

PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE. People make no greater mistake than when they confound learning with wisdom.

Mankind has been slowly awakening to this truth. Formerly it was supposed that a "liberal education" was the making of a man.

The Spirit of America has uprooted and exposed to ridicule this ancient error. As in other things, the Yankees have taken the lead in substituting substance for show.

A man wants just so much knowledge as he has the wisdom to use. Eat no more, young friend, than your stomach will digest.

MAIL ROBBERIES.—The stealing of money from the mails is becoming a serious grievance in this State.

THE CROSS! THE SEAL! THE RING!—To the Editor of the N. Y. Daily Times: Foreign advices have twice mentioned the surrender of the above articles by the late Bishop Ives to the Bishop of Rome.

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From the Pennsylvania. JOHN RANDOLPH CLAY. The recent appointment of Mr Clay as minister to Peru meets, we are glad to see, with universal favor from the journals of both the great parties of the country.

Mr Clay is a native of this city, and son of the Hon. Joseph Clay, one of the earliest leaders of the democratic party, and a representative of this city in Congress many years ago.

In 1830, when John Randolph of Roanoke was appointed by Andrew Jackson, minister to Russia, Mr Clay, then a very young man, was selected as his secretary of legation, and acted in that capacity until the sudden departure of Mr Randolph, when the whole charge of the mission was left in his hands.

Upon the accession of Mr Van Buren as President, Mr Clay was recalled at his own request, and was transferred to Vienna, where he remained for several years as secretary of legation and charge d'affaires. Finally, in 1848, during the Mexican war, when the services of an experienced diplomatist were thought necessary on the Pacific coast, he was appointed by the administration of President Polk charge to Peru, where he has remained ever since, notwithstanding efforts were made during the last administration for his recall on political grounds.

The signal service he was enabled to render his country in warding off the dangerous effects of the great mistake made in the affair of the Lobos islands must be familiar to all our readers. These services were indeed so striking, that on the establishment of a full mission to Peru, Mr Clay was immediately nominated as minister by President Fillmore; and though his nomination was not acted on by the Senate, it was renewed as one of the first acts of Franklin Pierce, and unanimously confirmed.

Mr Clay is an accomplished scholar, speaking the French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Russian languages. He is the most veteran diplomatist in the service, and a firm and consistent member of the democratic party, with which he has always been identified, and from which he has derived his promotion.

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RAIL ROAD MEETING. At a meeting of the citizens of Newbern, assembled upon a short notice at the Court House on Saturday the 12th ult., for the purpose of appointing Delegates to attend a Rail Road meeting to be held in Fayetteville on Monday, 14th March; on motion of George S. Stevenson, Esq., John D. Whitford, Esq., Intendant, was called to the chair, and Wm. H. Mathew appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting was briefly stated by the Chairman. The Hon. W. H. Washington then rose and said—Owing to his absence from town during the greater part of the week and his pressing engagements since his return from Onslow, he was not aware that the meeting had been called until a few minutes before it assembled; and he was not therefore fully apprized of its object.

He had gathered however from the remarks of the Chairman and from conversation with different members of the meeting that the object and intention was to confer upon the propriety of sending delegates to a Rail Road Meeting to be held in Fayetteville on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

He had not been able to make up his mind fully as to the effect of such a Road upon the Newbern interest, nor its operation and ultimate effect upon his favorite notion of uniting the blue mountains of the West with the blue ocean of the East. He is inclined to think the two roads could be auxiliary to each other, but without committing himself for the present or against the Rail Road from Fayetteville to Beaufort he was decidedly in favor of sending delegates to that meeting.

1st Resolved, That eight Delegates be appointed by the Chair to represent the interest of Newbern in the meeting proposed to be held in the town of Fayetteville on Monday next.

2d Resolved, That the said delegates so appointed shall be constituted a committee of correspondence and vigilance on behalf of the town of Newbern and county of Craven.

The following named gentlemen were subsequently appointed by the Chairman as said committee: Hon. Wm. H. Washington, Hon. John R. Donnell, George S. Stevenson, John Blackwell, Elijah Ellis, John N. Washon, Esqs., and Dr. John A. Guion.

The Hon. J. R. Donnell, being called upon by the meeting, arose and spoke upon the subject at considerable length. He expressed himself decidedly in favor of the enterprise in agitation, designed to connect the Coal Mines in Chatham county with Beaufort harbor by means of a Rail Road from Fayetteville to the latter point, but that should pass through Onslow and Jones Counties, passing through or near Trenton in the latter county, and running thence to Beaufort Harbor, so as to pass at a point within five or seven miles of Newbern; and in favor of connecting Newbern by means of an arm with the Rail Road at this point.

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From the Goldsboro' Republican. BANKING IN NORTH CAROLINA.—By an act of the last Legislature, the capital of the Bank of Washington was authorized to be increased \$110,000.

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OBSEVATORY.—We learn that an Observatory, connected with that in Washington City, is to be erected in this City under the charge of Dr. B. A. Gould, of Cambridge Mass.

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