

Boys, who fell in the first charge, with three balls through his body; also, his First Lieutenant, who fell mortally wounded and was left dying on the field.

Cpl. De Rosey had several balls through his coat. Capt. Wise had his horse shot from under him. The men and officers fought bravely. The names of the officers from Louisiana who accompanied Cpl. De Rosey are not recollectable. The Mexican loss reported by a Lieutenant to be 150 dead, and 126 wounded. The Americans, also, lost 12 or 15 horses and 60 pack mules.

Louis J. Parker, of the navy, died on the 12th inst. on board the steam-frigate Mississippi.

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Thursday, August 5, 1847.

For President ZACHARY TAYLOR, OF LOUISIANA.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The fourth year since we took charge of the Messenger is nearly closed. Four weeks will complete it. We blush to have to say that many, very many men, gentlemen, have read our paper during this whole time without ever asking us, Do you not need money? How do you live if all your subscribers serve you as I do?—In virtue we tell this, in shame we let it be known that there are men in the world who will for four long years, weekly enjoy the labor of a fellow creature's hands, and yet never once think of rewarding him, as though he could buy paper, ink, hire and paymenst all on wind. Shame where is thy blood! The sober truth is, we shall at the expiration of this volume be compelled to strike off from our list a large number of names. We can furnish them their reading gratis no longer. We have during the last week made out and forwarded a great many accounts to the respective subscribers, and if this call is not responded to, we shall at the close of the volume, erase their names from our list, and those who are in reach may expect to find their accounts in the hands of an officer for collection. We must have the money that is due us, and which we have by toil and sweat earned, and we call upon all who are indebted to us, to be the amount much or little, to settle so once.—

We will have an Agent at the Fall Courts on this Circuit, commencing at Cherokee, and we entreat our friends to be prepared to settle their accounts. We hope it may not be necessary to allude to this subject again, as dunning is a very disagreeable task to us.

The above remarks do not of course apply to those who have paid us regularly and promptly, like honorable men. And while we have to deplore the delinquency of so many who have enjoyed the benefit of our labors, we have at the same time the satisfaction of knowing that we have a large list of PAYING patrons, and to this class we return our sincere thanks for the patronage heretofore bestowed, and assure them that no efforts will be spared to merit it in future.

FROM MEXICO.

The news from Mexico, in another column, is of much interest. But there have been so many reports to the same effect, one can scarcely be censured for being incredulous. We sincerely hope, however, that the overtures for peace which it is said have been made, may prove to be true.

DEATH OF JOSEPH C. NEAL, ESQ.

We regret to learn that this most talented writer died very suddenly on the 18th inst., at Philadelphia. He edited "The Pennsylvanian" for several years with signal ability. Subsequently he established "Neal's Saturday Gazette," which immediately obtained a wide popularity.—The Charcoal Sketches marked him at once the best humorous writer of his day. Mr. Neal was a native of New Hampshire, and early proved Webster's declaration correct by migrating to Philadelphia. In private life he was much beloved for all these domestic virtues which adorn the man and make him happy.

CAUSE OF WAR.

Mr. Calhoun says, "if the annexation of Texas had not taken place, there would have been no war with Mexico, but that annexation was not the cause of the war. The immediate cause of the war was the marching of our troops from Corpus Christi to the Rio del Norte. U. S. Gen. Taylor had remained with his forces where he was, there would have been no invasion—there would have been no conflict." And who ordered our troops to march from Corpus Christi? James K. Polk!

Santa Anna's Leg.—Yankee Doodle says that no less than thirty seven of Santa Anna's legs have arrived in the United States—all genuine—the very one the old fellow left at Cerro Gordo. What a "spec" will be made by exhibiting Santa Anna's leg that he forgot, in his hurry to get out of Gen. Scott's way!

UNCLE SAM'S CASH ACCOUNT.—The N. Y. Express has received an unofficial statement of "Uncle Sam's Cash Account," by which it is made to appear, and pretty clearly too, that the deficiency, to be obtained by him in 1848, will amount to about \$40,000,000!

This is going it rather strong for one year's operations.

What do the people think about it?

A lady in Alabama has applied to Gen. Brooke, for permission to join the army in Mexico, for the purpose of assisting in nursing the sick.

An ecclesiastical court in England has decided that there is no scripture or canonical authority under which the marrying of the sister of a deceased wife can be condemned.

The Dublin Horticultural Society has recently offered a premium of \$10,000, and the Edinburgh Horticultural Society one of \$5000, for a blue Dahlia.

The whigs have nominated Hon. Horace Eaton, present incumbent, for Governor of Vermont. The democrats have nominated Hon. Paul Dillingham, late member of Congress in the Montpelier District.

GEN. TAYLOR AND THE WHIGS.

The Democratic Advocate, a Loco-foco paper, published at Baton Rouge, the residence of Gen. Taylor, states, unequivocally, that Gen. Taylor was "opposed to the annexation of Texas, on constitutional grounds," and that "the ~~truth~~ the war with Mexico could and ought to have been avoided." In this opinion he concurs with the Whig party. The better the old hero is known the better Whig he is found to be.

The celebrated race horse American Eclipse died recently near Shelbyville, Ky. He was over thirty-four years old.

For the Highland Messenger.

AN EXHIBITION AND A PUBLIC DINNER.

I am not right certain, Mr. Editor, that I have on the exact definition of the rather brilliant affair which came off last Saturday, the 24th of July, at Mr. Rivers' Academy. However, you will please give this brief notice of it, a place in the Messenger. I am quite sure, sir, as a lover of the cause of general education, and although he fails to promote the highest intellectual and moral interest of the rising generation, had you heard, and seen, and felt what many of us did on that occasion, you would have been not only pleased, but much delighted. The day was upon the whole pleasant and inviting; the congregation was in every particular highly respectable and attentive, most, if not all, the employers and many citizens having turned out and assembled under the canopy at the camp-ground, in order to witness the performances of the children and young persons, varying, I suppose, from five to fifteen years of age, and numbering in all more than 40, the pupils of Mrs. MARY ANN WARD. The scene about the stage was very tastefully ornamented with branches of evergreen, and interspersed with wreaths and bows, and the whole arranged in a style most neat and attractive. In the mean time, the music on spontaneously William Britton, Esq., and Jas. Johnson, were excellent, because they were all of the good old sort, and as such, associated with many past scenes of innocent pleasure, and those loved ones now far away.

The exercises of the day opened in singing "Sweet Home," by the whole school, lead by the tutored. It was not expected that one person could in a few months train so many young discordant voices to sing with exact precision and concert; besides, the little fellows could not be prevailed on by their leader to open their mouths and make music, even as well as they had on former occasions. *Maria.*

Next, if I am not mistaken, all the children five years old and upwards declaimed poems, which were well selected and quite appropriate to the times. But as might be expected, most of the little orators of the day made short work of it.

Various dialogues were enacted, and songs to the very life of them, by the little girls especially.

So far as I can judge, all of these were calculated to make a salutary and decidedly a good impression upon the young minds engaged in them. The sentiment couched in them, and gave a severe hit at many of the idle amusement and vices of the day, such for example, as lying, gossiping, vain dressing, laziness, intemperance, and basal aristocracy, and all such like pampered sets, and ever-widened grosses in what the world calls fashionable society. *Maria.*

4. Compositions were read by the large scholars, presenting in a clear and forcible manner the great importance of sustaining the temperance and the missionary enterprise of the church and the world. While this exercise was going on, a temperance song and the Missionary hymn "From Greenland," &c. were sung by the school. *Maria.*

Various songs and fashionable airs were now given by the whole school to the audience, among which I recollect distinctly the "Goodbye Song." This piece was quite novel to me, and I soon found by the way they commenced striking chords, that the thing was not to be laughed at.—The fact is, there is something deep and pathetic in that old word "Goodbye." With what weight does it often fall upon the heart, stirring up the whole fountain of human sympathy and affection. *Maria.*

5. There was presented by the tutored and the school, to the fourth district, a very neat and beautiful banner, having on it inscribed "Beauty and Innocence," for the motto. I thought, when looking around upon the large circle of little girls, many of them apparently of the same age and size, and all dressed in white, and in a uniform manner, so emblematic of their own sweet modesty, that no motto could have been more significant and appropriate. *Maria.*

6. The whole school, the employers, and many of the citizens formed with the banner, and the music in front, and marched in procession up from the camp-ground beyond the Academy, and back into it after which the whole company partook of the very sumptuous provisions prepared for the occasion. The dinner was decidedly the richest of the kind I ever saw. Nor can it be charged with extravagance, when we take into consideration the way it was prepared, that each neighbor favorable to social and friendly intercourse brought his pig, duck, goose, or loaf of bread, and presented it as his free-will offering to the cause.

This social dinner, as I understand, was projected by the Tutored and nobly executed by the pupils and young ladies and mothers of the district. The young gentlemen of the neighborhood and those of the village especially, should not pass without some notice, as I understand they contributed some articles of luxury, to such encouragement as is not soon to be forgotten by the ladies.

There were two tables prepared, averaging

one-half mile apart, and each

will say, judging from the length of the house,

about thirty feet in length: the one was furnish-

ed with substantial—meat, bread and so on; the other with pastry and sweetmeats. On the first table we found roasted pig, beef and mutton, turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens in abundance, bacon hams, and pickles of all kinds. These last I suppose, were kindly designed to help on digestion! On the second table we found apartments of various kinds, sorts of all sorts, &c. &c.

After the multitude had eaten and were full, they repaired again to the camp-ground, and were entertained by an eloquent oration on the subject of education, by Mr. H. F. Johnson, after which the meeting was "closed" by a few remarks and prayer by P. C. Baldwin, minister of the gospel.

A movement of this kind by the young ladies and mothers here, I would say in conclusion, is worthy of all imitation and praise, and speaks much for the growing intelligence of our country, and is certainly unparalleled in the history of Henderson county.

A CITIZEN.

For the Highland Messenger.

TO ONE WHO "GOES WHILE HE IS YOUNG."

Dear innocent youth:

Does your mama know you're out?

Tis an important truth,

And one I feel concerned about.

Say, unenlightened one,

Does your anxious parent know

The danger to her pretty son

From his wanderings and fro.

Does she know there's *cattle* to be seen,

Wandering these hills o'er and o'er,

With appetites for something green,

And stomachs e'er crying "more! more!"

And that you should write for the papers,

Bangs me and beats the nation!

Why dear youth, for all your capers,

This will sure take the day.

And then your criticism so biting!

O ye quid deters, "curl up and quit!"

Give up your trade—rescource your writing.

Makes me angry by writing what you write!

You'll be the death of poor "Wat."

"Alas! I feel, I know it!"

Wat doomed to the miserable lot

Of ev'ry would-be poet.

Dear Mr. Editor will you not,

When I am dead and gone,

An epitaph write upon poor Wat,

And tell what "helped him on."

A lesson it will be.

—One I trust they'll not forget—

To our poverty,

Who rashly would turn poet.

Tell them in solemn strains I died quite soon—

Scarce five and twenty suns o'er me

bloodied—

By the hand of one who goes it while he's young."

Alas! alas poor Wat was early doomed

And now farewell, dear Mr. Editor,

I feel that I soon must "go it."

It is hard for me to think I was the world's

• • • editor.

Since I have turned poet.

And who dear innocent youth,

Who the fatal stab hath given,

Persevering me to trap,

And who would make me a poison.

Remember no malice I bear,

Although by your hand I shall die;

Soon as my poets shall meet where

We can *** or and critics almighty.

I feel that I must thank the printer's devil,

For ever since I've been a writin' for the papers!

It's been very kind and uncommonly civil.

WAT.

Washington and Taylor.

The Richmond Republican has called attention to the position taken by General Washington, when invited to become a candidate for President, and that which has been assumed by Gen. Taylor, in relation to the proposition of electing him to the same office.

In reply to a letter addressed to him, Gen. Washington wrote:

"Should it become absolutely necessary for me to occupy the station in which your letter presupposes me, I HAVE DETERMINED TO GO INTO IT, PERFECTLY FREE FROM ALL ENGAGEMENTS, OF EVERY NATURE WHATSOEVER." A conduct in conformity to this resolution, would enable me balancing the various pretensions of the different candidates for appointments, to act with a sole reference to justice and the public good."

In the answer of the Senate to General Washington first addressed to Congress, they say:

We are sensible sir, that nothing but the voice of your fellow citizens could have

called you from a rest less chosen with the

utmost solicitude, and decidedly a good

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