WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 1852.

SENATE

Mr. Pratt presented the joint resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland, in favor of the purchase by the United States of that portion of the Columbia Turnpike Company within Washington city

The bill making land warrants assignable was reported, with a recommendation that the House amendments be not concurred in.

The bill granting land to the State of Iowa, to aid in the construction of certain railroads, was taken up, and Mr. Bell addressed the Senate till the adjournment, in opposition to the principle of the bill.—Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Orr introduced a resolution, which was adopted, calling upon the President of the United States for information in relation to the alleged defalcation of Prosper M. Wetmore, late Navy Agent at New York, and asking whether the security between him and the government has been settled.

Mr. Hendricks, from the Committee on Mileage, reported a bill repealing the proviso in the act establishing the Territorial Government of Oregon, which limits the mileage of the delegate of that territory.

This was introduced with a view to place the delegate on an equality with other delegates and members, who are all paid by the mile, without restriction.

Debate ensued, and at its termination Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, moved to lay the bill on the table.

The question was decided in the negative; yeas 80, nays 101.

The House refused to refer the bill to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union; and pending the question on referring the bill to the mileage committee with instructions, the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 1852.

SENATE.

The Chair laid before the Senate, a letter from Kossuth, written at Cincinnati, enclosing a copy of a communication addressed by him to the President of the United States, expressing his thanks for the kindness shown him by the Congress and government of the Republic.

The Iowa Railroad bill was again taken up, and Mr. Hunter opposed the bill.

Messrs. Bell and Sumner replied.

After an executive session, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill reported from the Committee on Mileage, to repeal the proviso in the act establishing the territorial government of Oregon, which limits the mileage of the delegates to $2,500

The House refused to recommit the bill to the Committee on Mileage, and negatived the question to order it to a third reading—yeas 85, nays 90.

Mr. Fitch moved to reconsider this vote, and addressed the House in favor of the bill. He was followed by gentlemen on the same side, and by others in opposition to the measure.

The main arguments seemed to be these: there should not be an invidious distinction between the delegate and other gentlemen, as the mileage of the delegate only was limited; and, per contra, the mileage of the delegate was sufficient, and that mileage of members should be regulated by that standard.

The question was not disposed of when the House adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT, *by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.*—Horace H. Miller, of Mississippi, to be Charge d'Affairs of the United States to the Republic of Bolivia, in the place of A. K. McClung, resigned. Nathan Sargent, of Pennsylvania, to be Register of the Treasury of the United States, in the place of Townsend Haines, resigned.

Consuls of the United States—William Duer, of New York, for the port of Valparaiso, in the republic of Chili, in the place of Z. W. Potter, recalled. Joseph Graham, of Ohio, for the port of Buneos Ayres, in the place of E. A. Saunders, removed.—Nicholas J. Keese, of New Jersey, for the port of Laguayra, in the Republic of Venezuela, in the place of Louis Baker, recalled. Timothy Darling, for the port of Nassau, in the Island of New Providence, in the place of Julius C. Kretschar, recalled.—Valentine Holmes, of Pennsylvania, for the port of Belfast, in Ireland. W. L. Sharkey, of Mississippi, at Havana, in the Island of Cuba, in the place of A. F. Owen, recalled. Samuel J Oakford, at Tumbez, in Peru. George King Rogers, of Louisiana, for the port of Lyons, in France, in place of James Huedebert, recalled. William R. Glover, of Kentucky, for the port of Vera Cruz, in Mexico, in the place of W. P. Rogers, resigned.

Alfred Wheeler, of California, to be Attorney of the United States for the southern district of California, in the place of J. M. Jones, appointed judge.

Joseph W. Furbur, of Minesota, to be Marshal of the United States for the Territory of Minesota, in the place of H. L. Tilden, removed.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.

The Lehman Murder—Important Arrest.—Two men have been arrested this morning and identified as the two Hungarian refugees against whom suspicion strongly rests as the murderers of young Lehman, the pedlar. They were living in a house near the Southwark Canal, and although they had just paid a month's rent in advance, were in the act of moving away when arrested by the officers. Some of the jewelry belonging to the murdered boy was found in the cellar of the house.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.

A Maryland Slave Remanded.—A slave named John Tuscar, belonging to John Pinkney near Annapolis, was arrested in this city this morning, and sent back to Maryland in the Express train this evening. He had been residing here eight years, and did not deny his identity, alleging that he was truly glad to return to his old master.

Maryland Legislature.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 11.

SENATE.

George French, the Senator from Washington county, qualified and took his seat.

The bill changing the time for electing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore was passed.

House resolutions in relation to the boundary between Maryland and Virginia, between Smith's Point and the Atlantic Ocean, and that in regard to placing buoys in Pokomoke sound, were passed. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

On motion of Mr Brooke, the treasurer was directed to report if the amount of the forfeited bail bond of Wm. L. Chaplain, or any part thereof, has been received into the treasury.

The bill to require the return judges for Dorchester county to meet and make a return of the election of Surveyor for said county, was passed.

Mr. Landing, chairman of the Committee on Elections, reported a bill giving one day's additional per diem to the judges and Clerks of elections in this State, except in those districts where less than 200 votes are cast.

The bill to amend the charter of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, was taken up, further amendments proposed thereto, and discussed till the hour of adjournment.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 12, 1852.

SENATE.

The bill to pay the reward of the Cosden murderers, and the bill to change the name of Richard E. Tillord to Richard Tillord Estep, were passed.

Mr. Grason, chairman of the Committee on Finance submitted a message in regard to the bill fixing the oaths and bonds of the Comptroller and treasurer, which was adopted; and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The order to place at the disposal of the State Agricultural Chemist, 500 copies of the report of that officer, was taken up. The question being upon striking out 500 and inserting 300, it was put and carried.

A message was received from the Senate, returning the bill relating to the oaths and bonds of the Comptroller and Treasurer, suggesting that said bill did not pass this House by a constitutional majority.

On motion of Mr. Wyse, the vote of the House on said bill was reconsidered. It was then passed by a vote of 42 to 9.—Adjourned.

The commencement of St. John's College, Annapolis, will take place on the 23d instant. The Annual Address before the Alumni, will be delivered by the Rev. Wm. Pinkney, a graduate of the Institution—An Oration, in English, will be delivered by Thomas J. Wilson, Esq, Editor of the Marlboro' Gazette, and a graduate of the Institution. The following gentlemen compose the graduating class:—William Sprigg Hall, Charles Brewer, James Iglehart, Jr., and Wm. S. Green.

The new Clerk and Crier of the Court of Appeals entered upon the discharge of their respective duties this morning.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 13.

SENATE.

The House amendments to the bill prescribing the bonds and oaths of the Comptroller and Treasurer, were concurred in.

The following bills were passed—Authorizing the Treasurer to revise the accounts of Levin Handy, late Collector of Somerset county; establishing a new district in Somerset county, to be called the Potatoe Neck District; establishing the line of Water street, in Cumberland, and for grading the same.

The bill for the benefit of Eliza Miller, widow of Adam Miller, was ordered to a third reading. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

On motion of Mr. Waters, the Governor was requested to inform the House what action he has taken in regard to the contested commissioners election in Somerset county.

On motion of Mr. Franklin, a per diem of $3 was allowed to James H. Watkins, page.

The bill to provide the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore city, Circuit Court and Register of Wills of Baltimore county, with certain laws was passed.

Mr. Poultney, from the committee on Internal Improvement, reported a bill fixing the compensation of the Commissioners of Public Works at $2000 each per annum.

The bill to make valid a deed from Mathew Cunningham to R. W. Batson, was passed.

On motion of Mr. Waters, a message was sent to the Senate, returning the resolution in regard to the boundary between Maryland and Virginia.

The bill to empower the trustees and congregation of St. Patrick's Church, in Baltimore, to raise money to pay for improvements to said church, upon a pledge of the church property was passed.

The bill to make valid a deed from Jno. Mason and Asa Longwell, administrators of Job White, to Seth Stone, was passed.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 11.

SENATE.

Mr. Kunkle reported a bill appropriating $6,000 as a contingent fund for the Executive.

The bill authorizing a return to be made of the election of county Surveyor in Dorchester county, was passed. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Treasurer, stating that the amount of the forfeited bond of Wm. L. Chaplain is $19,000—that the Attorney General has paid the same into the Treasury, less his commission.

The bill to refund $209.50 to Jacob Shower, being an overpayment made by him; to refund Thomas B. Billingsly a fine imposed upon John A. Cox, and paid by said Billingsley; to remove the restrictions contained in the act establishing the Richmond market so as to allow the stalls to be rented for any period most advantageous to the city were passed.

The bill to regulate the printing of the General Assembly was being considered when the House adjourned.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 16.

SENATE.

The bill authorizing the authorities of Emmittsburg, Frederick county, to appropriate a part of their public grounds to the use of primary school, No. 41, was passed. Also for relief of Eliza Miller.

Mr. Kunkel submitted a resolution in regard to the policy of this country in relation to intervention and non-intervention. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Mr. Stephenson moved to rescind the order, giving the page $3 per diem. Declared out of order. Mr. Ford moved to reconsider said order—negatived, 32 to 24

Mr. Willis reported a bill for the relief of Louis Myer, of Talbot county. Mr. Coale, favorably, with amendments, on Senate bill to fix the number of terms and times for holding the Circuit Court of Frederick county, and it was passed.

The bill to change the the name of Fannie K. Thompson, of Anne Arundel county, to Eleanora Thompson, was passed.

The bill to establish the western line of Flintstone election district, in Allegany county, was passed. The bill to create a new election district in Fred rick county, out of parts of 8th, 9th and 11th districts. To change the name of Mary Guy, of St. Mary's county, to Mary Morgan, were ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Stewart offered an order to pay Spencer Hitch, of Caroline county, $47 for acting as doorkeeper at the commencement of the session. Adopted. Adjourned.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 17.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The Speaker presented the report of C. A. Gantt, Inspector of Tobacco, Warehouse No. 1, stating that 10.058 hhds have been inspected by him in 1851, of which 9905 hhds. were Maryland tobacco.

Leaves were obtained to allow Joel Thomas, of Queen Anne's county, and T. J. Clark, of Talbot county, further time to complete collections.

Bills Passed.—Senate bill to pay Eliza Miller, widow of Adam Miller, $21 25, due him from the State for services as messenger, (no administration having been had upon his estate,) was passed, and is now a law. The bill to provide for the completion of the unfinished business of the late county courts of the several counties of this State.

The bill "imposing a fine for circulating within this State notes of a less denomination than $5, other than the notes of the banks and incorporated institutions of this State" was ordered to a third reading.—In the discussion of this bill, it was suggested by several speakers that nearly one half of the foreign bank notes in circulation in this State is supposed to be counterfeit. An amendment, offered by Mr. Ricketts, to exempt Delaware notes from the operation of the bill, was lost. The penalty enacted is a fine of five to three dollars, to be imposed by a justice of the peace—one-half to the informer. The bill is to take effect from the first of July. An additional section to the bill was proposed by Mr. Roberts to allow the banks of this State to issue double the amount of the proportion of small notes now allowed by their charters. It was suggested that it would be better to make that provision the subject of a separate bill, and the section was lost.

SENATE.

The House bill to change the name of Fannie K. Thompson to Eleanora Thompson, was passed.

The bill to carry into effect the provision of the 22d section of the 4th article of the constitution was passed.

The Senate went into executive session and adjourned.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 18.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The bill to amend the charter of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company came up as the order of the day. An amendment to make the stockholders personally and individually liable for the obligations of the company was discussed at some length. Mr. Willis moved as a substitute that the directors and stockholders shall become personally responsible to the amount of their stock in said company, being what is called the "constitutional bank liability; which was adopted; ayes, 49—noes, 19. The House adjourned.

MOBILE, Feb. 10.

An Insult to the Austrian Minister.—Chevalier Hulesmann, the Austrian Minister to the United States, who arrived in this city yesterday, was grossly insulted last night by a crowd of persons, composed of Germans and other foreign residents, who assembled around his hotel, greeting him with jeers and shouts, and closing with a chevarari serenade, of the most discordant sounds. Great indignation is felt by our citizens at the conduct of those disorderly persons, and it is believed there was not a single American citizen among them.

SHOCK OF AN EARTHQUAKE IN CECIL COUNTY.—A gentleman writing to a friend in this city, from Cecil county, within four miles east of Port Deposite, under date of Monday last, says:

"We had a very perceptible shock of earthquake this morning, at half past six o'clock. I was in the barn at the time, and it was so violently shaken as to make the horses in the stable jump. The irons were shaken on the stove. There was a rumbling sound immediately before and after the shock.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 15.

Kentucky and the Presidency.—The whig citizens of Paducah, and several of the adjoining counties, in general convention on Wednesday last, adopted resolutions declaring the sentiments of that portion of the State in favor of John J. Crittenden as the whig candidate for the Presidency. The Convention was attended by nearly 400 delegates.

Arrival of the Steamer Canada.

3 DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

Reign of Terror in France—Two Thousand More State Victims

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.

The steamer Canada, with Liverpool dates to January 31st, arrived this morning. She brings 41 passengers.

FRANCE.—The Internal condition of France continued to be agitated by Anti-Orleanist decrees, and the public reprobation of these measures was as loudly expressed as the Reign of Terror permitted. The Constitutionel, of the 27th, announced that in consequence of the defection of his friends, and the shock sustained by the public mind by reason of these decrees, the President has resolved to submit them for ratification to the Senate and Assembly.

The Patrie, of the 29th, however, denies the statement upon government authority, and upon the same day the former journal was placed under censorship for the article.

A dispatch from Paris, dated the 30th, says that the Minister of the Interior has sent a circular to the Prefects, directing them to set at liberty such of the political prisoners as can be liberated without danger to society.

It was represented in some quarters that although the President would not rescind or modify the decrees he had promised an indemnity to the Orleans Family, but the prevalent belief was that the decress would never be executed to the extent threatened. The testamentary executors of Louis Philippe have issued an opinion signed by the most eminent members of the bar, declaring the decrees illegal.

The Moniteur of the 29th publishes M. Fould's financial expose, showing an estimated deficit of the year of 20,000,000 francs, which was considered satisfactory on the Bourse. M. Fould had refused to return to his office until extensive modifications of the Orleans decree are conceded. M. de Moury likewise refused, without a material change of policy.

Prince Jerome Bonaparte had been nominated as President of the Senate, and M. Maynard, a Senator, as 1st Vice President

"Le Pave" announces that 2,000 additional political convicts will shortly be shipped to Algeria.

The President is said to have claimed 36,000 000 francs from the Neapolitan Government, as indemnity for the confiscated property of Murat.

ENGLAND.—The excitement in England regarding the threatened invasion by Napoleon had subsided and various other rumors were assigned for their military preparations.

The great event which now attracts the attention of the people, is the contemplated opening of Parliament on Feb. 24.

Captain Penny is raising the means, by private subscription, to get up an expedition to renew the search of Sir John Franklin.

A rumor is current among the liberals that Lord Palmerston and the Earl of Derby are about to be called upon to form a new ministry.

The British holders of the Texas State bonds are very indignant at the proposal made by the government of Texas, that the State reduce the amount to the net sum paid by the original bond-holders.

A meeting was held at New Castle-on-Tyne on the 30th ult., to take measures to form a volunteer rifle corps to repel invasion.—The Royal artillery at Woolwich were medically inspected on the the 30th and would enter upon field duty in a few days. The regiments quartered at Portsmouth had received orders to send out additional recruiting parties. Guns of a larger calibre are being mounted on Anglesey shore The London Chronicle, however, speaks lightly of the fears expressed concerning an invasion.

The market for Breadstuffs was steady, but not buoyant. Extreme prices were scarcely maintained, but there was no disposition of holders of flour and wheat to give way. Indian corn is 3d. a 6d cheaper. Western canal flour 23s; Ohio 21s; yellow corn 29s. 6d, white 32s.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

FRANCE.—*Paris, Jan. 30th.*—The President gave a grand dinner yesterday to the English Ambassador. He expressed great regret at the belief, so prevalent in England, that his intentions were hostile towards that country.

He said he had lived there long enough to acquire respect for its people and institutions, and he still had a great many friends there.

ENGLAND.—The London Times, of Saturday, says that the principles of the new reform bill will be neither disfranchisement or enfranchisement, but only a general enlargement of existing constituencies.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT IN CECIL COUNTY.—The Cecil Democrat has the following account of a distressing accident which occurred in that county:

Two children were drowned on Saturday last, at McCollough's Rolling Mill, North East. They had been playing on the ice, on the mill pond, in company with several others, when the ice gave way.—Their names are, Maria Davis, between 7 and 8 years of age, daughter of the widow Davis, living at the Rolling Mill, and Peter R. Stedman, son of Mr. Peter Stedman, about 4 or 5 years of age. Mr. Oliver McCullough and others broke the ice, waded in, and recovered their bodies, they having been under the ice about fifteen minutes They were both only children of their parents.

KENT COUNTY AFFAIRS.—The following items pertaining to Kent County, we cut from the Kent News:—

Burned to Death.—A negro boy named Dick Derry, aged about 19 years, in Quaker Neck, was found on Friday last, at his residence, with his face and body entirely consumed—it is supposed he was taken with a fit and fell into the fire—no one was in the house but himself.

A Singular Haul of Fish.—A few days ago, Mr. John Hadaway laid out his seine off Comegy's Point, in Chester River, and, strange to say, he caught fifty bunches of fish, which were already strung up, and prepared for market.

EASTON GAZETTE.

EASTON, Md.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The communication of "Oscola" is crowded out of to-day's paper—it will be inserted in our next. "Smike" will also find his contribution on the first page of our next paper. We hope to hear from him often hereafter.

REMOVAL.—We understand that Thomas J. Clark, Esq., Sheriff, has removed his office to the room lately occupied by Col Bateman, as Clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Eastern Shore.

FIRE.—The barn, and other out-houses, together with all the provender, grain and farming implements of John W. Helsby, in Island Creek Neck, were consumed by fire on Thursday night last. His horses alone were saved. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.—This is a serious loss to a poor but very worthy and industrious citizen.

WE invite the particular attention of our readers to the advertisement of a public temperance meeting to be held at the M. E. Church in this town, this Evening. The subject is one of much interest and great importance, and as some very able addresses will be delivered, we hope there will be a large attendance.

BALLS being very rarely given in this county, the one advertised to come off at the Easton Hotel on Tuesday night next, has created quite a sensation. The committee have spared no pains or expense in making their arrangements for an agreeable and pleasant entertainment for those who may favor it with their presence.—The prospects, we understand, are favorable to a large and brilliant company on the occasion.

GOOD SUCCESS.—About a month since we sent off to our distant subscribers, accounts amounting to some $200, but as yet have not received a single line in reply to our letters, or a cent of money. If they don't intend to pay we hope they will let us know so that we can stop their papers, as six years is plenty long enough for a man to take a paper without paying for it; but if they do intend to settle, we shall be particularly glad to receive the money about this time.

THE March No. of Graham's Magazine is already on our table. Graham this year unequivocally takes the lead in Magazine publishing. He gives the usual number of engravings, and 112 pages of reading matter from the best authors. Such a thing was never before attempted, except for a single number. If Graham does not have the largest lot of subscribers of any Magazine publisher, it will not be because he does not deserve it, or give $3 worth of reading and engravings in exchange for that sum of money. Address Geo. R. Graham, Philadelphia.

SATURDAY last being St. Valentine's day, the people generally, old and young, grave and gay, married and single, took advantage of the occasion to dispatch their missiles at the heads of their offending or unoffending acquaintances.—The number dropped in the Easton Post Office to be delivered, exceeded five hundred, but we are glad to say that we have heard less complaint of receiving vulgar and vindictive epistles, miscalled valentines, than on any previous occasion. We trust that the disreputable practice of seeking revenge for real or fancied wrongs through the medium of *valentines* will soon be entirely done away with. A joke should be taken as such, but an anonymous insult is unworthy of a gentleman.

THE Star of Tuesday contains an article purporting to be a reply to our article of last week, but which is nothing but a disjointed "rigmarole" of assertions and personal abuse. The Star says it would not "intentionally misrepresent" us, but at the same time does so in the grossest manner. We never have wanted to "back out from our original position," but we do "back out" from the position in which the Star intentionally wrongly placed us. In saying that Gen. Cass was in favor of declaring that "non-intervention was one of the laws of nations and must be respected," we gave him credit for being in a more honorable a position than he is. We did not think then that it was a mere farce which he wished to play, so that the dispotisms of Europe could have the pleasure of laughing at us. To protest without intending to act if the protest is disregarded, is a solemn mockery—simply ridiculous.—From reading Gen. Casss' last speech we come to the conclusion that this is his ground, but owing to the two-faced interpretation which can be put upon every thing he says and writes, we of course are not certain that we are right. He goes in for a protest, or resolution in regard to non-intervention, certain, with or without war, and we believe it is generally conceded that he means without war. It is not at all probable that Russia is ignorant of the laws of nations, or of the opinions of our government in regard to non-intervention, she will laugh at a protest which is accompanied by the declaration that we do not intend to go further. We venture the prediction that Gen Cass will soon make another speech to explain his last. If there were no Hunkers and Barnburners in New York, Ohio and Massachusetts, to unite, the General would not blunder so much and make himself so ridiculous.

We called on the Star to publish Gen. Cass' speech at the Congressional Banquet, and in reply it says we did not state his position correctly, and asks *us* to publish it. Truly that is smart in the editor—he wants us to lumber our columns with this speech, while *his* readers remain perfectly ignorant that he has told them any thing but the truth! We can assure the editor of the Star that we have read Gen. Cass' speeches—we are not so much like himself as to write of things about which we know nothing—If we were wrong, at any time, which we deny, it was solely owing to the Janus-faced character of the speeches, which admit of different interpretations.

But the editor, characteristically, endeavors to withdraw the public gaze from his own and our position, and attacks the editor of this paper as being a Northern man. Not supposing that our readers care much about ourself individually, we shall say but a few words in relation to this matter. When the editor of the Star attempts to bring reproach on us for having passed our youth at the North, he shows his ignorance, and his inability to conduct a controversy with decency. We are not, and never was, a Northern *man*. We were never associated with the "higher law" party in any shape or manner, having adopted this as our home, before we arrived at the age of manhood, and cast our first vote in the Stars editor's native County, (that is, if it will own him.) In the town in which we were educated, such men as Silas Wright, Rev. Stephen Olin, John G. Saxe and many others, were also educated, who came off clear of the "higher law ethics." In the same town we learned the "art and mystery" of printing, and a few rods from the office in which we worked, stood the shop where one Stephen A. Douglas learned the art of making bureaus. Really there can be nothing very disgraceful in having been educated in such a town, as the Star would have its readers believe, for Douglas learned his demagogueism in Illinois, got into Congress by the aid of the Mormons of that State, and is now the second choice of the Star for the Presidency. We shall not again refer to ourself, but if the Star thinks its readers much interested in us it can do so. It has before attempted to prejudice the community against us, but as we have the satisfaction of *knowing* that it did not succeed, we have no fears for the future.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 11.

Fatal Affray in Cumberland—Great Excitement.—A terrible tragedy was enacted here this evening, which resulted in the instantaneous death of Wm O Sprigg, son of Jos. Sprigg, Esq., of this county, by the hands of Robert Swan, brother of the late John Swan, and formerly a Lieutenant in Capt. Archer's company of Voluigeurs in the Mexican war. It appears that a difficulty had existed between these two young men for some three weeks past. I will not undertake to state the particulars of the affair—but this evening Robt Swan went to the hotel kept by Mr. Hoffelfinger, armed with a double barrel shot gun loaded as it seems with a patent wire cartridge, containing bird and squirrel shot. Upon Swan's entering the bar-room where Sprigg was, the latter being unarmed, attempted to escape by the back door. Swan, however, fired at him just as he reached the door, a few scattering shot struck him upon the left cheek and shoulder. Sprigg then turned and attempted to make his escape into the reading room, but just as he reached the door Swan fired his second barrel, which took effect in the back part of the neck—the charge passing through the head and coming out the right eye. He fell dead instantaneously. Swan has been arrested, and intense excitement exists in the community.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 12.

More of the Terrible Tragedy.—The dreadful tragedy which occurred here in Barnum's Hotel last night, has produced the most intense excitement. So indignant was the populace last night, after the dreadful deed had been perpetrated, and the coroner's inquest had been held on the body of young Sprigg, that it was with extreme difficulty the people could be restrained from taking violent possession of the murderer and punishing him on the spot. The officers, however, succeeded together with the pursuasions of the more soberthinking part of the community, in causing the enraged citizens to desist. Sprigg was altogether unarmed when he was shot, which shows that he did not anticipate such an attack. He was a worthy young man, and much esteemed by all who knew him—had been engaged as an agent on the railroad. His funeral takes place to-morrow.

The terrible act upon the part of Swann, seems to have been deliberate and premeditated. He went directly to the Hotel with his loaded musket, and without giving a moment's warning, fired the fatal shot. It is also stated that after the murder, when under arrest, he declared that it was his deliberate intention to kill the deceased, and seemed to exult in the fact, as he patted his gun and seemingly applauded it for being faithful to its trust. He is believed to have been under the influence of liquor when he perpetrated the deed. He was a young lawyer, in practice at our bar, and highly esteemed by all who knew him.—He is now in prison, awaiting further investigation.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from a shot fired from a gun in the hands of Robert Swann.

The deceased and his murderer had, prior to their quarrel some four weeks ago, been good friends and on the best terms.

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