

The Weekly Raleigh Register, AND NORTH CAROLINA GAZETTE.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

What will the Raleigh Register say now? Will it continue to pronounce the Wilmot Provision an abstraction, and, in common with Horace Greeley, the Philadelphia News, and other Freesoil organs, rejoice that California has settled this question for herself by excluding Slavery? We tell the Register at once, so far as California is concerned, that the end is not yet.

Now, whether the Editor of the "Standard" designed such a thing, or not (we suppose, however, in the usual fairness that distinguishes that print, that such was the intention,) the evident and palpable tendency of the foregoing extract is, to produce the impression, that the Register has rejoiced at the exclusion of Slavery from California, by the people of that Territory. The "Standard" seems to be playing the part of the village-bully, who, having received a severe drubbing, and after his antagonist has retired from the field, and from a conflict, in which, however victorious, he could not reasonably expect to gain anything, vents his gasconade upon the winds, and beats the air with his fists. To apply the parallel—the "Standard" vauntingly enquires if the "Register fears to speak out," when, after having "rotated" the "Standard" for its derelictions and "admissions" for the past three or four months, we have announced our determination to abandon, as far as possible, any further controversy with it—the play not being worth the candle? The "Standard," however, may rest assured of one thing—that we will always be near by, to repress its boasts, and expose its hypocrisies, whenever, in a hollow and simulated zeal for Southern rights, it endeavors to fix a false and unwarranted position upon us.

While, therefore, we do think that the settlement of this vexed California question, by the people of the Territory themselves, affords just cause for congratulation, as tending to avert the storm that threatened to burst, with terrible fury, over our heads, our "rejoicing" by no means proceeds from the fact that Slavery has been inhibited from the country. This the "Standard" well knew; though it could not resist to brave an opportunity of giving an opponent asly and covert stab. We are, upon the whole, inclined to think that the Californians acted unwisely in introducing into their Constitution the anti-slavery clause. We should have been pleased to have seen our institutions vindicated there, and the calculations and hopes of a few Northern fanatics disappointed and rebuked. But because Slavery has been excluded from its borders, by the People themselves in Convention, (and a large proportion of them emigrants from Slave holding States) we are not willing, on that account, to say to these People that their wishes shall not be complied with; that their Government, republican in its form—the only qualification that the Constitution requires—shall not be admitted into the confederation of States; and thus lead our assistance towards reviving all the excitement, and deep, bitter feeling, and imminent danger, that have attended the agitation of this question! And it strikes us as one of the most shameless and despicable exhibitions of party inconsistency, that ever disgraced the annals of political history, that the "Standard" and the Southern Loco Foco Press generally, should now be found denouncing the very doctrine, upon the advocacy of which they rested Gen. Cass' claims to the confidence and support of the South, during the last Presidential campaign—but a year ago. We may reasonably presume that the "Standard" goes far as to oppose the reception of California, under the circumstances, into the sisterhood of States, for it assures us, with an ominous shade of the head, that the "end is not yet." At all events, in order to ascertain that important fact—so important to the adjustment of this question and the destinies of mankind, at large—we take the liberty of propounding the following interrogatory, which the "Standard" will probably recognize as cousin germane to one that has already been a source of some inquietude to its Editor:

"Will you oppose the admission of California into the Union, with the anti-slavery clause in its constitution?"

"The end is not yet!" and so say we, though for different reasons doubtless than those entertained by the "Standard." The following extract from a late number of the "New York Evening Post," a bitter Abolition journal, will give an insight into what we mean:

"Whatever be the nature of the constitution presented, it is not very probable to us that New Mexico, with her small population of Indians and men of Spanish descent, will be immediately admitted by Congress into the Union as a State. The wrong of leaving her, in the meantime, without a territorial government, will form the occasion for bringing up the question of the institutions to be provided for her, and the controversy raised on this point may outlast General Taylor's administration, in spite of Mr. Clayton's intrigues to exclude it from the floor of Congress."

Here we have a double motive upon the part of the Abolition-Freesoil Locofocos for opposing the admission of the new Territory. In the first place, they are determined, as *Loco Focos*, that Gen. Taylor's Administration shall be embarrassed as much as possible by this question and its issues; and in the second place, they seem resolved, as *Abolition-Freesoil*, that neither California nor New Mexico shall cease to be food for agitation, if they can prevent it—that neither shall be incorporated into the Union, so long as there is free play for fanaticism or a prospect of excitement. Let the "Standard" continue to co-operate in the designs of the "Evening Post," and endorse the views of (or rather be endorsed by) the "National Era," but we call upon right-minded and reflecting men to watch carefully the movements of those, who seem willing and determined to sacrifice peace, and principle, and interest, to the unholy purposes of agitation and party triumph.

We have been much farther than we intended. Again we wash our hands.

THE CASE OF POISONING.—The Proclamation of the Governor, offering a reward of \$200, will be found in this paper.

Many rumors of the arrest of Mrs Simpson have been in circulation; but all have turned out to be unfounded. The most reliable information we have heard, leads to the belief that she passed through Robeson county, &c., on the way to Georgetown and Charleston—*Fay Obs.*

What we see by the Richmond Whig that similar things are done in Virginia.

By the *Virginia Observer*.

RAIL ROAD MEETING IN BURKE.

At a large and respectable meeting of the citizens of Burke County, held in the Town of Morganton, on the 17th of November, for the purpose of appointing Delegates to the Convention to be held at Greensboro' on the 29th inst., upon motion of Major James C. Smyth, Col. Isaac T. Avery was appointed Chairman, and on motion of Col. B. S. Gaither, E. J. Erwin and John M. Murphy were appointed Secretaries.

The objects of the meeting were explained by the Chairman, and thereupon W. W. Avery, Esq. introduced the following Resolutions: Resolved, That we have witnessed with lively interest, the efforts now being made for securing the Charter for the Central Rail Road; that we regard the success of the scheme as a *fact*: That all discussion touching the propriety of the measure, is now useless, and that it becomes the duty of every citizen in the State, in whatever section he may reside, to contribute his moral weight and influence, at least, to the advancement of this grand project.

Resolved, That we believe it entirely practicable, not only to construct a Rail Road from Salisbury, or some other point on the Central Road, to the base of the Blue Ridge, but to extend the same across the mountains, *via* Asheville, to the Tennessee line; and this opinion is confirmed by the observations and actual surveys made by the corps of Engineers now engaged in locating the Turnpike Road from Salisbury West to the Georgia line.

Resolved, That the agitation of the question of the proposed extension of the Central Rail Road West to the Tennessee line is a matter of vital importance at this time, in view of the action now being had in Tennessee, to construct a Rail Road from Nashville to Knoxville and thence East via Abingdon to the valley of Virginia; that the valley of the Catawba River, on the Eastern, and the valleys of Swannanoa and French Broad Rivers, on the Western side of the Blue Ridge, furnish approaches to the mountain and facilities for crossing the same, along the Allegheny; that the estimates recently made by a skillful Engineer, of the probable cost of the proposed Rail Road across the mountains, demonstrates the fact, that the average cost per mile will not exceed the rate calculated for the Central Road as already chartered.

Resolved, That the golden opportunity is now presented of consummating the grand scheme of connection (once regarded as visionary) between the Atlantic coast and the great valley of the Mississippi, by a Central Road through North Carolina and Tennessee, if our people will but take the matter in hand and manifest a determination to connect our Central Road with the Tennessee Road at Knoxville, before it diverges to Virginia; and we therefore earnestly recommend to the Counties and to the people more immediately interested in the proposed extension of the Central Rail Road, to take the matter into earnest consideration, with a view to an application for a Charter therefor at the next meeting of the Legislature.

Resolved, That twenty delegates be appointed to represent this County in the Convention to be held in Greensboro', on the 29th inst., and they are hereby requested to present to the consideration of said Convention, the subject of the proposed extension of the Central Rail Road, and ask an expression of opinion touching the same, of that body.

Col. B. S. Gaither offered the following additional Resolution, which was accepted by Mr. Avery, and incorporated as part of the series:

Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting address a letter to Major S. M. Fox, Principal Engineer employed by the State in surveying a route for the Western Turnpike, inviting him to attend the Convention at Greensboro', as a Delegate from this County, and request him to furnish said Convention with such information as he may have acquired, by exploration or survey, touching the practicability of extending the Central Rail Road West to the Tennessee line.

The meeting was then addressed by Col. B. S. Gaither and W. W. Avery, Esq., and at the close of Mr. Avery's speech, the original Resolutions, with the additional one offered by Col. Gaither, were unanimously adopted.

Upon motion, the meeting appointed the following Delegates to the Convention at Greensboro', viz: W. W. Avery, B. S. Gaither, T. C. Walton, Dr. W. C. Tate, F. P. Glass, J. C. Smyth, C. M. Avery, A. Duckworth, J. D. Ferree, E. P. Jones, S. C. W. Tate, E. J. Erwin, T. R. Caldwell, J. E. Erwin, Wm. W. Walton, J. H. Murphy, W. F. McKesson, D. Corpening, C. McDowell, and Col. E. T. Avery.

Upon motion, it was resolved that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *Raleigh, Greensboro', Salisbury, Charlotte, Lincoln and Asheville papers*.

It was moved that the meeting adjourn, to meet again on Tuesday of January Court—the meeting then adjourned over to the time designated.

I. T. AVERY, Chm'n.
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FOREIGN NEWS.
ARRIVAL OF
THE STEAMER CALADONIA.
Russia and Turkey.
THE HUNGARIAN REFUGEES.
INSTRUCTIONS TO BRITISH MINISTERS.
CANNEXATION.
RECEPTION OF MR. RIVES.
ANOTHER ADVANCE IN COTTON.

The British mail steamer Caladonia arrived at Boston on Saturday evening at half-past 10 o'clock.

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