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UNION MEETING.

In conformity with a resolution adopted by the Union Meeting held at Banks' Arcade on the 19th inst., the undersigned, Committee of Arrangements, have the honor to announce to the public that a Union Mass Meeting will be held at the St. Charles Theatre on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 27th instant, when General Downs and Messrs. Foote, the Senators from Louisiana and Mississippi, and other distinguished friends of the Union will address the people.

The hour for proceeding will be punctual, and the attendance at the day of meeting is earnestly solicited.

Persons friendly to the cause will be furnished with the officers of the meeting, where tickets will be made for the Reporters' seats.

H. J. RANNEY, Chairman.

E. D. [illegible]	John M. Bell,
W. H. Garland,	W. G. Kendall,
B. Benjamin,	E. T. Gould,
C. H. Boyce,	T. P. Wren,
J. H. Duncan,	Harry T. Hayes,
W. H. Hunt,	J. B. Walton,

☞ The Northern Mail came through yesterday with the latest dates.

THE UNION MEETING TO-NIGHT.

To-night, the citizens of New Orleans irrespective of party, assemble in their might to manifest to the country their steadfast and unwavering attachment to the American Union. We believe that this demonstration is about to assume a scale it has become necessary in consequence of the noisy efforts of a handful of secessionists, and open mouthed grumblers, who seek to persuade the people that the Compromise measures are unpopular in our city, or that the attachment to Union has been weakened among us by the recent agitation of Congress. The meeting of this evening would probably have been of small dimensions, and would never have been convoked, but for late events growing out of the unfortunate and incomprehensible opposition of Senator Soulé, and his haughty and unbecoming replies to those gentlemen of his own political faith who had endeavored to induce him to explain himself. Until that period, it had been universally believed that the citizens of New Orleans were all in favor of the Compromise, and any expression of feeling, where there was no counter manifestation to be apprehended, had been considered unnecessary. No sooner, however, did the return from Washington, than the Compromise was added to above transpired; and it was evident that certain changes of opinion touching the Compromise were indicated by more than one of our public journals, which had previously given no reason to suppose that that measure was distasteful to them. Now, it is perfectly true that the papers in question vehemently deny being disaffected, and we are bound to give credit for sincerity and truthfulness to the declaration. One of them expresses a desire to acquiesce in the adjustment, with the distinct understanding that no further concessions are to be made to the South. The other seems much more violent in its hostility, but we have favored its readers with a precise statement of its views, beyond a certain vague and indignant repudiation of the charge to be a disunionist.

In this posture of affairs, it seemingly proper that all true citizens—compromisers and anti-compromisers—who really love the Union and are prepared to abide in it and by it, should have an opportunity of evincing their attachment. Hence the call for, the meeting has not been confined to that very numerous class which approves of the late peace measures, and regards them as fully satisfactory to the South, but is extended to all who are in spirit and truth Union men. That small, but doubtless respectable fraction of our community, who hold that the compromise has failed to do full justice to the South, has with entire consistency taken part in the assemblage, provided they are willing to maintain the Union, and are opposed to the seditious and incendiary projects of dismemberment and disunion. It is said indeed that there are no disunionists in New Orleans. Why then are secessionists so chary of their support to the contemplated meeting—why not join heart and hand in a demonstration that is intended simply and solely to reflect public opinion upon this one important question. It is clearly a matter of the slightest importance whether the people of New Orleans were or were not in favor of the Compromise. That project has become the law of the land. We must obey it, or resist, and resistance is rebellion, revolution and secession. We have heard no one counseling the latter acquiescence, and we must therefore presume that no disunionists are amongst us. We are in favor of the Union, all should be willing and eager to join in a demonstration of the popular feeling on the subject. Miserable petty political jealousies and party bickerings, and straight-laced susceptibilities upon a punctilious and perfectly clear question like this before us, are unworthy of an intelligent and patriotic community. Let them be reserved for year old party strife, but let them not insult and desecrate the hallowed purposes which have evoked the coming manifestation.

We will not say we trust that this evening, the place selected for the meeting will be thronged, because we know that it is entirely too small to accommodate one fourth of those who would desire to be present on such an occasion; who wish to protest against the disingenuous Statesmen who have stood by the Union, and who are anxious to evince their unswerving and eternal affection for that glorious institutions and for that great bond by which they are rendered practicable, valuable, and without which their existence would be ephemeral and uncertain.

TEXAS.—By the arrival of the steamship *Galveston*, we are in possession of Galveston papers to the 22d inst.

Red River county cast 237 votes for, and only 12 against the Pearce bill. In Lamar county, there is said to have been but 9 votes against it. In Bowie accepted the proposition by 10 majority, and Cass county by a vote in favor of 3 to 1.

Cherokee county gave 492 votes for, and 226 against the Pearce bill.

Accounts from the Brazos state that the trade of the Rio Grande continues good, and that of late they have had very little disturbance from the Indians. A Mexican command of some twenty or three hundred men, is stationed somewhere between Matamoras and Monterey, for the ostensible purpose of intercepting smuggled goods. American traders are by them compelled to pay six per cent on all the specie brought into Mexico.

In relation to the Cotton crop, the Galveston *News* says:

A merchant of this city, who is now travelling in the counties of the Upper Trinity, writes that the crop of cotton in those counties may be considered a fair average one; and, a much larger quantity of land has been planted this year than ever before, so the amount of the crop will be larger in proportion. On the lower Trinity we learn a short one.—All the planters are determined to wait for the rise of the river before sending to market. They only commenced ginning their cotton early in this month, and are not, therefore, yet ready for market. The frost, in that section did very little injury.

SUGAR-HOUSE ON FIRE.—The officers of the steamer *J. T. Boswell*, which arrived on last Monday night from the coast, report that the sugar house and wood-pile of Mr. Hewitt, about fifteen miles below the city, was on fire at 5 o'clock, P. M., 25th instant, and no doubt but that it was entirely consumed.

DISCOVERY OF A THIRD RING TO THE PLANET SATURN.—We understand that the existence of a third ring around this planet, which had been for some time suspected, was ascertained by the astronomers at the Observatory at Cambridge. It is inferior to the two others, and therefore in distance from the body of Saturn must be small.

AN EXCELLENT LETTER.

We find the following letter from Dr. ISIDORE LABATUT, in several of the morning papers. We copy it with the simple remark, that the Committee of Arrangements might possibly have survived the tremendous fatigue of sending a copy to our office, at the same time that they furnished it to others:

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20, 1850.

Gentlemen—The invitation which has been extended to me to preside over the "Union Mass Meeting" to be held in the theatre St. Charles, on the 27th instant, I accept with great pleasure. It is an honor to which I feel that my position gives me no claim, and I must express to you my grateful acknowledgments for the flattering notice which has been bestowed upon me. The purpose of the meeting over which you have requested me to preside I know full well, and it is a cause in which all who are American citizens are equally interested. I am a native of this city, and have lived under three regimes—the French, the Spanish, and that of the United States—and I ought, therefore, to know something of the spirit of the governments under which the different societies of men have ranged themselves. I wish to close my eyes under the flag of our Union, being well convinced that none other protects to an equal degree the interests of the whole, while it grants to each the greatest liberty. I can see very clearly, and so may any one of us, the immediate consequences of a disunion of these United States. Within five years after the happening of such a calamity our Republic would present to the world a counterpart of the present condition of the disturbed States of South America. Anarchy would be the first and immediate consequence of dissunion, and upon anarchy would follow despotism—a despotism of one great ruler, but of an uncounted number of petty chieftains, each declaring his will to be law within the confines of a State, or of a division of a State.

I believe that the despotic powers of Europe are now looking to this country, and are narrowly observing the progress of events and the state of public opinion among us. They desire a dissolution of our glorious confederacy, well knowing that its dissolution would form the strongest argument in favor of the despotic rule which they advocate, and the most palpable of all proofs that man was created incapable of governing himself. Gentlemen, for one, I hold myself ever ready to do all in my power to disappoint such hopes, and if my services at the proposed "Union Mass Meeting" will in any, the smallest degree add to the strength of our noble Union, I will give them not only with joy, but as a duty which you have a right to demand. Very respectfully,

Your ob't serv't, I. LABATUT.

To H J Ranney, E H Durell, W H Hunt, John M Bell, J B Walton, H T Hays, W H Garland, J P Benjamin, W H Reese, E L Gould, W G Kendall, R P White, B B Lee—committee.

THE GREAT UNION MEETING AT JACKSON, Miss.,) was exceedingly large, imposing and enthusiastic. Judge Sharkey presided, and addresses were made by Senator Foote, Hon. Isaac N. Davis, Hon. John D. Freeman and others. Letters were read from Messrs. Clay, Cass, Downs, and other distinguished gentlemen. We learn, says the Vicksburg *Whig*, that Mr. Freeman, late Democratic Attorney General of the State,) and Gen. Foote, were extremely severe in their denunciations of the course of Gov. Quitman. The meeting was composed of members of both political parties, and we are informed that the hatchet of party strife was formally buried, and a determination expressed to unite as a Union party. The Southron—the Whig paper at the Seat of Government—is to change its name into the "Union Flag," or something similar, and will be placed under the control of able writers and devoted Union men. The resolutions of the meeting were very decided.

The Union men of Mississippi need all their intelligence, activity, zeal and exertion, if they would make headway against the incendiaries who, under the lead of Gen. QUITMAN, are attempting to plunge that State into ruin and destruction. If the Union party organize promptly and thoroughly, and send forth its orators to every county in Mississippi, it may yet avert from the State the disasters which threaten it from the misguided action of the Legislature. We have been well aware that the infamous doctrine of disunion had its advocates in Mississippi; but until the recent demonstrations of the General Assembly, we certainly had not imagined that the plague spot had infected so many of her population.

DOINGS OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE.—The latest report of the proceedings of this body is contained in the annexed despatch to the Natchez *Courier*:

VICKSBURG, Nov. 21, 5 P. M.

Thirty thousand copies of the Governor's message have been ordered printed. Mr. Navers, of Tippah, (dem.,) moved that an equal number of Washington's Farewell Address be printed and sent out with the message.

The message is to be referred to a committee of fourteen, constituted from the Governor's supporters.

A call for a convention, and resolutions of censure upon General Foote will undoubtedly pass.

Arthur, of Vicksburg, offered a resolution inviting Gen. Foote to speak in the Hall at 3 o'clock. He spoke there with great power, boldness and effect.

Gen. Foote spoke at Vicksburg this (Thursday) evening. Senator Gwin, Judge Sharkey, and other distinguished men are in town.

The question of the power of the U. S. Marshal to take Gov. Quitman to New Orleans for trial, is being argued at Jackson before Judge Gholson.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTION.—The returns for Governor in the entire State are given in the Boston papers. They sum up as follows, compared with the vote of last year;

	This year.	Last year.
Briggs,	55,361	53,718
Boutwell,	56,215	30,730
Phillips,	27,811	24,364
Scattering,	500	201
	119,707	109,013

Only three members of Congress have been elected — Messrs. APPLETON and FOWLER, Whigs, and Mr. MANN, Free-Soil. In seven districts there is no choice.

In the State Senate there are 22 Coalition members and 10 Whigs. Eight districts have failed to make a choice. In the House of Representatives; Whigs 170, Democrats 71, Coalition 55, Free-Soil 56, and no choice 66.

CHOLERA AT INDIANAPOLIS, IA.—We learn, says the St. Louis *Republican* of the 18th, that the cholera, or a similar disease, has broken out at Indianapolis, Ia., and created quite a panic among the members of the convention there assembled. The first victim was a person who arrived from Madison on the cars, Wednesday, and died that night. J. S. Johnson, a colored barber, who shaved the deceased, was next taken, and died in a few hours. Mr. Van Benthuson, of Shelby county, Ia., the oldest member of the Convention, was also attacked, and died early Thursday morning. Another man, whose name we did not learn, also died. The Sergeant-at-Arms to the Convention, was very ill, when the cars left Indianapolis, yesterday, and not expected to recover. It was thought the Convention would adjourn to Saturday.

THE DINNER to John M. Clayton in Delaware ended in naming Gen. WINFIELD SCOTT, as a candidate for President in 1852. We quote from the *Tribune*:

"MORTON MCMICHAEL, Esq., was called for and made a humorous speech, in which he made the company promise, for Delaware, never to be "licked" again. He said that with WINFIELD SCOTT for Presidential party in 1852, the Whigs of Delaware, and the Union would be triumphant. He called on Mr. Clayton to say something on the life of Gen. Scott.

Mr. CRAYTON responded in a glowing eulogy on General Scott's career from Queenstown to the city of Mexico, particularly noticing the bold stand taken in defence of the Irish soldiers taken from the American army as prisoners in 1842. Scott's name was received with loud cheers."

MURDER IN ALABAMA.—Milton J. Tarver, residing near Auburn, Macon county, Alabama, was murdered on his own premises on Wednesday last. The circumstances were these:

Two men in his employ commenced an affray in a room in his house. Tarver interfered, and told them to stop the fracas in his house and go elsewhere and settle their difficulties. One of them, named John Hunt, refused, and on Tarver's attempting to put him out, he was mortally cut by him. He survived the wound only for a few hours. Hunt, escaped, and went, as supposed, in the direction of Columbus, Ga. The news was brought to this city by the evening train of cars, and a despatch forwarded to Columbus in time to secure his arrest on his arrival. He was committed to prison.

Mr. Tarver was one of the Representatives of Macon county in the State Legislature, during the session of 1845, and was much esteemed as a man and a citizen.

☞ An important notice was issued by the British Post Master General, the day before the *Franklin* sailed. It is to the effect that, in future the American contract mail steamers are to convey mails to New York intended for Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island, which are to be forwarded hence to their several destinations.

MAJOR ANDERSON MILLER, well known to our citizens for many years, died recently at the residence of Henry Hyams, Esq., in the Parish of Rapides.

Speech of Hon. John M. Clayton.

HISTORY OF THE TAYLOR ADMINISTRATION.

The Philadelphia North American contains the speech of the Hon. [illegible] made as a public dinner given to him at Wilmington, Del., on Saturday last.

After alluding incidentally to the recent election in Delaware, and the defeat of the Whigs for the first time in twenty-five years, which he attributes entirely to the nomination of a temperance ticket, he proceeds with a history of the administration of General Taylor, some portions of which are very interesting, but the crowded state of our columns forbids more than a few extracts from his remarks.

With regard to the Taylor Cabinet, and the influence they had on President Taylor, he says,—

There has never existed an administration in this government in which there was greater harmony and concert of action. In the gentlemen who composed it the President had unbounded confidence, and they retained that confidence to the last moment of his life. (Applause.) Falsehood and calumny, directed against them, as it was, from so many quarters, failed to make any impression on his mind; and he adhered to them with a tenacity which was increased by the perfect knowledge of the injustice with which they were assailed.

Coinciding in sentiment with him on all important subjects, his wish was their law; and when heard so often the pitiful aspersion that his Cabinet ruled him, knowing as he did, how faithfully they carried out his own will, while they were often made to bear the whole responsibility of his decisions and actions, he scorned the attempt to alienate him from those whom he had chosen as his advisers. It would be difficult for any man to know, standing outside of the Cabinet, the extent of the injustice done to its respective members, by the device, which was as cunningly conceived as it was industriously propagated, that the appointments and even the actions of the Executive Government were dictated by the Cabinet, and not by the President himself. (Laughter.) I have repeatedly known a Cabinet minister abused for months by the whole opposition press of the country, on account of an appointment which he had never suggested or recommended, but which had been ordered by the President alone. The unsuccessful applicant for office often found a balm for his wounded feelings in the belief, which he chose fondly to cherish, that he was the victim of some Secretary, though he was the favorite of the President. (Laughter.)

With regard to the Compromise measures, he expresses the opinion that the "Omnibus Bill" caused a delay of six months in the settlement of this difficulty, and the long and violent debates on it has stirred up the present excitement in the country. To Senator Pearce, of Maryland, he gives all the credit of having brought the difficulty to a close by the introduction of his Texas boundary bill. General Scott is highly extolled in the speech, and Mr. Clay frequently disparaged by indirect reference.

After alluding to the various undecided private claims which had been passed over by the preceding administration, and the abuse heaped on him for deciding against the Mexican Porte Tobacco claim, he thus speaks of the famous Galphin Claim:

One of these old claims, which had been referred to a previous Secretary of the Treasury, came before my friend Mr. Meredith. He referred it to the paper in the office of the Government, the Attorney General, who, after a full review of the whole subject, decided the question in favor of the claimant. The justice of his decision would never have been impeached but for the unfortunate fact, as it turned out after the money had been paid, that the Secretary of War, Mr. Crawford, of Georgia, was interested in the circumstance which was entirely unknown to any other member of the Cabinet at the time of the decision. I did not know that there was such a claim in existence until many weeks after the money had been paid.

I suppose the motive which induced the Secretary of War to conceal his interest in the claim was one of delicacy; but I have a perfect conviction, amounting almost to a belief in the justice of the demand, that, had the fact of his personal interest been known or mentioned at any cabinet meeting before the payment of the money, no settlement of that claim would have been made while Mr. Crawford remained a member of the administration. [Applause.] His conduct in offering, as he did, to Congress, to abide the judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States upon the legality of the claim—to waive every advantage of defence except that arising out of the law itself, and to return the money in the event of a decision against him by the Court, was the highest exemplification of honor that could be given.