

The Halls of Montezumas.

Montezuma II. ascended the Mexican throne A. D. 1602, at the age of 23, before Mexico had been discovered by the Europeans.

On ascending the throne, not content with the spacious residence of his father he erected another much more magnificent, fronting on the plaza mayor of the present city of Mexico.

The palace was built of red stone, ornamented with marble, the arms of the Montezuma family (an eagle bearing a tiger in his talons) being sculptured over the main entrance.

He encouraged science and learning, and public schools were established throughout the greater part of his empire. The city of Mexico in his day, numbered twice as many inhabitants as at present, and one thousand men were daily employed in watering and sweeping its streets.

So vast was the collection of birds of prey, in a building devoted to them, that 500 turkeys, the cheapest meat in Mexico, were allowed for their daily consumption.

A man, his wife and six children, lately passed through Louisville, Ky., on their way to the west, some 700 miles distant.

It is a popular delusion to believe because a dandy's straps are drawn tight upon his trousers, they will lift him up to respectable society.

It is a popular delusion to think a girl who has been raised in a village, and wears a big bustle, is superior to the unassuming country girl who has been brought up at the loom or spinning wheel.

It is a popular delusion for a merchant to think the printer will trade with him if he don't advertise in his paper.

Later from the Army.

CAMARGO, July 28, 1846. The talk is all about Indians and Indian outrages. Day before yesterday, the Camanches attacked a rancho between this and Mier, killed nine Mexicans, and took off no less than 14 women and children as prisoners.

We have another report to the effect that six Americans, while driving in beef cattle from Laredo to San Antonio, were set upon by the Camanches, and all killed, together with 14 Mexicans, who were in company.

While upon this subject, I would mention one little circumstance I witnessed yesterday—a circumstance the like of which has not often occurred since the creation.

I learn that the steamer Aid starts with a detachment of troops to-morrow for Mier, to take possession of that place.

The Louisiana volunteers have been disbanded, as you will have heard ere this reaches you. They are flocking down to the bar here, to embark for home.

Gen. Taylor will leave Matamoros to-morrow for Camargo. We understand that the command of Matamoros, after the departure of the troops, will be committed to the charge of Major Clark; his command as Military Governor will be sustained by four companies of artillery, with a sufficiency of volunteers to maintain his position.

It is said that a farmer near Lowell, to save expense, undertook to make a plough with his own hands. It looked so ugly when finished, that he deemed it prudent to chain it to an apple tree; but it got loose during the night, and killed two of his calves.

There are many hogs in this world with invisible snouts. Their bristles grow inwardly, and their souls wallow in the mire until they become fattened for the devil's pork tub, into which they go after a hard scald.

He who forgets the fountain from which he drank, and the tree under whose shade he gambled in the days of his youth, is a stranger to the sweetest impressions of the human heart.

General Taylor is 56 years of age; Gen. Scott 64; and Gen. Gaines 60.

Below we give the returns of the vote for Governor of the State at the late election, as far as heard from; also the vote of 1844, showing the difference between the votes then and now.

Table with columns for 1844 and 1846, listing candidates and their respective votes in various counties.

\* McDowell votes with Burke. † Union with Mecklenburg.

It is remarkable that one vote carried the tariff of 1824, one vote the tariff of 1828, one vote carried the tariff of 1842; and by one vote in the Senate, the tariff of 1846 has become a law.

A Dampier to Eloquence.

Amusing scenes occur occasionally in grave assemblies. During the late session of an eastern legislature, a newly fledged orator rose to make his maiden speech in the house of representatives.

As soon as the tumult subsided in some degree, and the orator could make himself heard, he indignantly proceeded: "Gentlemen need not think to put me down by a camor. Is there no sympathy here for the widow and the orphan? I say, sir, that this is worse than stripping. Put on this tax, and I say you drive the widow to her last shift."

Here the clamor became so great, that the speaker despairing of being heard, resumed his seat. It was some time before the house could transact its regular business.

It is said that Senator Haywood is about to commence legal proceedings against some of the papers which have intimated that he resigned his seat from mercenary motives.

The Foreign Intelligence.

The intelligence brought by the Great Western, though only five days later, furnishes pregnant indications of another change in the British ministry. The general stagnation of the markets evinces the sense of ministerial instability which pervades the commercial community in England.

Gen. TAYLOR, according to orders from the War Department, has discharged about 5,000 Volunteers, those Regiments and Companies which first went on and volunteered only for six months.

Some of these Volunteers had requested their discharge; but from the serious complaints made against the War Department in regard to the measure, one would suppose it a very great outrage.

It seems to us a plain proposition, that an invading Army to operate in Mexico should be subject to not less than twelve months service, whilst the six months term might answer very well for the frontier service, or to repel invasion, for which purpose they were originally called.

We regret to see announced, in the A. bington papers, the death, on the 23d July, of Mrs Sarah B. Preston, widow of the late Gen. Francis Preston, only child of the distinguished Gen. Wm. Campbell, of revolutionary memory, and mother of the Hon. Wm. C. Preston, of South Carolina.

That sound and influential print, the "Baltimore Sun," though wholly disconnected from party takes the following just and eloquent view of the new Tariff bill.

The bill having passed, a very natural and proper inquiry will be directed to the consequences of its practical operation; and so far as they may be anticipated, behooves the people to regulate and arrange their business, so as to improve, in the best manner, all the advantages that may attend the change, and seek, by assiduity, not only to counteract, but to overleap the disadvantages, and press on vigorously to prosperity.

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of opinion, nor the energy of dispute, although the measure to us is an unsatisfactory one as a whole; so also was the tariff of 1842; but we are well assured that if the real, rather than the apparent effects of that measure were better known, there would be much less objection to this.

It is of the first importance to the success of any measure, and due alike to the citizen that it should be tried upon its merits. If the people yield their judgement and consign their interests to a false issue—if they take for granted that the prostration and ruin of American enterprise are to follow upon the heels, or rather to precede the tariff of 1846, and be guided in their practice accordingly, we must swell the prediction of irretrievable disaster for the sake of our prophetic reputation, although we shall never join in the croak of despair.

NO such danger after all.

The Union votes for the authenticity of the following extract of a letter from a whig merchant of New York to a member of Congress.

New York, July 27.

"Mr. McKay's bill is far better than to have the question left open, subject to continual agitation. I shall therefore be glad to hear that this bill has passed. I am ashamed of the cry that is being made about the country's being ruined, if this bill passes. It does not echo the sentiments of the well informed of the whig party, and is made only by those who are now reaping a golden harvest, and wish to prevent home competition as well as foreign—because they believe that as long as the tariff of 1842 stands, there is an uncertainty about the matter which prevents capitalists from investing in manufactures; for as long as the tariff is where it is now, we are likely to have a change, and we do not know where the change will leave us."

The bill has passed, and we are willing to abide the consequences.

A bashful wooer, not long since, wishing to pop the question, did it in the following singular manner: "Taking up the young lady's cat, he said, 'Pussy, may I have your mistress?' It was answered by the lady, who said, 'Say yes, pussy.'"

A polite young lady recently asserted, that she had lived near a barn yard, and that it was impossible for her to sleep in the morning, on account of the outcry made by a Gentleman hen.

From the Army.

We have accounts from the Rio Grande to the 2d instant. There is no news of consequence. Gen. Taylor was despatching the regulars to Camargo with all possible haste, and likewise sending on large supplies of munitions.

Texas dates to the 5th instant state that the force concentrating at Bexar amounts to 4,765 men. It constitutes an independent command, which will be under Maj. Gen. Butler and Brig. Gen. Wool, and is destined to strike into the Province of Chihuahua, between Santa Fe and Gen Taylor's position.

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The worst effect, perhaps, which, the resignation of Mr Haywood had upon the democrats in the late elections, was the ardor and energy which it imparted to the whig party. This party saw at once that they might gain two United States Senators, and they went to work in all parts of the State with ten-fold strength and resolution.