

The Washington Union. We venture to affirm, that no arguments which the closest observation upon the political history of our country for the last fifteen years may suggest, can equal in cogency—in convincing power, an appeal to the columns of this Washington Union, against the despotism of party—the despotism of those, to whom party patronage alone gives power over public opinion.

Two weeks past, (until very recently) we have been accustomed to open "The Union" with the expectation of reading an argument against the propriety of our party's taking up a candidate for the Presidency, except upon party grounds. Not only was the idea of naming Gen'l Taylor, denounced as a fraud upon the people, but the practicability of rallying a party of sufficient strength, to elect a President except upon an avowal of party principles, was ridiculed without mercy. So unceasing was its warfare upon the professed advocates of the old hero's elevation to the Presidency, that we could not but admire the zeal and spirit (although unfortunately) with which the Editors of "The Union," waged against it, the most determined and the most successful of party warfare.

That movement, which is destined to sweep the present administration from the political arena, with a whirlwind power, and bring into the grave which it labors even now to deepen as though the height of its monuments, was to be proportioned to the depth of its sepulchre. Surely the Editors of that paper, must be convinced by this time,—mature their own preconceived opinions,—that the people of the United States (nor indeed the democratic party) do not believe in the infallibility of the Government Organ. They do not believe that the Tariff of 1846 was worth \$10 per barrel in New York, because it was worth \$10 in the tariff remains in force, four or five times worth but little more than half the money. They do not believe that the war with Mexico, is constitutional, just, and politic; because they have elected a majority of Congressmen opposed to it.

They do not believe that the President did right in passing Santa Anna through the blockade flight into Mexico, because, he has led her armies in the bloodiest of all the battles, fought during the war with his country. They do not believe that the whigs have given aid and comfort to the Mexicans, because they have fought, and fallen or conquered, on every field, where our armies have met the foe. They do not believe that the whigs have been guilty of "treason and murder,"—and for fear that our democratic subscribers may doubt the correctness of the implied charge, we quote from an editorial article in that paper the following language:

"There is a fearful responsibility resting upon the white leaders of the Mexican war, the blood not only of the Mexicans, but of our own countrymen, of their own sons, brothers and friends, who they encourage these Mexicans to waylay and kill in their chaparrals and among their mountains. The guilt of a double crime—of two crimes the most atrocious known to human laws, the crime of souls—treason and murder; treason to their country, and the murder not only of Mexicans, but of their own countrymen kindred and friends."

We leave to our readers, whether Whigs or Democrats, to characterize this language as it deserves expressing the opinions, (which we do in all sincerity) that in not one of them, who approves its spirit or will endorse its truth. This is the nature—the ripened fruit of that blind adherence to party, which maddens the brain and warps the feelings of men, and who free from parties friends and expect to rebuke from party friends whom it leads, and fear none from enemies, whom it is their custom to vilify and traduce.

The whole course of the Washington Union, upon the subject of the war with Mexico, seems to be dictated by the false hypothesis, that there rests upon the opposition party, an implied obligation, to submit quietly to whig party, the Administration of the Gen'l Taylor, and may seek to impose upon the country; and the Editors make it convenient to forget, that it is the responsibility of the President to public opinion and to the constitution of the country, which makes his rule more tolerable than that of a king. The Union dares, yet its labors are far better calculated to break down the strength of the whigs or hold together the disjointed fragments of its own party.

RESPONSIBLE GAZETTE.—A German volunter who lately returned from the Mexican war, makes his boast that he made \$6000 during a campaign of a few months, by plundering the bodies of Mexicans who had fallen in battle.

The Telegraph again. Several of our citizens, have in our hearing, expressed a desire, to see a movement, having in view the establishment of a Telegraphic communication with some point north or shortly to be in communication with the main line from New York, to New Orleans. Zanesville Cincinnati and Lexington, have all been mentioned. For our own part, we would prefer Cincinnati, for many reasons, which we will give so soon as there is a necessity for determining the matter.

The expense of the proposed line, will be comparatively small—its advantages to a commercial point like this, very great.—We must take up the subject at once, unless we are willing to have the produce, entering at this point, made the subject of protracted speculation by those, who are conversant familiarly with the seaboard and the Gulf Coast, and sending expenses whenever or wherever the more isolated position of their neighbors, enables them to take advantage of the facilities afforded by the magnetic telegraph. For example, the arrival of a steamship at New York, to-night at 9 o'clock, with the news of a partial destruction of the grain crop of England, by any one of the many diseases to which that humid climate exposes it, will be known in Cincinnati in half an hour afterwards, and a courier, with instructions to an agent, to buy all the flour in Mayville at the market price, could easily reach here by morning. We could not learn until the night following that our flour holders had sold at \$2.00 less than they might have gotten, if we too, had enjoyed the facilities of our more enterprising neighbors. We look to the means of Mayville, with respect to this subject, remembering that every thing which facilitates intercourse with other commercial points, enhances the importance of this. The Farmers, too, are interested deeply.

Some of them ship their hemp—some their tobacco;—when Mayville is placed in telegraphic communication with Boston, New York and New Orleans, you may enquire of the merchants at those several points, what they will give you for your crops of a particular quality, delivered in six, eight, ten, twelve or twenty days. You receive the answer in a few minutes, and, if satisfied, they ship your produce upon a boat, then flying to the wharf waiting your determination. Again, you often ship produce and limit the sales to a certain price. Your Commission Merchant advises you that the article will probably decline. You instruct him to sell at once. He replies, all within an hour. You may thus become the adviser of your own merchant and control your produce, without leaving any thing to his discretion. The subject is full of interest, and we throw out these suggestions in order that our readers may reflect, and act speedily.

New School. Prof. E. C. ALLEN, late of the Literary Department of the Western Baptist Theological Institution, at Covington, Ky., will open a school, on Limestone street, on Monday next.

Mr. ALLEN brings with him to our city, the most satisfactory testimonials, both of his capacity and success as a teacher of youth, and we congratulate our citizens upon the prospect of the establishment of another school, worthy of public patronage. "If accurate scholarship, assiduity to teach, and untiring devotion to the duties of his profession," entitle him to the confidence of those, having children to educate, we are assured upon competent authority, that Mr. Allen has nothing to fear in presenting himself as a candidate for the favor of the public, in his honorable and responsible vocation of a teacher.

The following is from the Telegraphic despatches of the Gen'l Gazette. Disaster at Sea—31 Lives Lost. PHILADELPHIA, Aug 25, 9 P. M. The New ship Mamueluke, hence for Liverpool, was lost in a squall off Sandy Hook on the 16th instant. The store house fired immediately after she struck the rocks. The hatches were subsequently washed away, and the vessel soon afterwards filled with water. There were 46 on board, of whom 15 of the crew and passengers, of which 7 of the former and 24 of the latter were lost. Twenty-five were saved and brought home by the brig Belize.

PITTSBURGH, August 25, 6 P. M. The Telegraph gives us nothing later from the army. Texas papers of the 14th instant received at Richmond contains a letter from Senator Houston in reply to the letter of ex-President Tyler on the annexation of Texas.

"FREE CATHOLICISM."—The N. York Tribune understands that Rev. Mr. Dowlat the distinguished German divine of whom it has spoken, will address the public in his native language on Friday evening next, at this city, at the Tabernacle, upon "Free Catholicism." The eloquence of the speaker, has made him famous throughout Germany. He has there been connected with the movement of Ronge, and an interesting exhibition may be expected from him of a subject which has attracted the attention of many eminent friends.

The following from the Cincinnati Gazette of yesterday will serve to revive the recollection of a fact which Mr. Polk seems to have forgotten in the distribution of offices—viz: that he received less than half the votes polled in the last Presidential election, and that he is not, therefore, clad with the power of the people, to an extent which warrants him, in overlooking the claims of the great Whig party, for an influence in the conduct of the affairs of Government.

For the Cincinnati Gazette. The President. Messrs. EDITORS:—It strikes me that there is one very important fact on record that the people of the United States should keep in mind, which James K. Polk is taking to himself so much power and dictatorship. It is this—The vote that elected him.—The fact that he is a minority President—for a majority of the popular vote, and the fact that he is a minority President, as the following will show; viz:

Table with 3 columns: POLK, CLAY, BREXET. Rows for All the States in the Union, S. Carolina, and Add for S. Carolina.

Loves a balance against Polk of 6,659. Now it will be seen, as above, that there was 6,659 majority on the popular vote against J. K. Polk. Not only this, but the vote of Tennessee, and the vote of the West, against him. And the last of all, his own Township, where they know him best, also went against him! WHAT A POPULAR MAN!!

A letter in the Philadelphia Aquiver, dated Cape May, August 19, says: You will be surprised to hear that Mr. CLAY had a very narrow escape yesterday afternoon. After dinner he rode out on the beach, in Mr. Probst's coach, drawn by four splendid horses, accompanied by a lady from Kentucky and two of his friends. On their return, as they approached the hotel, the driver, in Mr. Probst's opinion, started suddenly, caused him to commence backing. Both leaders then kicked the horses behind them, and these jumped and reared until they broke the shaft, and ran the carriage into a tree to render assistance. Mr. Clay seized the young lady in his arms, opened the door, and leaped out of the carriage unhurt, before the driver or any bystander rendered aid. The driver, and his carriage rolled on, struck the fence, and was considerably injured.

The N. York papers announce the death of PETER G. STEVENSON, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of New York. The Express has the following notice of his death: He left here about a week ago, with his wife and niece, on an excursion to the lakes, and although at the age of seventy-five years, he was in the most excellent state of health. It appears that, at the time of his death, he was bathing in the 'plunging bath' near the hotel, and, on search being made, he was found to be under the water. Mr. S. was the legal descendant of Governor Stuyvesant, and the inheritor of a large portion of the family fortune. Next to Mr. Astor, he was the wealthiest individual in this city, and one of the most respected in the country. His possessions in real estate in the Eleventh, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards.

It is difficult to say how large an estate he has left, but it will amount to several millions. Mr. S. was left a wife only, never, we believe, having had any children. He was a gentleman of strict business habits, and distinguished by his fidelity to his vast landed estate. Since he came in possession of his patrimony, he has added greatly to its value by his skillful and rigid management. He was a courteous gentleman, man, always moving in the most respectable circles. There will be a good deal of anxiety to know how he has disposed of his large estate.

We find the following in the St. Louis Republican of the 16th: DEATH BY CASUALTY.—On Friday last, the coroner held an inquest, at the house of Judge JUDON, a few miles south of the city over the body of a negro girl about eighteen years of age, the name of her, Cordelia. The body exhibited evidence of the most cruel whipping and beating we have ever heard of. The flesh on the back and limbs was so severely lacerated, that the blood was laid bare—there were several cuts apparently from the club, on the head—and around the neck was the indentation of a cord by which it was supposed she had been confined to a tree. She had been hired by a man by the name of Tanner, residing in the neighborhood, and was sent to him in this condition. After coming home he must have beaten her, until her death, was for bread, bread, bread, until it would seem that she had been starved as well as unmercifully whipped. The jury returned a verdict that she came to her death, by blows inflicted by some person unknown, whilst she was in the employment of Mr. Tanner. The subject we presume will undergo a legal inquest, until her death, was the heartless person who could inflict such cruelty on a no tender years will receive the punishment due their crime.

A GEN DISCHARGED.—We remember to have heard a good story relating to one Alexander Gun, who belonged to the companies of 2000 Needles, and was dismissed for impudence. The story opposite him, in the books stood thus: "A Gen discharged for making a false report."—Boston Times.

MORE TALK ABOUT PEACE.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Courier, writing under date of the 18th inst., says: I know positively, and say so, without fear of being contradicted, that the British Government, and the British Ministry in Mexico, are perfectly agreed that we should keep Upper and Lower California on the terms proposed by Mr. Buchanan in the most indisputable manner. Mr. T. and Mr. B. have both agreed to the terms of the Mexican Government the policy of accepting at once the proffered peace.

And I can further inform you that Santa Anna is most anxious for another battle with the Congress, deterring Santa Anna, and fearing the return of his military rule after the troops under Gen. Scott shall be withdrawn in anxious for another battle in which they know Santa Anna will be defeated, and with him all the military tyrant and extortions of Mexico. Santa Anna is now under a diplomatic condition, pressed by friend and foe, and I should not be surprised to see him, after the battle he may be urged to fight, surrender at discretion to General Scott. This is the opinion which has obtained among the officers of our army generally, and I am informed that General Scott himself shares it with most of his staff.—The fact that a large Mexican army is now engaged in a diplomatic condition, pressed by friend and foe, and I should not be surprised to see him, after the battle he may be urged to fight, surrender at discretion to General Scott. 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