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Tuesday Morning, Jan. 25, 1848.

The Senatorial Election.

The die is cast, and the seat in the United States Senate now filled by the Hon. HENRY JOHNSON, will, after the 4th of March, 1849, be occupied by Mr. PIERRE SOULÉ, a democrat of the deepest dye. Thus we are profoundly grieved and mortified at the result, needs not be told. Our disappointment is the greater, inasmuch as we had been led to believe that every Whig would have voted for the nominee of his party. But a single source of consolation is left, and that is drawn from the fact that the regular candidate of the Locofoco—JOHN SLIDELL—was defeated, and that his party had to concentrate upon a gentleman who owes his election to Whig votes. This, however, is but a meagre offset to the disheartening reflection that a Whig Legislature has deliberately set at nought the will of the people, and snubbed its own character, by selecting a violent political opponent for the highest office in its gift. The gentlemen whose votes accomplished this outrage upon the Whig party, will, hereafter, have an account to settle with their constituents. We do not envy some of them the task they have in prospect, for that we conceive a more thankless duty than that which devolves upon a Whig to satisfy those who sent him to the Legislature on the avowed ground of his political opinions, that in voting for a Locofoco, he represented the wishes and subserved the interests of his constituents.

The report of the proceedings in joint Convention will enable those who were not present, to understand the *critiquote* of the process by which the Locofoco party succeeded. Every member of the two branches was present except Mr. ISAAC MYERS, a Whig from the Parish of Washington. This gentleman was absent, and though sought for in every direction, was not to be found. He had attended the Whig caucus on Saturday evening, voted with his party, and shared the general pledge in support of the Whig candidate. His mysterious absence, however, reduced the majority on joint ballot to ONE vote, and rendered the result highly problematical. At the first and second trial, Mr. BALDWIN, a Whig representing the Parish of Sabine, which, though heretofore democratic, gave a majority for the Whig candidate for Congress, at the November election, voted for Mr. SLIDELL, from motives which have not transpired. This defection would have secured the defeat of the Whigs, but for the course pursued by Col. MANSEL WHITE—the democratic Senator from Plaquemine—who threw away his vote in favor of ROBERT C. NICHOLAS. The two parties were consequently tied—each having given 54 votes to its respective candidate. At the third trial, Mr. SOULÉ's name was substituted for Mr. SLIDELL's. Mr. BALDWIN on this occasion voted for Mr. KENNER, the Whig nominee; but on the other hand, the following Whigs deserted their party and cast their suffrages for SOULÉ, viz: Messrs. F. GARDE, and PERRAN, of the Senate; Messrs BROWNE and WATKINS of the House. It is due to Mr. PERRAN to say that he explained to the Convention that he had voted for Mr. SOULÉ because he thought the alternative lay between the latter and Mr. SLIDELL, and that Mr. SOULÉ was in his opinion, preferable in every respect. Mr. PERRAN added that he would have continued to vote for Mr. KENNER, had that gentleman needed his aid to ensure his election. The other members offered no explanation of their votes.

The democrats of course, exult, and the Whigs are proportionably indignant at the result. There is small inducement for the Whigs to exert themselves to carry elections, when they perceive the fruits of their hard won victories wrested from them by the defeasance of their own friends. We may bear disappointments with something of philosophy when stricken down by the force of our antagonist, but to be prostrated by a blow from those for whom we fight, is a little too cruel. If victories and defeats are to be equally detrimental to the Whig party, we cannot for the life of us, see why it should struggle for the attainment of power which only puts a powerless and barren sceptre in its grasp.

SINGULAR FINANCIAL RUMOR.—The New York Herald, of Saturday, says:

It was rumored in Wall street, yesterday, that the government at Washington had effected a loan with the Russian government, through Mr. Bodisco, the Russian Minister, for $20,000,000, to be drawn, for a bill on London or on St Petersburg. This, if true, will turn the current of specie to this country, again.

En arrière: the old fashioned Democrats feared the presence of *foreign capital*, more than any other destructive missile from the crowded heads of Europe. British gold was considered particularly dangerous and destructive, Dutch coins alarming, and French francs awful! Our liberties would be subverted, our musicians would beat the mercy of foreign capitalists, and ruin stared us in the face, whenever we looked upon a transatlantic golden temper! Now! how changed! The genuine Democracy not only love European manufactures of every description better than our own—but negotiate with foreign powers for extensive loans of foreign capital.

VERY HARD.—A strong argument for the Anti-Capital Punishment men is seen in the fact that a lawyer in England, transported, three years ago, for forgery, has been found to be innocent and sent for. When convicted, he had a practice worth $15,000 a year. A few years ago, he would have been hanged.

NOW FOR WHIGS, advocate the Wilmot Proviso! *Wilmot* himself is certainly a Whig; who doubts it? There are only *five* Democrats in the New York Legislature; when!

NEW YORK.—The Wilmot Proviso Resolutions which passed the House of Assembly by a vote of —— to 4, were concurred in by the Senate —— 26, nay 1.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER.—Saturday's "Concordia *Intelligencer*, says: The river at this point, was, eight days ago, so high as to be within 7 or 8 feet of the highest mark of the water during the river panic of last summer. On Monday last, it began to recede, and still continues to go down very gently, having fallen about six inches during the week. There is neither alarm, nor cause of alarm, among our planters at this time, but they think that the rise of the river beyond its present height would be a very disagreeable part of nature's plans on the Mississippi—so far as cotton is concerned.

MAIL ROBBERY.—We learn, says the Concordia *Intelligencer*, that the mail from Jackson to Natchez, Miss., was robbed on Monday night last, on the part of the road between Jackson and Hazlehurst, Miss. The bag containing the letters was rifled and the packages of letters carried off. With the exception of, now and then, a stray five or ten dollar bill, no money goes by this mail, private conveyance being so constant. This mail robber or, if there were more than one, these mail robbers must have been the veriest nincompoops as well as knaves, as much fellows as we should expect to see breaking into a printing office and forcing open the *Weekly Dragon*.

GOOD PAY.—It is reported that the three Attorneys of Mrs. Gen. Gaines are to receive $50,000 each for their services in the late case, recently decided in the U. S. Supreme Court.—Gen. Walter Jones, the Hon. Reverdy Johnson and Mr. S. J. Hiller are the fortunate gentlemen.

MR. SECRETARY WALKER'S United States Bank will soon be in operation. The Intelligencer says it is reported has perfected a plan to raise all the millions wanted by issuing future 7 per cent bonds bearing interest, and free of X's shave.

CANADA.—Lumbering is the great occupation of the people of this province. Many thousands of men are employed in the forests during the winter season, and the number is increasing every year. The exports of timber and deals from Quebec alone, during the season of navigation, amount to upwards of £1,000,000 sterling annually. Ship building is also carried on to a great extent, and the number of vessels built in the province is very large. The fisheries on the coasts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence are also very valuable, and employ a large number of men.

Correspondence of the Bee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15th, 1848.

The army difficulties are to be the subject of official investigation. Yesterday, the President directed a Court of Inquiry to assemble at Perote, to investigate the charges made by Gen. Scott, against Gen. Pillow and Col. Duncan.

It is stated with confidence in high quarters, that after this investigation is ended, the Court is authorized to inquire into the charges against Gen. Scott, preferred by Gen. Worth.

One remarkable feature in the matter is, that the charges against Gen. Worth, which Gen. Scott advanced, have been dismissed by the President. Perhaps the admission of Col. Duncan of the authorship of the letter imputed to Gen. Worth, was the occasion of this decision.

The Court of Inquiry consist of Gen. Towson, Paymaster General, President, Gen. Cushing and Col. Butler, of Louisiana. Those who are familiar with the services, are of opinion that exception will be taken to the organization of the tribunal, on the ground, that Gen. Towson, holds no recognized military rank in the line of the army. His office is legally a civil one, and he holds it as that capacity.

As the presence of Gen. Scott, will be necessary at the Court of Inquiry, the command of the army will temporarily devolve upon Gen. Butler, of Kentucky.

No further action has been taken upon the wrongs of Gen. Scott, and it is regarded as being abandoned. This administration has already had quite enough experience in persecuting men into public favor, without renewing the experiment at this day; though they would be quite willing to attempt it, if there was any hope of its being effected at the expense of the patriot and hero of Buena Vista, against whom for some mysterious reason, their bitterest hostility is directed.

From the present indications, there is a manifest preponderance in favor of Gen. Case, as the nominee of the Democratic Convention for, or rather *against* Mr. Buchanan, as the successor of Mr. Polk. The Democratic party have not yet recovered from the effects of the Baltimore Convention, and the manner in which the nomination of Mr. Polk was forced upon the party, by the dictation of a few individuals, is not forgotten. Gen. Cass has not been a favorite with the Democracy, since the Baltimore Convention, and the manner in which the nomination of Mr. Polk was forced upon the party, by the dictation of a few individuals, is not forgotten. Gen. Cass has not been a favorite with the Democracy, since the Baltimore Convention, and the manner in which the nomination of Mr. Polk was forced upon the party, by the dictation of a few individuals, is not forgotten. Gen. Cass has not been a favorite with the Democracy, since the Baltimore Convention, and the manner in which the nomination of Mr. Polk was forced upon the party, by the dictation of a few individuals, is not forgotten.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON, January 17, 1848.

HOUSE.—A resolution was offered by Mr. Boyd to close the debate on the President's Annual Message, in two hours after going into Committee of the Whole. It was postponed, on motion of Mr. Stephens, till Monday next, by a vote of 99 to 98.

The States were then called on for resolutions, and a great number were presented, they were mostly unimportant.

Mr. McLane offered a resolution requiring the Secretary of War to furnish reports of the various routes from Missouri to the Pacific.—Adopted.

Mr. McKay presented a resolution instructing the Post Office Committee to ascertain the terms on which the contract by the Bay Line for the transportation of the great Southern Mail can be cancelled, and the terms on which the Railroad will contract.—Adopted.

Mr. Chase, of Tennessee, introduced a resolution declaring it incompatible with the views of the Administration with the drain of precious metals for the maintenance of the war, how to raise indebtedness to be paid? This is one of the practical results of the Free Trade or low Tariff System, which is now on the eve of another experiment. No country can advance that does not protect its own industry and abandons free government, cannot be maintained in its just rights and equality, when brought in direct comparison, with the proper and correct labor of Europe.

The answer of the President to grant the information called for by the House of Representatives, has produced a sensation in the political circles. It is an outrage of the most offensive sort against the people of their Representatives. Mr. Slidell's mission has long since terminated—Mr. Trist has been recalled, and here are no negotiations pending with Mexico. But new issues are raised to the extent of thirty millions a year, and the war is going on with a view to the assertion of its rights, requires the forts to be taken—action, it is ordinary, opposed and popular terms. The mind that uses business. The President in turn before long, that crisis in a point at which forbearance ceases, and when acquiesce and usurpation is by force our constitutions.

The principle has been asserted by Congress a few very many of more important negotiations. Whole days, non-members were trying to get, 120 to the adjournment of the last war, but Congressional majorities could not, and published, ret to their country, and reached Ghent in time which might be regarded as the very turning point of the negotiations. No blame was made, for sensible men, must view public questions as they are controlled by events, and after eighteen long days, the celebrated Treaty was signed.

There is but one good reason that can be imagined for the conduct of the Executive, and that is, that he felt the necessity of uniting and consolidating the energies and resources of the country in the vicinity of Santa Anna and the approach of this war. If the ruin and suppose or consequences in this, he is surely entitled to it.

The Hon. John Sergeant, of Philadelphia, who was chosen an arbitrator, between New Jersey and Delaware, in the case of the Pea Patch Island, in the Delaware River, decided his opinion to-day, affirming the right of the United States, derived through Delaware in 1813. This settles a long litigated and very troublesome question, which has been before Congress for a number of years. HERALD.

Pea Patch Case Award.

The Washington Union of the 15th, says:

It will be recollected by our readers, that a long standing controversy has existed between the United States and the State of Delaware as to the ownership of the Pea Patch, and that the case was submitted to the sole arbitration of Hon. John Sergeant, Esq. the distinguished member of the bar at Philadelphia. It was a point of great interest on the part of Messrs. Benj. L. Cozzens and John M. Clayton, the agents of the United States, and Messrs. George M. Dallas and John J. Milton on the part of the State of Delaware. The day and at the city Mr. Sergeant was detained by the illness of his wife, which we have been pleased to learn is now happily convalescent.

IMPORTANT AWARD

Under, and by virtue of the written agreement and submission, having heard the parties by their counsel, their proofs and allegations, and duly and deliberately considered the whole matter and weighed the evidence and arguments on both sides, I hereby award that the title to the Pea Patch Island is in the United States.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, at the city of Washington.

JOHN SERGEANT, [SEAL.]

Witness: JOHN WM. WALLACE,
JOHN M. CLAYTON,
W. L. DAYTON.

We copy the following extract from a Southern paper which is by no means Whig, and whose political sympathies have heretofore been with the Administration, every word of which is God's truth:

From the Charleston Evening News, of Dec. 31.

* * * * "The country was precipitated into the war without any anticipation of it. It is unaccountable to apprehend that we are now buried further in the pursuit of ends and objects than we now contemplate? The peace that would be satisfactory to-day might not obtain the honor of a consideration a month hence. Now a considerable slice of Mexican territory would perhaps satisfy the popular appetite for land—more land; but who can tell how soon its cravings will refuse to be satiated with any thing short of the whole? Is it unreasonable in our rulers to abandon themselves to the current of events? Is it not their duty, in the uncertain hope that the end will work itself out right? A more miserable fatality cannot be conceived. This appetite for land, for an extension of the area, as it is called, is becoming the prevailing passion of our people. Already they cannot listen to feel the touch of their neighbor's elbow. Nor is there any thing better calculated to feed and to manifest this passion than our offensive war, prosecuted without definite purposes, and for which the acquisition of territory can be our only indemnification.

"What could we do with Mexico were it at this moment all our own? Do we expect to hold it as a subjected province, to be plundered and misgoverned by rapacious pro-consuls, or to incorporate it into our Union, with its ten millions of an inferior race, who have neither blood nor sympathy in common with us, and who never can be assimilated to ourselves? This is a most appalling alternative, and one that ought to arrest the attention of those who give direction to the current of public sentiment.—The day that our country shall so far depart from its appointed and appropriate duties as to undertake to govern or to incorporate a reluctant and conquered nation, that day will it begin to feel the unsettling of its foundations, and to sink and to fall under the weight of the vast, and incongruous mass that will bring the anarchic upon its prostrate energies."

RIVER DISASTER.—On Monday last, the 17th inst., Isaac W. Cooper, son of J. B. Cooper, Esq., a planter in Mississippi, and Mr. Allsop, overseer on the plantation of Rice Bullard, Esq., visited Grand Gulf on business, leaving with their two negro men, one the property of Mr. Cooper, and the other that of Mr. Bullard. The parties were in a skiff. In returning homewards they suddenly got into the Gulf Current. The danger was immediately and young Cooper seeing the kind that the skiff must go down instantly, pulled off his clothes and plunged into the river. He was not drowned; and, even in that danger and excitement, nearly succeeded in saving himself. His opinion of the river was too much for him, however, and he went down. Allsop, who is a powerful man, clung to the skiff, and was carried down by the current. Cooper was picked up by a steamboat, and Allsop was saved by a flat boat. Both were carried down the river for many miles before they could be rescued. Allsop's body was found on the bank of the river, a few days after the accident. The body of young Cooper has not been found. Allsop's body was found on the bank of the river, a few days after the accident. The body of young Cooper has not been found. Allsop's body was found on the bank of the river, a few days after the accident. The body of young Cooper has not been found.

STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT.—The steamer Rhode Island, while passing Whitehall dock yesterday, at 4 P. M., on her way to Stonington, with the mails for the Caledonia, to bring passengers to the line, was run into by the South Ferry boat Franklin, on her way from Brooklyn to New York. The Transit struck the R. I. on the starboard wheelhouse, unshipping the shaft of the wheel, and carrying away quarters and bulwarks. The Franklin was not much injured. The R. I. was towed into the dock, and her passengers transferred to the Caledonia, which left for Stonington at 5 o'clock. The R. I. will be repaired in a few days.

Arrival of Steamship Washington.

Pocket Ship Dockers & Orleans on Shore—Failure of the Mail for the Boston Steamer—New Arrival of the Cambria, &c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18—1 P. M.

The steamer Washington, which sailed from Southampton, England, on the 10th ult., the same day that the Caledonia sailed from Liverpool, arrived here last night, after a passage of twenty-eight days. She, of course, brings no later news than that received by the Caledonia. She is much disabled, and has been detained by the most terrific storms ever experienced. She put into the Bay for coal, on the 16th instant, and sailed from there on the 17th.

The pocket ship Dockers d'Orleans got on shore at Sandy Hook on Friday night in a fog, and is considered to be in a dangerous position, though hopes are entertained that she will be saved, if the weather should prove favorable. Her passengers have all been taken off and brought up to the city.

The mail from the South, carrying also the New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore letters, for the steamer Caledonia, which sailed from Boston yesterday, failed to reach there in time, and are consequently left behind. The failure was caused by an accident to the steamer for Boston, which left here on Friday evening.

The Caledonia is now probably looked for here, with fifteen days later intelligence from Europe, but she has not been in sight yet.

Second Dispatch.

The Steamer Washington—Terrific Gales on her Passage—Wheel and Wheel-house Swept Off—Arrival of Scores of Dispatches—Letters from the Passengers, &c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18—6, P. M.

The steamer Washington came in sight, and an effort to the bay at 5 o'clock last evening. Her mail and passengers were immediately placed on board the steamer from the Great Western, and landed at the city, arriving here at half past 8 o'clock this morning.

The Washington sailed from Southampton on the 10th of December, and brings a London Weekly paper of that date, one day later than previous accounts from London, but it contains nothing of importance. She brings files of the London and Liverpool papers of the same dates as by the Caledonia.

The Washington experienced a very boisterous passage and had her starboard wheel, wheel house and guards. She was compelled to lay to for two days, and had to battle against head winds during the whole passage except one day's run.

She put into Dublin on the 16th, short of coal and made fast to the Custom House, at Kingstown, where she remained to coal and repair damages. From Dublin to Sandy Hook the best of weather and a quick passage.

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LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA.

IN SENATE.

MONDAY, January 24th, 1848.

The Senate met at half past 10 o'clock—a full quorum present.

Mr. Brashear gave notice of a bill making provision for the purchase of the Levee, or lands that can be manufactured in the United States, for the use of Lower City Hall.

The President submitted the first annual report of the State Inside Asylum, and also a communication from Dr. W. Barth, consulting physician of the Charity Hospital, on the Public Schools, and the amendments to the act of 1847 in regard thereto. Accepted.

Several bills passed both houses without amendment by Joint Committee.

Several bills were introduced, laid over and referred to different Committees.

The resolution relative to the purchase of the Levee, passed in the House, was received from the House of Messrs. Underwood and Hyde, under the act of 1847, and after explanations, and the Engrossment of the resolution, it was passed.

After which, the Senate proceeded in a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to elect a United States Senator, and then it adjourned.

House of Representatives.

After the opening of the session, Mr. Stokes was introduced to the House, and took the oath of office.

Mr. Hyde moved that the House do now proceed to the election of a Senator to the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Mouton