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## Death of Governor Geary.

Another distinguished American citizen, John W. Geary, late Governor of Pennsylvania, has departed this life. He returned from New York to his home at Harrisburg on the evening of the 7th inst., in apparent good health. The next morning, while breakfasting with his family, and in the act of helping his little son, death, through the agency of heart disease or apoplexy, almost instantly put out the spark of life. His head was observed to fall back, and before his wife could reach his side, the dominion of death over the mortal body of ex-Governor Geary was supreme. In this conquest of the King of Terrors, a faithful wife is not only left without an honoring, cherishing protector, and children without an affectionate father and guide, but the State of Pennsylvania, nay, the whole country, is left to regret and mourn the departure of one, whose example for great strength of purpose, wisdom and integrity, has always been good, and which is so peculiarly a need of the nation at this time. The leading events of his life we condense from the *Bulletin*, as follows: He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was about fifty-three years of age at the time of his decease. During the Mexican war, he served as Colonel of a Pennsylvania regiment, with distinguished usefulness and gallantry. Being a Democrat, in 1848 President Polk appointed him Postmaster of San Francisco, in which position he served until President Taylor, the following year, superseded him by appointing Col. Moore. About this time a lawless band of desperadoes, known by the name of "Hounds," were committing their riotous deeds in San Francisco, which the authorities, as then administered, were powerless to check. Col. Geary headed a movement which succeeded in curbing those desperadoes. Through the assistance of the military and naval forces of this country, some of the leading "Hounds" were executed. To continue this protection, Col. Geary was elected Alcalde, in which capacity he served with great ability and success from 1841 to 1850, when the State Government came into power, when he was honored by being elected the first Mayor. So highly were the decisions of Alcalde Geary regarded, that scarcely ever was there an appeal taken from them. It was during the term of Col. Geary as Mayor, that the excesses of the Vigilance Committee of 1850-51, when "Sydney ducks," as they were called, were the objects of popular fury and vengeance, was checked. Backed by the good will and confidence of the people, and strongly aided by the Sheriff and Chief of Police, the well-intended, though excessive fury of the Vigilantes was assuaged, and desperate gangs of lawless men were taught to obey the law. In 1852, Col. Geary returned to Pennsylvania. Here he remained until President Buchanan, in 1856, appointed him Governor of Kansas Territory. In this capacity he remained a year, and then resigned, and returned to his native State.

On the breaking out of the rebellion he espoused the Union cause, and was made Brigadier General by President Lincoln. In this position he served through the war, receiving severe wounds, and gaining distinguished mention as a soldier. After the war, his popularity at home led to his nomination and election by a large majority to the Executive Chair of Pennsylvania. This was in 1860. His eminent ability in this position, resulted in his reelection in 1869, and it was but a short time since that he had finished his second term. Ex-Governor Geary belonged to that high class of distinguished men, noted for constant activity in the achievement of noble aims and good purposes. He was ever popular with the masses and loved by his friends. He was the younger brother of our honored citizen, Rev. E. R. Geary, D. D., of this city. While we cannot nor would not intrude upon the sacredness of his great sorrow in this bereavement, we would extend our sympathy, and unite with the great American heart in wishing peace to the ashes of the eminent dead.

The *Bulletin* says Gov. Grover has addressed to the Peace Commission a protest against any settlement with the Indians, which shall forgive their crimes or yield to them any of the lands which they claim as a separate Reservation. He holds the position that the killing of citizens by these Indians was murder, deliberate, and should be punished as such; and that those of them not of Jack's band, off of the Reservation, should be compelled to go on it, and that no new Reservation should be provided for them. The people will very generally endorse these views of the Governor, we think. They strike us as about right.

George Francis Tram wants the Central Park Commissioners, of New York City, to give him permission to erect a statue of himself there, at his own expense, of brass. The *Bulletin* asks "where can he find enough brass outside of himself? Couldn't he substitute his *corpus* as it is?" That would not do at all. There is too much rotten stone in his brass.

The bees of Iowa have improved "each shining hour" so well, as to enable that State to rank second in the production of honey. The Iowans are reported to be quite "stuck up" about it. This should not be so, for the good example of the busy bee does not prevent them from having many locusts.

A post mortem examination on the body of ex-Governor Geary resulted in the conclusion that he died of syncope, caused by nervous prostration, the result of overwork. The weight of his brain was 564 ounces. He was to have been buried last Thursday. The Fifth Division was to serve as funeral escort.

In German churches prayers are offered weekly for the Emperor of Germany and his royal family, for the Queen of England and her royal family, and for the President of the United States and his family.

The Postmaster General estimates that the Government will have use for about 2,900,000,000 postage stamps for the next four years. Divided equally among our population this would give over 72 to each.

## St. Valentine's Day.

To-day is sacred to St. Valentine, who, according to the legend, was put to death at Rome by Emperor Claudius. It is customary on this day for young swains and misses to send each other poetical effusions, replete with compliments or amorous expressions. There is nothing, it is true, given in the history of this saint to justify any such custom, but so it originated, and its observance is of great antiquity, and custom makes law. The notion, too, that birds choose their mates on Valentine's day, suggests the fitness of swains selecting their sweethearts. This day is peculiarly a friend of the bashful and timid. The license allowable on it, encourages them to give written expression to the divine afflatus of their love-burdened souls. They can now summon up their trembling courage, and throw their throbbing hearts into such melting lines as, "If you love me as I love you, no knife can cut our love in two;" or, "The rose is red the violet's blue, sugar's sweet and so are you." Tremendous results often follow from such powerful soul-melting lines. There is this advantage, too, always in indicting these Valentines. Deliberation, forethought can be used, assisting to select the right kind of language to reach the affections of the one wooed, being reminded of the idea contained in the following lines of oft-repeated poetry:

"The taller the tree,  
The thinner the bark.  
The prettier the girl,  
The harder to spark."

## MEXICAN NOTES.

The exportation of money from Mexico last year amounted to \$20,000,000.

There are seven cotton mills in the valley of Mexico, which turn out cotton cloth to the value of \$2,000,000 annually.

Gen. Diego Alvarez has been triumphantly elected Governor of Guerrero, over Gen. Figueroa.

The Governor of Durango has ordered a mounted patrol to travel through the State and hunt down bandits and robbers, with red-hot vengeance. Other Governors will do likewise.

The son of ex-President Carrera, is reported to be preparing for an invasion of Guatemala, Central America.

Of the two fiery youths who fought a duel at Tepic, (about a woman) one is no more.

Very rich copper mines have been discovered at Itcatepam, State of Guerrero.

## EASTERN NEWS.

The President, on the 7th, pardoned Eli Rose Stewart and Robert Hayes Mitchell, of South Carolina, convicted of Ku Klux crimes and sentenced to imprisonment in the Albany penitentiary.

A Washington correspondent says that the removal of the U. S. troops from the South to Utah, is not intended as a menace to Mormonism.

Another brutal wife-murder was committed in New York City, on the night of the 7th. An Englishman, named Hory, recently abandoned his family, and returning on Thursday of last week, he loaded two singled barreled pistols, and repairing to the room in which his wife and children were, locked the door, and without a word, fired both pistols at his wife. One ball passed through her lungs and the other through her neck. She was taken to the hospital. The cowardly murderer was arrested while trying to escape.

At Louisville, on the 7th inst., Mr. Cohlman, a well to do merchant tailor, jumped into the canal and drowned.

The murderer Evans, at Boston, has confessed that in 1858 he stole and killed a little niece five years old, in Derry county, New Hampshire; in 1861, he assaulted and cut the throat of a girl 14 years old in Augusta, Maine; in 1865, he outraged the person of Isabella Joyce and killed her brother John, a boy 12 years old, in Bussey's Woods, near Boston. He is charged with the the commission of a similar crime in 1872 on the person of a woman who was found dead in the woods near Fithburg, Massachusetts. At the same time in the same year he outraged and mutilated the person of, and then murdered Georgiana Lovering, a girl twelve years old, in Northwood, New Hampshire.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 8th, Michael Fox was arrested on the charge of kicking to death his son eight years old because the boy refused to go for liquor without money.

At Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 8th, the Denver House burned. Loss, \$4,500.

Accounts have been received of the loss of the ship *Tuscarora*. The captain and fourteen of the crew sunk with her.

The President has approved the following named Acts of Congress: An Act to provide for holding additional terms of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York; an Act making an appropriation to defray the expenses of the investigation in regard to the elections in Louisiana and Arkansas.

The President has nominated Morris Friedson, Collector of New York District in place of H. R. Harg, resigned. Friedson is now Assessor of the District and is acknowledged to be one of the best officers in the service.

A flat boat with seven persons on it, was drawn under the ice near Memphis, at the late gorge there, and all were lost.

In New York during last year 140 persons were known to have committed suicide.

Fort Scott is now the greatest coal deposit west of St. Louis.

A telegram on the 9th, represents Grant as having expressed himself strongly in favor of the enforcement of the laws in Utah, if it takes the whole available military force of the Union to sustain it. General Sherman had been summoned to give his advice from personal observation of the best localities within a day's railroad distance of Salt Lake City for the temporary encampment of troops.

It is thought by those most intimate with President Grant, that after the 4th of March, a complete change will be made in the list of Foreign Ministers. Bancroft and Jay will be recalled, it is conjectured, and Schenck will retire by his own request.

Mori, Japanese Minister, will return home in a few weeks on leave of absence. He offered his resignation, but his Government declined to appoint his successor.

Sumner's health is improving. It is believed that nearly all the Ku Klux prisoners will be pardoned within a very short time, particularly those of the ignorant class.

A system of robbery of street letter boxes has been discovered in New York City.

On the 10th, in New York City, a Dr. Williamson was dangerously shot by a man named Quist. He had returned from a party with Quist's wife, making him angry.

In Philadelphia, on the 9th, Maggie McGowan, aged 18 years, was severely burned by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

The boat *Petrel* sunk in the Ohio river last Saturday night. Several of the crew were drowned. The Captain swam ashore, but was so chilled that he died in a few hours.

A Washington special of the 11th says it is known that Oakes Ames failed to find the receipt signed by Colfax for the \$1,200 check, and that he probably has no letter from Colfax on the subject. The friends of Colfax say he is ready to prove he received the \$1,200 deposited by him in the bank from another person than Ames. It is said the investigating committee, whatever else they may do, have already decided to recommend the expulsion of Ames and Brooks.

The will of Horace Greeley of 1871 has been admitted as his last will and testament.

The Special Committee appointed by the Vice President to investigate the charges against Pomeroy, consists of Frelinghuysen, Buckingham, Alcorn, Thurman and Vickers.

Mrs. Edwin Forrest has declared her intention of claiming dower in her husband's estate on the ground that she never was divorced from him.

A fire at Evansville, Ill., on the 11th, destroyed \$30,000 worth of property, and one at Granville, N. Y., on the 10th, three times that.

The office of State Printer has been abolished in Kentucky.

A Pittsburg magistrate kicked a lawyer out of the court room.

Michigan cats cross Lake Superior by the hundreds on the ice.

South Carolina has 23,000 white children who don't go to school.

The Massachusetts Legislature is about to re-enact the old stringent anti-beer law.

Gen. Lu's birthday is a legal holiday in Georgia.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

Nine persons were instantly killed and several severely wounded, by a collision which occurred on the North British Railroad near Dunbar, on the 8th.

On the 7th inst. the Spanish Cortes passed a vote of confidence in the Ministry, but two deputies voting in the negative.

A Carlist force was recently defeated at Aya, by the Spanish troops.

The Marquis of Lorne recently delivered an address at Glasgow, in which he said that he looked upon the emigration movement with regret, especially when directed towards the United States. If they would emigrate, he hoped they would go to British Colonies.

A resolution has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies urgently demanding the expulsion of the Jesuits from Hungary.

It is stated that the law relating to religious corporations will scarcely come before the Italian Parliament before Lent. There is little doubt that the result of the debate will be to place Rome on precisely the same footing with respect to religious institutions as of the rest of Italy.

News from Spain to the 11th state that King Amadeus has determined to abdicate the throne. It was expected that an Executive Commission would be formed to proclaim a republic. The announcement of his intended abdication produced a profound sensation.

An insurrection in Tepic, Mexico, under Lozada, was becoming formidable on the 1st.