the internal government of a State. But this is solely with respect to Louisiana. There is no guessing what ground it will assume respecting the State of Alabama in such manner that six of the eight districts shall be steadfastly Republican. We have no idea that Butler's bill will pass. The Radical majority has already means of that sort to answer for their leaders and agreeable, and if it chooses to interfere in this matter it may do so.—The Conservative party of Alabama can stand it if the Radicals can.

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### Alabama Senatorial Contest.

The Washington Correspondent of the New York Tribune, in his letter of 26th of February, says: Senator Spencer's Privileges and Elections Committee on the Judiciary and Elections looks rather dark. The arguments by counsel which have now closed, established the facts substantially as they were recently related in the Tribune, and seem to have convinced the majority of the Committee that Spencer has, to say the least, no prima facie right to a seat in the Senate. The body of men who met in the State House in Montgomery was, without doubt, the legal Legislature of the State, since all of its members held certificates signed by the Secretary of State, and there were enough of them to constitute a quorum. If that body was the Legislature, then the assembly in the Court House, which chose Spencer, was not, and he was not legally elected.

Spencer's counsel replies that the certificates of the seven members from Barbour county were fraudulently given, by the Secretary of State, but as he is unable to prove this, the assertion amounts to nothing. The probable result will be a resolution to unseat Spencer. When it comes to the proposition to seat Sykes, the result is doubtful. The body that chose him was doubtless the Legislature of the State, a quorum was present, and his election was every way regular in form. It has been repeatedly and universally decided that the unseating of a member of a legislative body does not affect the validity of the acts of that body while he was a member. Sykes has, therefore, without doubt, a legal right to the seat. But his moral right is not so plain. When the rival assemblies in Montgomery fused, the Republican contestants from Barbour county were admitted to seats by a unanimous vote, and nobody has ever questioned the justice of this. While the body that elected Sykes, therefore, was legally the Legislature, that which chose Spencer was morally so; and while the Senate will not probably retain a man in his seat whose claim is moral and not legal, it will not be likely to vote to seat a man whose claim is only technically legal. The more probable course will be to declare the seat vacant, and allow the Alabama Legislature to hold a new election. If this is done, neither Spencer nor Sykes will be returned.

The mutterings of curses, not loud but deep, are beginning to be heard, proceeding from that land of "great moral ideas" and radicalism, of which Boston is the "hub." Hear what the Boston Journal says:

We have a long battle before us, and it is no use to issue sounding manifestoes, publish plans of operation, or to forecast definite results. All we know is, that the republican party of Massachusetts integrity shall be drawn round them by the masses to choke the mischief designed in such schemes as this now so boastfully announced. The first and only appeal will be to the rank and file of the party—if, indeed, they are not already so awakened that they need no appeal. If the spirit which animated them under the leadership of Andrew still lives, they will triumph over their enemies within and without—if not they must accept the fate of recreancy, even though it comes in the shape of a penalty for keeping bad company.

The tumult has spread from Boston to the interior. The Worcester Gazette, always "loyal" to a Massachusetts degree, recounts the grievances of which the State is afflicted.

It does seem to us worth considering whether any party can go into the next Presidential campaign with a hope of success, burdened with the hope of the Credit Mobilier, the Southern contract and hosts of other questionable schemes already exposed, or soon to come to light in the future. If a new party is to be formed, has not the time arrived? This is not the only State where chaos reigns in politics.

Worcester county claims to be the birthplace of the Republican party, and now the Gazette desires the formation of a "great National Party." Massachusetts blood is evidently boiling. The formation of the great National party clearly signifies that the Radical party is no such party, which few men hereabouts will have the hardihood to gainsay.—Montgomery Advertiser.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 6.—Ex-President Millard Fillmore, died at his residence in this city at ten minutes past eleven last night. He was conscious up to the time of his death. At eight o'clock, in reply to a question by his physician, he said that nonishment was palatable. These were his last words. His death was painless.

New York, March 8.—Gen. Schenck says his visit to this country is solely on private affairs; he has not come home to fill any Cabinet or any other office here, and that he will return to Europe in May, upon his leave of absence expires. He goes to Washington Tuesday, where he remains three days and then visits Ohio. The last three weeks of his stay in the United States will be passed in New York.

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