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Special Notice. The Standard is published strictly upon the cash system. All papers are discontinued at the expiration of the time for which they have been paid.

Important Letter from the President. We publish below, from the Washington Union, the correspondence which has recently taken place between certain ministers of the Gospel of the State of Connecticut and President Buchanan, in relation to Kansas affairs.

The President no doubt reflected carefully before replying to these clerical gentlemen; and from our knowledge of, and confidence in, his discretion and judgment, we must conclude that he had good reasons for the course he has adopted in this replying, and in causing his reply to be made public.

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

The public had become apprized during the past week that a correspondence of a peculiar character had taken place between a number of clergymen and others of the North and the President of the United States in relation to political affairs in Kansas.

To His Excellency, JAMES BUCHANAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: The undersigned, citizens of the United States and electors of the State of Connecticut, respectfully offer to your Excellency this their MEMORIAL: The fundamental principle of the constitution of the United States, and of our political institutions, is that the people shall make their own laws and elect their own rulers.

WASHINGTON CITY, Aug. 15, 1857. GENTLEMEN: On my recent return to this city, after a fortnight's absence, your memorial, without date, was placed in my hands, through the agency of Mr. Horatio King, of the Post Office Department, and I was glad to find it had been intrusted.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.

At a public meeting of the citizens of Buncombe county, convened at the Court House on Saturday the 23d instant, on motion, Montraville Patton, Esq., was called to the Chair, and L. B. Sawyer requested as Secretary.

The Chairman briefly explained the object of the meeting to be the appointment of delegates to the Rail Road Convention to be held at the Warm Springs on the 27th inst.

The meeting was then addressed at some length by A. S. Merrimon, Esq., who offered the following resolutions: That the industrial interests of the mountain country in North Carolina imperatively demand that we should at once have a connection by Rail Road, with the Atlantic sea board on the east, and the great heart of the Mississippi Valley on the west.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee under the fourth resolution: N. W. Woodfin, A. S. Merrimon, J. Burgin, P. W. Roberts, M. Erwin, A. Johnson, Chas. Moore, S. B. Gudge, David Coleman, Z. B. Vance, J. Gudge, M. Lowry, N. Blackstock, Wm. L. Henry, J. W. Woodfin.

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ON SLEEP AND LIGHT.—Sleep is the most powerful restorative of the system. It renews the daily ebb of life, and arrests its happy flow, recruiting the exhaustion produced by its drains and toils, and weariness with the respect to the mind as it respects the individual. During the entire period of the growth of the body, the more sleep the more food it requires to repair the wants of the structures, and to restore their sensibility and irritability, exhausted by the incessant activity of the waking period.

ATROCITY, ENGLISH AND INDIAN.—The English press attempts to excite the indignation of the world against the rebellious Sepoys by accounts of the barbarities which have been committed by the mutinying forces of the British Government in India.

THE RESULT OF THE LATE ELECTIONS.—It must be a source of great gratification to every democrat—aye, to every unprejudiced and candid southern man—to learn that the success of our party in the late elections was not the result of a mere coincidence.

WHERE IS THE "NATIONAL AMERICAN PARTY" now? With but a half dozen representatives on the floor of the next Congress, what a melancholy picture will they present to the eye of the observer!

MR. STANLY.—The course pursued by Mr. Edw. Stanly, in yielding himself to the purpose of Black Republicans, the inveterate and constant enemies of Southern rights and interests, has taken the country by surprise.

CHINESE HEMP.—The Louisville Journal says:—"We have received from Mr. John Herr, of this county, a specimen of Chinese hemp grown on his farm. It is of very superior quality, and is sixteen feet in height. This new species is being rapidly introduced into Kentucky, and with much success."

INDIANA TRIALS AND SKETCHES.—REMINISCENCES BY HON. O. H. SMITH.—A TIGHT FIT.—In early times there lived in Indiana a man by the name of George Boone, a descendant of the celebrated Daniel Boone, who should not be overlooked in these sketches, although I have not space to pay the same respect to many others whom I would be pleased to notice.

"I was about eighteen years of age when for the first time I took it into my head to go a-sparking. One of my neighbors, a few miles off, had a large, pretty daughter, that I thought would just suit me. It was late in the fall, and the weather pretty cold; still, I went down to the woods, and there I met the evening had come; I dressed in my best butternut colored suit, made some six months before, but soon found that the pantaloons reached only just below my knees, and my coat stretched over as tight as a dried eel skin on a hoop pole.

But the end of George was not yet. He grew up to be a man and a colossus, and like Saul of old, was chosen to lead the people. He became a State Senator and an able debator. His figure was so tall and commanding, his voice so strong, loud and clear, his manner so plain and unassuming, his coolness and known courage such, that he was both respected and dreaded as an opponent.

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And Shields to turn the enemy's right, across the river above and attack the column of reserve. This was a perilous service. It could only be performed by going far to the front, beyond the reach of speedy support. The distance, from the river to the ground, low and marshy, was intersected by numerous ditches and irrigating canals.

The Mexican river line which they had now turned, was their right, the lancers on their left, and the reserve column, the object of their attack, in front. In imagination the whole scene rose to the view. The Palmetto Regiment halts a moment to adjust its line of battle, and then—made the basis of the whole movement—commences the terrible charge.

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THE PALMETTO REGIMENT. We have received, says the Charleston Standard, from Messrs. S. G. Courtenay & Co., a copy of the Address delivered by General Samuel McGowan, before the Palmetto Association, at the celebration of its first anniversary, on the 14th of May last. It is an able, eloquent and appropriate production, and we take pleasure in laying before our readers so much of it as our space will permit.

The Palmetto Regiment was also remarkable for the material—the character of the men—of which it was composed. The war with Mexico has proved, beyond all question, that citizen soldiers may be relied on as a national defense, and that the republican principle of opposition to large standing armies, is not only economical, but practical and safe—that it does not necessarily result, as has sometimes been supposed, in confusion, and military weakness.

The volunteers were soldiers from choice—not from necessity. In going to the wars they were not following a profession, nor seeking the means of living; but were moved by patriotism, and a love of glory.

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