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THE NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Philadelphia.

FOREIGN INFLUENCE.

It is a common remark by the anti-American organs that the foreign vote in the United States is so small as to do away with any serious apprehension of its evil influence. This assertion is absolutely destitute of the slightest proof, while it contains a fundamental and dangerous error. We showed some time ago that there were at least 700,000 foreign votes in this country, and that on the well ascertained principle, that the native vote is about equally divided between the two old parties, the foreign element possessed the balance of power and could use it for the success of either party. Thus, assuming that each party is enabled to cast 1,400,000 votes, it is evident that if 400,000 out of 700,000 naturalized citizens think fit to use their influence on any particular party, they will be enabled to determine the result in a closely contested general election.

Experience, however, proves that the foreign vote is very unequally divided; that at least three-fifths of that vote invariably cast in one direction. The great evil is, that the majority of adopted citizens do not vote as Whigs, or Democrats, but they vote for those who bid highest for support—not perhaps by actual money bribes, but by the more effectual means of flattery, fawning and sycophancy, and promise of substantial rewards. It is true that the consciousness of this emboldens the foreign voter to an aggression for his aid, since without that party which succeeds would be powerless.

Hence it is that an influence has grown up within the Republic which patriotic Americans regard as fraught with mischief and corruption; perilous to the political interests of the country, and to the purity and efficiency of its institutions.

The power of the foreign vote is felt particularly in the cities—those scenes of daily politics, as Mr. JEFFERSON styled them. An examination of the following returns which is dispassionately exhibits the controlling influence of the foreign vote. The proportion of votes in the two classes of votes is given in the established rule, that one-fifth of the population are voters. This is with regard to the native population. Among the immigrant population the relative proportion of females and children to the males is much less than in the native population; consequently the proportion of voters among the former is much greater than one-seventh; we have allowed them this advantage in the following table, which we borrow from the columns of the Washington *American Organ*:

	Native Population.	Native Votes.	Foreign Population.	Foreign Votes.
Chicago	20,023	4,004	29,568	5,913
Milwaukie	11,787	2,357	18,612	3,722
New Orleans	84,113	16,822	54,186	10,837
Cincinnati	115,435	23,087	54,088	10,817
New York	515,394	103,078	383,191	76,638
Philadelphia	340,045	68,009	121,032	24,206
Boston	136,881	27,376	54,715	10,943
Baltimore	169,054	33,810	46,601	9,320
Louisville	43,194	8,638	13,794	2,758
St. Louis	77,860	15,572	50,180	10,036
Buffalo	42,261	8,452	30,148	6,029
Albany	50,763	10,152	13,255	2,651
Troy	28,785	5,757	8,112	1,622
Rochester	36,403	7,280	13,694	2,738
Total	1,611,995	322,399	1,121,695	224,339

In Chicago and Milwaukie the foreign vote exceeds the native; in New Orleans, Buffalo, New York, and Cincinnati they are nearly equal; in the remaining cities the foreign vote is about one-half of the native. In any one of these cities the foreign vote is sufficiently powerful to decide the contest between either of the old political organizations, and in some is sufficient, aided by the Administration, its office-holders, office-seekers, tools, and camp followers, to defeat the American party, even supposing that party to embrace every native.

THE CANVASS.

The Northwestern part of the State is the stamping ground selected by the host of Democratic orators who have been sent forth to convert the people from the cause of pure Americanism to the effete and ruinous doctrines of Pierce-Locofocoism. They have been despatched to that quarter, because it is well understood that among the honest, hardy, incorruptible, and truly Democratic yeomanry of North Louisiana, the American party had made extraordinary progress. The strongholds, the very Sebastopols of Democracy were threatened with capture and overthrow. Unless they could be saved, the prospects of the party were dismal indeed. Hence the Hegira of a band of Locofoco spouters, who ever since their flight from New Orleans, have been laboring like galley-slaves among the voters of the Northwest, endeavoring to persuade them to abandon the American cause, and to link their fortunes once again with spurious Democracy.

The experiment has been per-severingly carried out, and we venture to predict that the result will prove it to have been a perfect failure. Messrs. MORSE, WICKLIFFE, SOULE & Co., have been followed from parish to parish, from precinct to precinct by thegallant TEXADA, the indomitable HARRIS, the calm and argumentative LEWIS, the eloquent and fiery DARUX, the indefatigable BEALE, the able and sagacious RAY with their calumnies refuted, their logic torn to pieces, their sarcasm turned back upon them, and their painful and protracted labor rendered vain and demoralized. We have before us letters from various parts of the District, breathing the fullest hope and confidence. One from Jackson parish says: "MORSE and WICKLIFFE are doing as good. Not all on Ouachita as certain by a small majority and Jackson by a large one." Another from Natchitoches says: "You may be thoroughly assured that Natchitoches is safe for SAM, and put down Sabine district." A third speaks of Bienville as come Claiborne, Bossier, Caddo and De Soto as unequivocally for us. In short, the Fourth Congressional District will almost beyond a doubt give a majority to the State ticket. Suppose it proves a stand off: we should like some ingenious wight to tell us where Democracy is to obtain its majorities!

☞ The *Vicksburg Whig* comes to us in mourning for the death of its able editor, R. K. MCARTHUR.

A MEMOIR OF THE REV. SYDNEY SMITH.—Our thanks are due the publishers, Harper & Brothers, through J. B. STEER, No. 60 Camp street, for a copy of Mrs. ARCHER'S edition of Lady HOLLAND'S memoir of the late Sydney Smith, with a selection from his letters. This is a book which will be warmly welcomed by the admirers of genius, wit, learning and refined affected piety. Sydney Smith was a man of splendid scholar, a genial wit, and a brilliant writer, but a man of ardent sympathies and strong affections. His essays and sermons have rendered his name immortal, and a powerful interest attaches to the private life of such a man. The book will amply repay perusal.

GREAT STEAMBOAT SPEED.—The magnificent new steamer Connecticut, running between New York and Albyn's Point, on the Worcester and Norwich line from Boston to New York, has made the best time on record between New York and Albyn's Point. She recently made the whole distance—one hundred and ninety-three miles—in *one hour and twelve minutes*, inclusive of a stop at New London. The average rate of speed was 93 miles per hour. This route is steadily gaining in public favor.

☞ Among the recent deaths in England is announced that of Mr. Anthony Cuming, the well known chemist and druggist, whose alleged development of asbestoid fibre in connection with the improvement of asbestoid felt is a common subject of talk and fear, by gubernatorial and municipal appointment some years since, to the health of the inmates in Penitentiary Convict Prisons. Mr. Cuming died a martyr to scientific and philanthropic investigation in the cause of human comfort.

HON. J. P. BENJAMIN.

MESSRS. EDITORS—I wish to call the attention of the people of Louisiana to a speech delivered in the Senate of the United States, in July 1854, by this Senator, on the River and Harbor bill, in the course of which he enunciated doctrines at war with the fundamental principles of the national Constitution, and subversive of the legislative powers of Congress. The bill proposed making sundry appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors. The bill proposed making sundry appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors. The bill proposed making sundry appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors