

**THE ALLEGED INSANITY OF JOHN BROWN.**—We understand that the affidavits respecting the insanity of John Brown, presented to Gov. Wise of Virginia by George H. Hoyt, Esq., of this city, prove conclusively the prevalence of insanity in his family. People knowing the family are never surprised to learn that any of its members have become insane. These affidavits were procured principally by Judge Tilden of Cleveland, who is a personal friend of Brown. When Mr. Hoyt passed through Virginia on his way to Cleveland, after having been warned to leave Charlestown, his movements were watched with much suspicion, despatches having been forwarded by telegraph for people to look out for him. The attentions of the Virginians were at times unpleasant, but no violence was offered.

This morning, Geo. H. Hoyt, Esq. received a letter from Brown, written on Thursday. He thanks Mr. Hoyt for his services in his behalf, and expresses his regret that he has nothing but thanks to offer. He exonerates Mr. Griowold, his counsel, from all blame for having taken pay for services, and speaks of receiving every day more letters from his many kind friends than he can answer.

Mr. Brown receives as many as a hundred letters each day, large numbers of people writing simply to obtain his autograph.—*Traveller.*

**THE QUESTION OF THE INSANITY OF BROWN.** The *Atlas and Bee* publishes a number of affidavits of inhabitants of Ohio, in regard to the insanity of Brown, which were submitted to Gov. Wise with the following letter from his counsel:—

*His Excellency Henry A. Wise, Governor of Virginia:*

SIR—I herewith submit for your consideration the affidavits of the following named persons, to wit: Harvey Baldwin, Edwin Wetmore, Sylvester Craig, Ethan Alling, Milton Lusk, Gideon Mills, George Leach, James W. Welds, Sylvester and Mills Thompson, David L. King, Jonathan Metcalf, Salmon Thompson, E. N. Sill, O. C. Kendrick, S. W. Goodale, Wm. S. C. Otis, Jeremiah K. Brown, and Orson M. Oriatt, showing the insanity of John Brown, now under sentence of death, for some years, and that his grandmother, two aunts, one uncle, five cousins, one sister, one niece and two sons, have been insane.

I submit this proof, together with the certificate of the United States District Judge for the District of Ohio, certifying to the responsibility of the most material of the witnesses, with the object of praying you to grant a postponement of the execution of the prisoner, in order that the opportunity may be afforded me as his counsel to have an issue framed and tried under the laws of Virginia, respecting the sanity of said Brown.

I am, with great respect, your ob't servant,

SAMUEL CHILTON,

Counsel for Brown.

**THE PRISONERS AT CHARLESTOWN, VA.** A Charlestown, Va., correspondent of the *New York Times* writes:—

'Brown was visited yesterday by Rev. James H. March, of the M. E. Church. The reverend gentleman having advanced an argument in favor of the institution of slavery, as it now exists, Brown replied to him, saying, 'My dear sir, you know nothing about Christianity; you will have to learn the A B C's in the lesson of Christianity, as I find you are entirely ignorant of the meaning of the word. I of course respect you as a gentleman, but it is as a *Acetian* gentleman.' The reverend gentleman here thought it best to draw such a discussion to a close, and therefore withdrew.

The other prisoners are awaiting the execution of the sentence passed upon them with seeming composure, with the exception of Cook, who is quite crest-fallen since the visit of Gov. Wise, as the only hope he had is blasted by the positive assurance given while here, that under no circumstances would he interpose to save him.

Every thing in the shape of business is suspended, and the inhabitants seem to do nothing but make efforts to provide for the military. Schools are suspended, and school-houses occupied as barracks, churches are in a manner closed, and the closet must now be resorted to by those whose thoughts are directed from things carnal.

Much anxiety is evinced to know who the Charlestown correspondent of the *New York Tribune* is. I was offered twenty dollars yesterday for his name, but I was as ignorant of it as the man making the offer. If found out, he will fare badly.'

The *Richmond Whig* publishes the following:

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA,

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1859. }

*To the Editor of the Richmond Whig:*

In view of the present state of affairs at Charlestown, a mass meeting of the students was held on Monday afternoon, and it was unanimously agreed to tender the services of the whole body to Gov. Wise, in case he should need them. Several eloquent and patriotic addresses were made by gentlemen from all parts of the South, and the liveliest enthusiasm prevailed during the meeting. The excitement is great indeed, and several hundreds are willing, at any moment, to march to the scene of action.

**The Southern Panic.**—Frankfort, the capital of Kentucky, and the town of Versailles, in Woodford county, have appointed an extra police force patrol, through fear of a rising of the negroes. The information of the rising was received in a despatch from Harper's Ferry, and was obtained through an intercepted letter from an abolitionist named Day, addressed to Osawatimie Brown.

**Napoleon and John Brown.**—It will not escape the notice of those who are given to observing singular coincidences, that the day fixed for the execution of John Brown is the 2d of December, the anniversary of the famous Napoleonic *coup d'etat*.—*Providence Journal.*

☞ Frederick Brown, of Salem, Mass., a brother of John Brown, delivered a lecture at Cleveland on Wednesday evening of last week. His lecture comprised incidents of the early life, habits, and peculiarities of his brother, his eventful Kansas and Missouri history, and his deadly hostility to slavery.

☞ Two tinmiths of Trenton, N. J., who had been hired to go to the vicinity of Charlestown to do some roofing, returned a few days ago, having been prevented from doing their work, and driven, by threats of arrest, to leave the place. Their employer was at the same time informed that his house might remain uncovered if he could not get it roofed without sending to the North for Abolitionists to do the work.

☞ The authorities of Cynthiana, Ky., have passed an ordinance requiring the police marshals to imprison all slaves found in the town limits after certain hours, and retain them in custody until released by the payment of a fine of two dollars by their owners or masters.

☞ The *New Orleans Picayune* cautions the Southern press against the danger of copying the inflammatory Abolition documents with which the *New York Herald* has been filling its columns since the Harper's Ferry affair. It says that 'Abolitionism has succeeded, in these few weeks, in penetrating into all parts of the South with papers that never reached us before, and in quantities unheard of until they were dispensed under such patronage.'

**THE CONFESSION OF COOK.** The confession of John E. Cook, one of John Brown's accomplices, now under sentence of death, has been published. It does not disclose any new fact of importance, nor implicate any persons whose names have not already been mentioned in connection with the Harper's Ferry affair. In regard to the more prominent citizens at the North, he disclaims all knowledge which could implicate them. He has apparently no documents or notes relating to the scheme, except a few brief business billets from John Brown, or anonymous, stating from time to time, very indefinitely, that the work was going on, &c.

☞ A conflict having risen between President Buchanan and Gov. Wise as to which shall have the honor of hanging poor Brown, it is respectfully suggested by a high intervening party that *As be Away* between the two.

**JOHN BROWN MIXTINGS.** A correspondent says, 'At all meetings held on the day of John Brown's execution, one of the exercises should be the reading of his speech on being sentenced. It should be handsomely printed in large, fair type, for circulation. It is fit to be framed and to hang by the side of Emmett's great speech on a similar occasion.'

☞ We understand that the pikes found in Old Brown's possession were manufactured at Unionville, by C. Hart, who voted for 'J. B.' for President, and has ever since voted the Administration ticket. Of course, according to the logic of the Buchanan papers, the Administration is implicated!—*Hartford Press.*

☞ Mr. Whittemore, an anti-slavery man of Newport, Ky., has received a letter from 'determined citizens' of that place, notifying him to leave the city on or before the first of December next, or he must abide the consequences of his own folly in promulgating such principles as Abolitionism. It is only a few weeks since Mr. Bailey's paper, published in the same city, was destroyed by a mob.

☞ On Saturday, Gov. Wise sent a dispatch to Col. Colt of Hartford for the immediate shipment of 400 of his revolving rifles. They were sent on Monday. They cost about \$20,000.