

J. HOWARD PAYNE.—As I sit in my garret

here, in Washington, watching the course of

the war, and the destiny of party and event

of life, I am reminded of the fact that J.

Howard Payne, author of "Sweet Home" I

know him personally. He occupied the room

under me for some time, and his conversation

was so captivating, that I have often spent

whole days in his apartment. He was an

applicant for office at the time—Consul at Tunis

—from which he had been removed. What

a sad thing it was to see the poet subjected to

all the humiliations of office-seeking. Of an

evening we would walk along the streets, look-

ing into the lighted parlors as we passed.

Once in a while we would see some family

circle, so happy, and forming so beautiful a

group, that we would stop, and then pass

silently on. On such occasions, he would give

me a history of his wanderings—his trials, and

all the care incident to his sensitive nature

and poverty. "How often," said he once, "I

have been in the heart of Paris, Berlin, Lon-

don, or some other city, and heard persons

singing, or the hand-organ playing "Sweet

Home," without a shilling to buy the next

meal, or a place to put my head. The world

has literally, sung my song, until every heart

is familiar with its melody. Yet, I have been

a wanderer from my boyhood. My country

has turned me ruthlessly from my office; and

in my old age I have to submit to humiliation

for bread." Thus he would complain of his

hapless lot. His only wish was to die in a

foreign land; to be buried by strangers, and

sleep in obscurity.

I met him one day looking unusually sad.

"Have you got your Consulship?" said I.

"Yes, and leave in a week for Tunis; I

shall never return."

We clip the above from the Ohio Statesman.

We do not know who is the author; but we

knew PAYNE well, and at the time alluded to

was a boarder in the same house with him—

the Irving Hotel, Washington. He is correct-

ly described. We well remember the melan-

choly air with which he bade us farewell, when

he left for Tunis. This was the last we ever

saw of the author of "Sweet Home."

A Georgian, who was in our mess, used to

relate the following incident, in the life of

Payne: At one time he became an enthusiast

for the civilization of the Indians. He set

out on a mission to the Creeks and Cherokees,

in Georgia and Alabama. It was about the

time of the difficulty between the Government

and the Creeks, in relation to their removal.

The excitement ran high, and the State au-

thorities had police agents, with their men,

stationed along the line. All communication

between the whites and Indians was cut off.

At this unfortunate period, Payne was found

among the Creeks, attempting to give them

lessons on civilization, and the cultivation of

the arts. Although innocent of any improper

designs, and moved and instigated by pure

and philanthropic motives, he was, neverthe-

less, arrested, on suspicion. Lem Jackson, a

sort of half-breed half-alligator, was captain of

the Guard. Having no other mode of con-

fining the poet-prisoner, they built a log-pen,

and covered it with heavy logs, something

like a wolf-pen of the early pioneers. He

protested his innocence, and begged to be re-

leased, that he might return to his "sweet

home." But his appeal moved not the stony

heart of Lem Jackson, and his semi-civilized

companions. They determined to hold him

until they found evidence. Night came on.

The watch-fires blazed brightly. The guard

amused themselves, first by playing cards,

and then by singing. At last Lem, who was the

leader of the sports, struck up "Home, sweet

Home." Payne could bear it no longer. This

was an affliction too great for his sensitive

spirit. He looked out through the crevices of

his rude prison. In agony of spirit he cried—

"Oh, gentlemen, save my feelings! Impose on

me any bodily torture, your ingenuity can in-

vent, but save! O save! my feelings. I am

the author of that song. Don't mock me by

singing it now." "You wrote that song!"

exclaimed Lem. "Now boys," turning to his

companions, "we've got him—we've ketched

him in a lie, and will now punish him for both

crimes!" A court-martial was called. Payne

THE JEFFERSONVILLE RAILROAD.—We have

before us the able report of Wm. G. Arm-

strong, the President. We have only space for

the following extracts:

The receipts of the Madison road for the

past year were \$516,414 52, of which \$153,-

195 56 were from passengers, and \$363,218 97

were from freight and mail. As Louisville and

Jeffersonville afford much better markets

than Madison, are nearer the ultimate markets

to which exported products of the State are

sent for consumption, and as the Jeffersonville

road traverses an equally fertile if not better

country of the two, there can be no doubt

that the latter will very soon after its com-

pletion to Indianapolis, enter upon an equally

lucrative business in proportion to its length

of line, and much more profitable to its stock-

holders from its cheaper construction, and the

greater facility with which it can be operated,

from its easier grades. The Madison road is

87 miles in length, and has cost its present

stockholders \$2,400,000. It was completed to

Indianapolis in the latter part of the year

1847. The following statement shows the

amount and increase of business upon it for

the past eight years. In 1845 only 56 miles

of the road was completed.—

1845 Receipts.....\$90,053 48

Expenditures.....47,415 44

1846 Receipts.....\$12,637 84

Expenditures.....\$101,014 79

1847 Receipts.....\$25,202 52

Expenditures.....\$48,812 27

1848 Receipts.....\$158,653 24

Expenditures.....\$1,699 45

1849 Receipts.....\$64,983 79

Expenditures.....\$212,125 85

1850 Receipts.....\$247,920 34

Expenditures.....\$138,682 81

1851 Receipts.....\$108,237 53

Expenditures.....\$296,700 73

1852 Receipts.....\$157,689 75

Expenditures.....\$139,010 98

1853 Receipts.....\$338,069 80

Expenditures.....\$185,080 60

1854 Receipts.....\$200,988 20

Expenditures.....\$516,414 52

1855 Receipts.....\$248,319 02

Expenditures.....\$268,095 50

The Jeffersonville road, though about 20

miles longer, will not cost so much as the

Madison, by about half a million of dollars.

That with a superior route, with a more at-

tractive terminus on the Ohio river, with an

equally productive, fertile and well settled

country upon the line, with extensive lines

of railroads at either terminus, the advan-

tages of which the Madison road has only begun

to enjoy at its Northern end, while at its South-

ern terminus no connecting line of road is

even contemplated, can there be a doubt that

the completion of the Jeffersonville will not

be followed by even more favorable results

than those which have constituted the Madis-

son road, the leading illustration throughout

the country of the productiveness of Western

roads? The revenues of the Madison road

have been chiefly derived from local traffic.

The roads terminating at Indianapolis have

been too recently completed to effect materi-

ally their earnings; they cannot, however, fail

to develop a very large business, for which

the Jeffersonville road must become the chan-

nel to the Ohio river. Within the present

year there will be completed eight important

and extensive lines of railroad, all terminat-

ing at Indianapolis, and two others are in

progress. At this point must grow up one of

the largest and most important inland cities

in this country. It is believed that the most

productive of these roads must be the one

that will connect this city and the numerous

lines of roads or which is to be the terminus,

with that great channel of Western Commerce

the Ohio river. The Ohio and Mississippi

railroad, designed to connect the cities of

Cincinnati and St. Louis, is now in vigorous

course of construction. It crosses the Jef-

fersville road about 50 miles from Jeffers-

ville, and will be completed during the pre-

sent year from Cincinnati to the junction; this

opening, at an early day, a channel of rail-

road communication between the cities of

Louisville and St. Louis, when that road is

completed to the latter city, which will prob-

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