

THE HONORABLE THOMAS BRAGG, OF NORTHAMPTON.

The Ball Opened.

The nomination of Mr. Bragg by the Democratic convention on Thursday last may be considered as the fair and proper opening of the canvass for Governor of this State; both parties have now their champions in the field, for we believe that no doubt exists of Mr. Bragg's acceptance of the position to which he has been called by the voice of his party.

Towards General Dockery and those who may act with him we intend to pursue the same course which we have invariably pursued towards those who may be opposed to us; that is to treat them with every respect, until their own conduct towards us or in the conduct of the canvass may demand rebuke or exposure.

Of the candidate of the Democratic party, we know that he is a gentleman of talents of high personal standing and much beloved and respected by those who know him; devoted to the interests of the State and the whole State; possessed of the full confidence of his own party and well calculated to command the respect even of his opponents.

The effect of the Convention resolution adopted by the Whig State Convention, we find to be precisely what we said some time since it would be intended to humbly both sections—the East and the West—it has failed in both.

The attempt to elect one man's position in life we look upon as the smallest of all electioneering, and we cannot but think that many if not all intelligent Whigs are sick of the nonsense about the "Old Waggoner" and "Waggon boy," and all that sort of thing about General Dockery.

RUNAWAY.—They did say, when we came through Weldon, on Thursday, that there was a runaway couple at Whitfield's, just arrived from Petersburg and going to be married.

LAUNCHED, on the 8th inst., at Conwayboro', S. C., a new fore-and-aft Schooner of 177 tons burthen, called the "Church Perkins," owned by Capt. Pope.

From the Richmond Dispatch. Disposition of the Union. The New York Tribune, finding that the South is no longer menacing a dissolution of the Union, no longer giving vent to its just complaints in resolutions and speeches in Congress and the Legislatures.

in any other way, injured by such dissolution. About the same time we find in the New York Herald a leading article in which it is alleged that W. H. Seward and his followers desire to create a new political platform and a new party upon the basis of sectional hostility in Southern slave institutions.

The late speech of Seward in the Senate upon the Nebraska bill was not the speech of a statesman whose least sympathies, and purposes, are with the constitution and institutions of the United States, which he has sworn to support.

The elaborate effort of the Tribune, the pioneer of the Seward forces, to make it appear that it would be rather a money-making operation than otherwise to the North to dissolve the Union, and similar demonstrations by other abolition prints, gives an air of probability to the Herald's statements.

The New York Herald takes a different view from the Tribune, of the effects which a dissolution of the Union would produce upon Northern manufactures and commerce.

There can be no doubt that the view of the Herald as above quoted, are the views of the commercial community of the North.

For ourselves, we have no fear of a dissolution of the Union very soon. It is at present beneficial to both parties, and the South might enjoy much more prosperity and independence in it, if she would follow the example of the North—manufacture for herself.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM SHIP ARIA arrived at New York at noon on Thursday from Liverpool, which port she left on Saturday the 8th inst.

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EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE. There had been no fighting in the Baltic. The Russians were dismantling the fortresses on the Island of Aland.

NAVIGATION was open to St. Petersburg. As soon as hostilities commence in the Baltic the Empress of Russia and her Court will remove to Moscow.

TWO STEAM FRIGATES that were being constructed for the Russian Government, had been seized in England by the Government.

THE TURKS were falling back in good order on Trajan's Wall. The Russian position in the Dobruja was considered critical, and reinforcements were called for.

THE TURKS have beaten General Oushakoff, and forced him back into Bess-Arabia. The Turks have crossed the Danube between Nicopolis and Koustchouk.

THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH Governments have entirely rejected the proposals of the Czar founded on his letter to the King of Prussia.

THE 26th inst. had been appointed as a National Fast Day throughout Great Britain.

ON THE 12th ult., a riot occurred at Barcelona. The military were called out and several citizens killed.

A MAN named Biecher, had been arrested as being the assassin of the late Duke of Parma.

THE BEAR IN MR. FRENCH'S MENAGERIE. There he is, ladies and gentlemen! Let me direct your attention to that gigantic and bulky creature, the Rooshian Bear.

THE ROOSHIAN BEAR is notorious for his cruelty and vindictiveness to the human species, and specially to the female sex, in which barbarity he exceeds the Howling Howling.

THE TEMPER of the Rooshian Bear is usually morose and sullen, interrupted with fits of rage and frenzy; when he goes down on his marrow-bones and turns his eyes up into his 'ed growlin' mean while and shows in his teeth in a manner horrible to witness and painful to relate.

A SUPERB poem upon the death of Talford, which recently appeared in the London Punch, is challenging universal encomiums from the critics at home and abroad.

THE WAR-DONK, darkly showing, Shudder to the reading flesh; Ere a world holds breath to listen To the opening thunder crash.

THE BOOKS for transfer of Stock will be closed on the 5th May next. JAMES S. GREEN, Secretary.

JUST RECEIVED—Marsh Mallow Paste, Pectorial Paste, Lozenges of all descriptions, Ackerman's Cough Drops, Plain Liquorice Drops, Assorted Gum Drops, Syrup of Marsh-Mallows, all excellent preparations for Coughs and superior to any other Paste.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. THE JAIL, and LOT on which the same is situated, at the corner of Second and Princess streets, will be sold on Tuesday of June Court next, (13th,) at the Court House, at 12 o'clock, M., on a credit of 3, 6 and 9 months.

JUST RECEIVED per Selt. R. W. Brown: 4 lbs. Soda Crackers; 4 " Pilot Bread; 4 " Milk Crackers; 2 " Sugar do.; 2 " half Milk Soda Crackers; 5 " " Pilot Bread; 8 boxes Soda Crackers; 6 " Milk do.

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WANTED TO RENT, A SMALL HOUSE, not outside of the old limits of town. Apply at THIS OFFICE. April 21, 1854.

BACON! BACON!!—10,000 lbs. N. C. Hog Round; 80,000 do. Western Sides, just received, and for sale by April 21, 1854. W. M. SHERWOOD & CO.

SPRITS TURPENTINE BARRELS, OF extra size and heavy iron, of New York make, for sale at \$2 55 each, by A. MORGAN. April 21, '54.

NOTICE. AN ELECTION for Commissioners of Navigation for the port of Wilmington will be held at the Court House in Wilmington on the first Monday in May next, to-wit: April 21st '54—1854. E. D. HALL, Sheriff.

NOTICE. ALL persons indebted to STEAMER HENRIETTA, for Freight, up to date, are notified to come forward and settle, or their accounts will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection.

ROYAL LOTTERY OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA. CAPITAL PRIZE, \$30,000. To be drawn 5th May 1854.

THE PRIZES in this Drawing will be as follows: 1 of \$30,000; 1 of 20,000; 1 of 12,000; 1 of 6,000; 5 of \$2,000; 9 of 1,000; 11 of 500; 70 of 200; 123 of 100; 16 approximations; 238 prizes.

APPROXIMATIONS. The two former and the two following Numbers to those winning the following Prizes, will be entitled to, viz: To the \$30,000; To the 20,000; To the 12,000; To the 6,000.

THE DRAWING takes place in the large court inside of the Custom-house building, publicly. Two boys not under eight and not above twelve years of age, from the Orphan Asylum, draw the Numbers and the Prizes—one of the boys draws one Number and, at the same time, the other draws out one Prize from the wheel of Prizes, and whatever Prize comes out is placed to the credit of that Number; and so they continue until the whole number of Prizes are drawn.

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