

The King of Spain ^{abdicated} ~~resigned~~ from the Spanish throne yesterday. Poor Amadeus descendant of the handsome Victor Emmanuel was not the person to govern the common Spanish race. If the Spaniards wished to retain him and thus regenerate their race they must not restrict his powers. To day a republic was proclaimed in Spain. How long will it last?

Wednesday, 12.

To day is the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Lincoln was born in 1809 and was consequently at the time he was so barbarously murdered ^{only five} years old. Poor old Abe a good and honest man notwithstanding his little faults. In his case we find one of the evils of a republic like this. Lincoln was a man whose private character was undarkened by any reproach and yet simply because he was one of the leaders of the Republican party how much has he not been abused, abused by scoundrels who are the scum of the earth when compared to him whom they vilify. Lincoln's deeds thank God ~~not to be~~ are not to be judged by these men but by future generations of men in whose eyes the rail-splitter will prove as good and as great a man as any other in the whole range of history.

Thursday, TUESDAY, 13 13

Yesterday at one o'clock Martin Kalb fleisch ex-mayor of Brooklyn died at his residence Bushwick Avenue and Grand Street. He had contracted a cold a month ago and this it was that brought on his death. The latest! On the 9th inst. a boy named Clarence Cole residing with his parents in Easton hung himself. He was made to do very servile work although his father is a Carpenter in prosperous circumstances. This weighed upon the boy's mind and he thus killed himself. The jury found a verdict of death by accident. What next? With Tom Murphy King of Albany ^{and} Tom Scott Emperor at Trenton with the papers full day after day full of murders and official corruption we live in a most delightful period of America's existence as a Republic. To day eighty four years ago Ethan Allen died. A true patriot was the Green Mountain boy. How changed is not the Republic now ^{since} from the time Allen fought and bled for his country. Then but a few struggling states but now a vast country whose forty millions of free men rejoice in the being called Americans. Truly then too much honor cannot be given to the "Father of his Country," whose trusty sword has made us what we are.

Friday, WEDNESDAY, 13 14.

St. Valentine's Day! This good old day is once more here. What an excitement there is to day among both young and old. How many anxious eyes follow the steps of the active post letter carrier as he hurries on his allotted task. What hopes are there not that one of those letters may be for this or that one. Many must be the curses which the poor letter carrier invokes on those persons who have so little to do that they must send so many nonsensical things through the mails. And yet though we pity the poor carrier as wearied out ~~so~~ after a tramp of many miles he looks and sees on his horrible sight that he has but half through with his work nevertheless we would be less than human if we were not to rejoice at the pleasure so great though lasting such a short time caused by that little missive the valentine. George and Bill received a valentine to day. I also received one. It had a picture of an editor on it and some ridiculous rhyming lines beneath it. It was sent me as it had got around that I was going to start a paper in the college. Alas the poor ^{is} ~~setonian~~ ~~but~~ a dream of the past.