



THE STATES: "Distinct as the Billows, but one as the Sea."

Western Democrat

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THE PROSPECT OF PEACE.

The news by foreign arrivals continues to hold out a prospect of Peace in Europe; but the intelligent Paris correspondent of the National Intelligencer has "no confidence that the present negotiations will lead to peace," and gives what appears to be good reasons for such an opinion...

PURCHASE OF SILVER COIN AT THE MINT.

The directors of the United States Mint at Philadelphia have given notice that purchases of silver for coinage will be made on the following terms, payable in silver coins of the new issues.

ORIGIN OF "APRIL FOOL."

The 51st verse, of the 7th (VII) chapter of St. Luke, explains, it is said, the origin of "April fool."

ALARMING SICKNESS.

It perhaps is not generally known to our citizens the amount of "sickness" that has prevailed in our village for the last month.

WAR EXPENSES.

The Chancellor of the British Exchequer, in a statement made to Parliament, estimates the cost of the two years' war with Russia at £43,364,000, or about \$200,000,000!

BACKING OUT.

The members of the Free-Soil Legislature of Kansas, finding that Gov. Shannon was in the neighborhood, making preparations to arrest them, concluded that "prudence is the better part of valor," and immediately adjourned to meet again on the fourth of July!

THE LADIES OF RICHMOND, VA.,

The ladies of Richmond, Va., realized \$858 from Mr. Everett's lecture, which goes towards the purchase of Mount Vernon.

THE LOST STEAMER.

The late arrivals from Europe bring no tidings of the "Pacific." She has undoubtedly gone to the bottom of the ocean, with all on board—more than 100 souls—with a very valuable cargo.

THE DANIEL WEBSTER.

There is much excitement at New-Orleans, caused by the steamer "Daniel Webster" failing to arrive there at the due time. It is believed she has been seized by Walker, the filibuster of Nicaragua.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

The Piedmont Car Works, in Lynchburg, Va., were totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday night last. Messrs. Curle & Jordan, the proprietors, lose \$20,000, on which there is an insurance of \$12,000.

BARBER IN LUCK.

Joseph Pereira, a barber in the Saloon of N. D. Browning, New York, has been notified by the proper authorities of Funchal, Madeira, that he is entitled to an estate there of \$500,000.

CATAWBA COUNTY.

The Democrats of Catawba county, held a meeting at the Court-House, in Newton, on the 15th ult., for the purpose of appointing Delegates to the State Convention, to be held in Raleigh, on the 16th instant.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.

A Democratic meeting at Shelby, in Cleveland county, on the 12th March, (E. Rippey, Esq., in the Chair, and Wm. M. Blanton, Secretary,) appointed the following gentlemen as Delegates to the State Convention, at Raleigh, viz: James M. Wear, J. C. Lattimore, Col. Jos. Bean, P. D. Gold, Wm. Blanton, H. DeK. Cabanis, F. S. Ramsour, G. G. Holland, John Weber, and John P. Nowel.

EARLY VEGETABLES.

New tomatoes have been received in New York from Savannah, and are selling at \$1.50 per box. Straw beans have also been received, and are selling at 50 cents a peck.

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THE CELEBRATED RACE HORSE FRANK ALLEN

has been purchased by a company of gentlemen in Columbia, S. C., for \$5,000.

DR. GRAHAM, WHO WAS SENTENCED TO THE STATE'S PRISON AT SING-SING

for a number of years, in consequence of the homicide of Col. Loring, at St. Nicholas Hotel, is said to be so ill that it is not thought he will live.

THE GREATEST CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT

in the world is that of M. Godillot, in Paris. It employs sixty-six sewing machines, kept in motion by a steam engine of nine horse power, and which sewed all the overcoats for the Crimean army.

RESOLVED, THAT WE APPROVE AND HIGHLY COMMEND

the course of the present Governor of this State, Thomas Bragg, and prefer his re-nomination for the distinguished office he now holds, to any other citizen of the State, and that we will cordially unite with our Democratic brethren of the different counties in his re-nomination and election.

RESOLVED, THAT WE REGARD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

of these United States, based as it is, on the letter and spirit of the constitution, sovereignty and equality of the States, and opposed to the aggression of one section of the Union upon the rights of another, as the only party now in existence that has any claim to nationality, and that we never had greater or better cause to be proud of our party, its principles and adherence to the constitution, and the great object for which it was framed, than at the present time.

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in its practice, can know no South, no North, no East, no West, but holds all the citizens of our common country, who contend for the pure principles of the constitution, as framed by the patriots of the revolution, as a common brotherhood; and we hereby tender our heartfelt thanks to the Democrats and Southern Whigs in Congress, who have stood so manfully to the constitution, and in so doing have stood firm to the South.

RESOLVED, THAT IN PRESIDENT PIERCE,

we have a true and pure patriot; and for the sentiments expressed in his annual and special messages, and on Kansas affairs, he has our warmest congratulations; and for the patriotic and fearless vindication of the sovereignty and equality of the States, and for that freedom guaranteed by the constitution, he deserves and hereby receives our warmest and undiminished confidence.

RESOLVED, THAT WHILE WE HAVE ALL CONFIDENCE

in the Democratic convention, that is to assemble in Cincinnati, in June next, we cannot refrain from expressing our preference as our first choice for President Pierce, for the next ensuing term, and James C. Dobbin, for Vice President; and we recommend our delegates to use their utmost endeavors to secure their nomination, for with them at our head, the Union and the South would be safe.

RESOLVED, THAT WE OPPOSE ALL SECRET

oath bound political parties, or organizations, and regard the Know Nothing, or so called American party, as a dangerous and insidious foe to American institutions, the effect of which has placed a vile Abolitionist in the speaker's chair in Congress, who has denied the South any Chairman on any of the committees that most concerned us.

RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE DEMOCRATS

of Gaston, understand that Lincoln and Catawba counties are willing the next State Senator be selected out of Gaston; if so,

STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION.

The steamer Alabama, exploded on the 15th ult., near Grand Encore, La. The New Orleans papers state that so tremendous was the explosion that all the cabin, texas, upper works, &c., back to the barber shop, were torn violently away, and to add to the frightful scene the boat immediately took fire, and was burnt to the water's edge with all her cargo, consisting of some seven hundred barrels of flour. No less than nine lives were lost outright by this disastrous accident.

THE PASSENGER TRAIN ON THE RICHMOND AND DANVILLE RAILROAD

ran up to Dan river, opposite Danville, on Saturday evening last.

THE WORCESTER (MASS.) SPY SAYS

that at a recent auction sale in Spencer, potatoes were sold at prices ranging from seventeen to eighteen and twenty-six cents a bushel, and that they can be bought in any quantity in that vicinity for thirty-three cents a bushel.

MISS PEGGY LAMB, A YOUNG WOMAN

of Pickens District, about twenty-four years of age, after trying weaving, carding, spinning, and sewing, last year went to farming, and made cotton which netted her \$100. Her corn crop was two hundred and fifty bushels, worth sixty cents per bushel, and she made thirty-five bushels of wheat, worth one dollar and fifty cents a bushel! She accomplished this herself, without any assistance or hiring. She ploughed, drove the cart, cut her wheat and cribbed her corn, &c.—[Columbia Times.

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WE INVITE ATTENTION TO THE ADVERTISEMENT

of Mr. Quinn. The season for Mattresses has arrived, and all desiring a good and pleasant bed can be supplied at the establishment of Mr. Q., on the most favorable terms. Give him a call. It is the duty of the South to encourage home manufactures.

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publicly at their April Court, and appoint a time and place to hold a convention, and we will meet them. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

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NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS in arrears with me, for their public and State TAXES, are requested to make immediate payment. If my friends will only trouble themselves to look for my receipts up to the year 1855, if they don't find them in their possession, perhaps by calling on me they can get them. After next April Court, I shall fail to pay will find their names in a printed list, with the sums due—for which they must not blame me.

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