

THE LATE JAMES MONTGOMERY, THE POET.

Of the decease of the venerable James Montgomery, of Sheffield, in England, illustrious not only by his talents and his public works, but by the christian virtues and unblemished purity of his private life, our readers were informed, a week or two ago, in an article of news copied with some modifications from a New York journal. By one of the late steam-packer's Editors, the "Sheffield Times" containing some particulars of his life and death, with copious details of his funeral obsequies.

Full of interest as these details are and could not but be to his friends and relatives, and to the whole population of the great town by which he was nurtured, and in which he was buried, they would, in their extent, be comparatively without attraction to those who knew Montgomery only by name. It may, however, serve to give some idea of the regard in which he was held while living, to state that the funeral procession was one of the most magnificent ever witnessed in the place, official as well as municipal, of representatives of every public institution and association, including the Mayor and the whole body of the corporation of the town, and (so to speak) the whole mass of its inhabitants. It will perhaps surprise those who have only heard of Sheffield as a manufacturing town to learn that in this funeral train, beside the hearse drawn by six horses, and four mourning coaches drawn by four horses each, there were upwards of a hundred and forty carriages. Forming a part of the procession were nearly fifty Ministers of the Gospel, and among them the United Brethren, (Moravians,) in which the deceased was nurtured and raised; the whole scene being, in the language of the Times, such a demonstration of public feeling as had never before been witnessed in Sheffield.

The remains of our deceased friend—for such in our early years he emphatically had been—were deposited in a beautiful rural cemetery on the borders of the town.

There was, as we learn from the paper above referred to, a competition for the honor of Montgomery's burial place. We quote from the Times: "The plot of ground suggested and recommended by the Cemetery Committee for his grave is precisely the spot which is the most conspicuous in the line of the town, and the most beautiful in the landscape. It may be interesting to mention that not only did Mr. Montgomery compose a hymn on the occasion of the consecration of the new cemetery, but [some time before his death] he walked round the ground and expressed himself delighted both with the picturesque scenery and the antiquity of the beautiful aspect which the ground would present when it assumed its ultimate form and decorations. This circumstance, trifling as it is, becomes gratifying in connexion with the fact that considerable difficulty had to be overcome with reference to the site of the new cemetery at the village of Eckington, the burial place of the Gales family—a desire in which the surviving Miss Gales very naturally concurred.—The two Moravian establishments in this part of the kingdom—Fulneck, near Leeds, and Oxborough, near Lincoln—were the only places where the interment was likely to take place.

In another part of the Times, the name of the same lady occurs at the close of a very interesting account of the life and dying hours of the poet: "We must not," says the writer, "omit to mention or to sympathize with the venerable woman who alone, with her late sisters, has been his companion during almost half a century, and whose solicitude has been devoted to the promotion of the domestic comfort of him in whose behalf she had so long walked down the vale of life. We allude, of course, to Miss Gales, who, having been so long to him as a sister and a friend, feels intensely a bereavement which leaves her so far advanced in years alone in the world."

The recurrence of this name, together with the mention in all the accounts of Montgomery's life, of his business engagement with Mr. Gales, will perhaps have suggested to some of our readers the probability of a family relation between the lady above referred to and those persons on this side of the Atlantic who bear the same name. It is even so. She was the youngest sister of JOSEPH GALE, of Sheffield, who, with his wife and the children then born, emigrated to the United States sixty years ago. Among these children the Editor of this paper who bears the same name was the oldest son, and the wife of his associate was the youngest daughter. Miss Gales, therefore, the sole survivor of the name in England; is the Aunt of both the Editors of the National Intelligencer and the Great Aunt of the Editor of the "Raleigh Register."

JOSEPH GALE, the Senior, with his family, came to this country in the year 1795, he was in the transition from his native country to the New World spent some months at Hamburg, in Germany, or rather at the town of Altona, immediately adjacent to it.

The following letter from Mr. Gales to JOEL BARLOW, whose acquaintance, with that of other Americans, he had made in Hamburg, the original of which was placed in our hands by a surviving relative of the latter gentleman, discloses the precise date of the arrival of Mr. Gales in this country, and his first impression of it:

No. 272 NORTH FRONT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 28, 1795.

DEAR SIR:—As you were pleased to express a wish to hear of our safe arrival upon the shores of America, I take the opportunity which the sailing of the Adriana for Hamburg gives me, to inform you that we have reached this port safe and well on the 30th of July, after a tolerably agreeable passage of sixty days; for, though the time was somewhat longer than is reckoned a short passage, it has passed away smoothly from a perfect good understanding subsisting between us and the captain, and from his and his mate's particular attentions to the children. What added to the agreeableness of the passage we had very little sickness amongst us.

We find Philadelphia a fine flourishing city; but, from the great influx of foreigners of late, (particularly from the States of Pennsylvania) the necessities of life are very dear, and rents remarkably high. It was with difficulty, indeed, after being twelve days at a tavern, that I could find any place in which to put our heads. At length, however, I got very comfortable, though very dear apartments, just without the city, in an open situation near the river Delaware. We have found the heat of the weather excessive and scarcely supportable, but for a few days past we have had it cooler.

The letter you were so good as to favor me with, Col. Barlow's delicate health, but he is in the neighborhood of New York, not finding it convenient to present to go there, I enclosed to a particular friend just arrived there from England, (along with a w<sup>o</sup>k of Condorcet, which, for the want of leisure, I did not translate; I was obliged, however, with a few lines from myself, requesting that he would carry through the medium of my friend, or by letter, I heard from my friend at New York yesterday, who says that Mr. Fellows thinks Hudgyn would be a good place for me to fix at, but he will write me on the subject. Mr. Flint would confer with Mr. Barlow on the subject.

Finding money got pretty freely here, I thought it most prudent to get into a way of earning some, (my stock being pretty much reduced,) and being introduced to Mr. Dunsen, book-seller here, he recommended me to Dunlap and Claypoole as a person capable of undertaking an active part in the management of their paper, and with them I am engaged upon tolerably good terms. This situation will not only give my family present bread, but will habituate me to the manner of doing business here, and will give me an opportunity of becoming acquainted with many things which will be of use hereafter.

which while you are at Paris, you could learn the title of the printer of the principal paper in every seaport in France, that if I commence a paper, I might have the benefit of an exchange by every ship sailing from thence.

The treaty lately concluded between Great Britain and this country has given great dissatisfaction to the great body of the people here, and addresses have been presented to the President from all parts, requesting him to withhold his signature from it, (though a majority of the Senate had sanctioned it;) but amidst these few days a number of merchants in this and other places have addressed the President, and expressed their approbation of the treaty. It is said the President has signed it, and that Mr. Hammond has sailed to England with it from New York.

A week ago it was positively said here that the yellow fever raged at New York, but it is now said to be without foundation. No epidemic disease is there. A few more than ordinary deaths have been occasioned by the hot weather. Boston is also sickly.

My wife joins me in expression of thanks for the many civilities shown to us at Altona, and in the hope of soon seeing you on this side of the Atlantic well and happy.

Yours, sincerely, JO. GALES.

After residing upwards of four years in the city of Philadelphia, during which he established and carried on a considerable printing office, Mr. Gales was induced to transfer his establishment to Raleigh, the seat of Government of the State of North Carolina; and very soon after his arrival there, began the publication of a newspaper, by the title of the "Raleigh Register," which exists to this day, being now owned and edited by Mr. SEATON GALE, his grandson.

As soon as practicable after his arrival in this country, he took the first step of declaring in legal form his intention to become a citizen of the United States; which intention was carried out very soon after his removal to Raleigh, by his naturalization at a United States Court held in that young city.

We should not have troubled our readers with all these particulars, and an article not with any of them, had it not been in some degree necessary to show the authenticity of the source of the memoir of Mr. MONTGOMERY which we are about to lay before them, and the reliance that may be placed upon its general accuracy.

Among the manuscripts found with the papers of Mr. Gales, after his decease, (in 1832,) was a collection, the general title of which was as follows: "Reminiscences which relate to Persons who have come under my own observation." First in order of these Reminiscences is the subject, copied from the original, in her own handwriting:

JAMES MONTGOMERY.

This estimable man and celebrated poet was born November 4th, 1771, at Irvine, in Ayrshire, in Scotland. His father was Moravian Minister, and when he was still an infant, his parents removed to Antrim county, Ireland.—When only six years old this child of promise was placed at Fulneck, in Yorkshire, a seminary of the *Calvis Fratrum*. His parents, going to reside in the West Indies, died there, and Mr. MONTGOMERY was left to the care of his guardian at an obscure village in Yorkshire as a shop boy. That this situation should satisfy his ardent mind could not be expected; and, after struggling with his feelings, in about eighteen months he privately left his employer, and ignorant of the world and hurried up by delusive hopes, he wandered about a few days, and with a few shillings in his pocket, reached the village of Wath, near to the shop he had filled up the leisure hours of his situation in the diligence of his native passion. Truly might he have said, with Pope—

"I fled in numbers, for the number came."

From Wath he went to London. High in hopes of never fading fame and magnificent rewards of genius, he applied to Mr. Harrison, a celebrated publisher in Paternoster Row. With this gentleman he remained a few months; but, as no one would undertake to publish his poems, he returned to the cradle of his native land, where he returned to his parents' home, and melancholy, to Wath, where he was kindly received.

At this period of time my personal knowledge of Mr. MONTGOMERY commenced. Mr. Gales then, and for some years preceding, published a newspaper entitled "The Sheffield Key" for a clerk in that paper by the name of MONTGOMERY applied for the situation. Well do I remember the circumstances attending my first knowledge of this interesting young man; for interesting he was, in spite of his very unorthodox habits. His inquiry was for Mr. Gales, and so happened that I was crossing the passage at the moment he entered himself at the door. I received the letter, and when I had read it I compared it with the singular appearance of the writer, for there was a bright beam of intelligence in his fine eyes, which I had never seen before. His letter was replete with energy, and in offering his services as a clerk, in consequence of his aversion to his pursuits, his feelings, his expectations, and his disappointments. With sarcastic bitterness he spoke of the Meconas of modern days, and the great mass of adrift publishers. For a long time, even that lately, I preserved this letter, nor do I now recollect what became of it.

And now to describe this very extraordinary young man at my first interview with him.—He was in his 19th year, of a middle size, his eyes, in the great measure, were blue, his hair, his complexion fair. These minute observations were not, however, made at this transient visit; but his dress, exactly as it was, never again presented itself, and it is difficult to conceive that a person, a young one too, who had been in the great metropolis of the British Empire, should have appeared so did. His coat was of the coarsest blue cloth, cut mathematically it is true, but without the least regard to taste or fashion; his underclothes of the coarsest materials, and his breeches (in male attire) were of leather; his stockings blue woolen, and dragged above his knees to meet his upper clothes; his shoes hooped-nail-ed, such as the farmers' servants wear; his hat broad brimmed, with a round close crown, under which, low in his neck, hung his hair in long straggling ends. But what was most heart best under this rude exterior! what an enlightened mind gave energy to his expressions!

The person who advertised for a clerk had usual eyes, but Mr. Gales, much pleased at the subsequent interview engaged Montgomery in the same capacity. And a more faithful servant or a truer friend were never more favored with.

From this period his personal improvement was rapid, and his mental powers daily developed.

MONTGOMERY lived in our family during "times that tried men's souls" and, though true friend to liberty, he did not personally appear as its advocate in those stormy times, yet his pen was occasionally devoted to the great cause of political reform. I am, however, speaking of MONTGOMERY, not the times in which we lived. He was the most agreeable companion, as well as the most faithful friend; the most philanthropic of men, even in those early untired days. In our domestic circle, at all times, he was the most interesting and the most interesting of our friends. He was sometimes in complete abstraction, and at other times, he was very busy.

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which any one interested in the feelings, he would break out into such torrents of eloquence as were equally interesting and amusing. During his residence with us, we made a short tour into Derbyshire, Mr. Gales and himself on business, and myself and two young female visitors accompanying them for the purpose. It was a most delightful tour, as we visited those wonders of Nature which are so celebrated in topographical history. Unfortunately in this journey Montgomery took cold, which eventuated in a swelling, and finally in the suppuration of his jaw, which, as long as I knew him, was a source of pain and inconvenience. Never was my father kinder to a child than Mr. Gales was to Montgomery; and he repaid it with the exertion of a faithful servant and the duty of a son. I have never known any person more affectionately devoted to another than Mr. Montgomery was at that time to Mr. Gales. In the difficult and dangerous of that convalescent period he took his share. When we finally concluded to leave England, in 1794, our particular and excellent friend, the Rev. B. Naylor, purchased the "Sheffield Register" and the printing office, and for some time it was printed in his name. Some time after which a new arrangement was made, and Montgomery became proprietor, as well as editor and printer.

Although the Register was now conducted with less zeal for the popular cause than it had been by its former publisher, yet was its editor twice immured within the walls of York Castle—first, for three months and with a fine, for publishing a song written and published long before he entered on the business. It was a patriotic song, written in Ireland, and the exceptional line was, "If France conquers, the world will be free." Those only who know the turbulence of the mind of this sensitive boy will understand the nature of the charge. It was a year afterwards our unfortunate friend was imprisoned for boldly and manfully expressing his opinion of the bloody and disgraceful conduct of the British in the late war. He was confined in two lodgings for six months, and paid a still heavier fine.

From that period MONTGOMERY devoted a great portion of his time to poetry, and no inconsiderable portion of it to the calls of humanity. His claims to the gratitude of his country for private friendship, and to public services. In this period he has published as much and as valuable matter as any poet of his age—the age we live in. In a miscellaneous subject, his "Vanderloo" is a gem, and his "Greenland" have gone of them through many editions, and have some of them been translated into French and German. In this country also have been many editions.

HE IS NOW 55 YEARS OLD, and has recently retired from his professional duties, which occasion he received a greater mark of distinction, a greater proof of the honorable estimation in which he was held, than any other private individual in that part of England has ever received. A dinner, called in the name of Liberty, was given at the residence of Mr. Gales, at which he presided, and was attended by Mr. MONTGOMERY, with his family, and public life. The tickets were a guinea each; and on the second day, the subscription was obliged to be closed, as the applicants were too numerous for accommodation.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men," That tide which, taken or not, by our friend, it surely may be said without egotism, that the printing office and book-store were congenial soils for the germination of his powerful mind, and the kindness with which he was treated by his employer and friend warmed that noble heart, which a cold world had almost chilled to despair.

At the period when this was written, MONTGOMERY enjoys the *otium cum dignitate* in Sheffield, where he has lived for thirty six years, occasional excursions excepted. He lives, too, in the house which we occupied, and Mr. Gales's Maidens, and to his own age, still live there; and of them he is, as he ever has been, a brother and a friend.

WINIFRED GALE.

RALEIGH, (N. C.) October 18, 1856.

P. S. I had forgot to mention, but surely I may do so with laudable pride, that in our friend's Farewell Address on relinquishing the publication of the *Key* (September 27, 1855) he reverted to his first residence in Sheffield, and the state of parties at that time:

"With all the enthusiasm of youth I entered into the feelings of those who called themselves the friends of freedom, justice, and humanity. Those were the days when I was immediately connected with the friends of the cause of the oppressed, and that era was generous, upright, and disinterested, like the noble-minded editor of the *Sheffield Register*, (as this paper was then called), the cause which they espoused would never have been disgraced, and might have prevailed even in defeat, and then there could have been nothing to fear, and all our patriotic measures supported by patriotic men."

\*NOTE BY THE EDITORS.—It may not be uninteresting to the reader to learn, upon the authority of the sketch of Mr. MONTGOMERY's life referred to in the introduction to this article, that he was published in the Sheffield Times, the immediate causes which led to the emigration of Mr. Gales to the United States, as they are truly and impartially disclosed in the following extract from that sketch:

"Mr. MONTGOMERY was received into the family of Mr. Gales, as he had been in every other, not only with respect, but even with affection, for his simple manners and his high talents, and his noble mind always made him friends. Mr. Gales, who had been very respectfully educated, was a man not only of a strong mind, but of a most sensitive and uncomprehending heart. His wife was a woman possessing both accomplishments and a taste for literature.

"It was not long after this period, that he recollected, when names the most elevated in rank were in honor and honesty, held the most opposite political opinions. The spirit of the French revolution, newly introduced from the mangled body of an ancient despotism, and devoid of all principle, stalked over Europe, justly producing consternation and dismay wherever it appeared. England was one of its favorite haunts. Sheffield, in common with all large manufacturing towns, was suspected and watched by Government, Mr. Gales, as the organ of the popular sentiment, was a marked man. A suspicion at length reached Mr. Gales, he had been the mere accident, while in a neighboring town, that a man had been arrested for his apprehension—that his house had been searched. He knew that to be suspected was to be guilty. He would, however, have remained in defiance, had he not been reminded of the fact; he therefore resolved instantly to pass over sea; and presently, with his wife, arrived in safety at Hamburg, with which neighborhood (Altona) they ultimately proceeded to America."

[This was written in the year 1826.]

HON. EDW'D STANLEY.—Advice from California state that this distinguished son of the "Old North State," who recently emigrated to that State, and who has been elected to the Senate from California, should the Whigs be successful in carrying the Legislature, of which there is scarcely a doubt, as the breach in the democratic ranks between the friends of Gwin and Broderick is beyond healing. The election of this zealous and ardent advocate of the Whig principles to succeed the partisan Whig, will be hailed with acclamation by the Whig party of the entire Union.—*Norfolk Beacon*.

CRISIS OR NO CRISIS.—In Bulwer's sarcastic comment on "Mr. Bragg," says, "He shakes his head at a file of newspapers, says, 'I have already seen eighteen crises, and I have seen the annihilation of commerce, four overthrow of the church, and three last, final, awful, and irremediable destructions of the entire constitution.'"

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THE RALEIGH REGISTER.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 28, 1854.

Republican Whig Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR, ALFRED DOCKERY, OF RICHMOND.

ELECTION ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 8th.

Mr. HENRY M. LEWIS, Montgomery, Alabama, is our General Travelling Agent, for the States of Alabama and Tennessee, assisted by C. F. Lewis, James O. Lewis, and Samuel D. Lewis.

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Mr. BRADLEY JAMES, No. 182 South Third Street, Philadelphia, is our General Travelling Agent, assisted by Wm. H. Well, John Collins, James Deering, E. A. Evans, Thomas D. Niles, Joseph Hamank, Joseph Burton, Robert W. Morrison, Edward W. Wiley, William L. Waterman, H. J. Riddick, P. W. Macken, Thomas A. Tobin and D. S. Doose.

GEN. DOCKERY'S APPOINTMENTS. Wadesboro', Friday, July 1. Monroe, Saturday, July 2. Charlotte, Sunday, July 3. Lincolnton, Wednesday, July 5. Newton, Thursday, July 6. Taylorville, Friday, July 7. Wilkesboro', Saturday, July 8. Jefferson, Monday, July 10. Boone, Wednesday, July 12. Morganton, Saturday, July 15. Marion, Monday, July 17. Rutherfordton, Wednesday, July 19.

CORNERED! It is indeed amusing to witness the twisting and writhings of the loocofo party under the force of the stunning blow given their Candidate by the Edenton Certificate, which not only sustains Gen. Dockery in his version of the discussion in that place, on the 10th of April, but most effectually exposes the Janus face of Mr. Bragg on the subject of Internal Improvement. It fell like a bomb shell into the camp of the "Raleigh Junta"—and never did panic stricken men glare their eyes around in such terror and dismay. The "Standard" comes to the relief of Mr. Bragg, and a more lame and impotent excuse and defence were never made for any man. It is indeed a literary curiosity and is worthy of preservation!

The sixteen Edenton gentlemen, who give an account of the discussion, say that they "distinctly recollect" that Gen. D. asked Mr. B. the following questions:

1. Are you in favor of the extension of the North Carolina Rail Road, East to Beaufort and West to the Tennessee line?

To which Mr. Bragg answered, "I am not to be catechised; you have no right to question me."

The General remarked, "I see you are disposed to dodge the question."

To which Mr. Bragg replied, "I am not, Sir."

Gen. D. THEN asked the question, "Are you in favor of the State borrowing money to build that Road?"

To which Mr. Bragg answered, clearly and emphatically, "No, Sir; but I am willing to extend the Road as far as the means and resources of the State will justify."

This is the proof! It shows "clearly and emphatically," that on the 10th of April last, the loocofo Candidate was opposed to BORROWING MONEY TO EXTEND THE ROAD—in other words, THAT HE WAS OPPOSED PRACTICALLY TO ITS EXTENSION! How does the "Standard" propose to get around the convincing force and power of this proof? It says: "The substance of the above is, that Mr. B. was not open to questions, as Gen. D. was, because he was not then a Candidate,—that he was nevertheless not disposed to dodge the question, for he emphatically says so,—that he replied, 'No, Sir, but I am willing to extend the Road.' &c. Not quite so fast, Mr. "Standard!" Such an attempt at deception is too glaring. Stick to the record! Such is not the testimony of the witnesses. You have taken the answer of one question, and endeavored to tuck it on to another and a different one! Cunning device this, indeed! Read again—

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"No Sir"—what? "No Sir"—I don't dodge! Why, he had already answered that remark, and Gen. D. had passed to and pronounced another and different question. The gist of the discussion was whether he was "in favor of borrowing money to extend the Road," and not whether Mr. B. was a dodger or not! It was only by charging him with "dodging" that Gen. D. was able to drag from him a "clear and emphatic" answer to the inquiry, whether he was in favor of borrowing money to extend the Road, and to that, he answered directly and unequivocally, "No Sir!" The "Standard" may tax its ingenuity for quibbling to its utmost tension, but it will not avail!

But, says the "Standard," his declaration that he was willing to go "to the extent of the means and resources of the State, is all that the most decided Improvement man could desire, for the means and resources of the State include, of course, all the property, real and personal, within our borders."

Mr. Bragg, then, is willing to go to the extent of the value of all the property, real and personal, in the State to complete the extension! Is this so? If the meaning, which the "Standard" attaches to the words "means and resources," be correct, then the conclusion is inevitable, that Mr. B. is willing to see the whole real and personal property of the People of the State under mortgage to carry on a work of Internal Improvement! But the "Standard" knows Mr. B. did not mean this, but that he intended the words "means and resources" to refer only to the means, money, or effects, on hand. He intended to repeat his meaning when he used the expression, "No, Sir," viz: that he was willing to go to the extent of what was on hand, and could be made available from the taxes now raised, but was opposed to incurring a debt—"borrowing money." This was the meaning, and the "Standard" knows it, despite the effort made by quibbling and sophistry to place him in an upright position on the variegated platform of the loocofo Convention!

This, then, having been his meaning, on the 10th of April last, Mr. Bragg stood in a position

of practical hostility to the extension of the Central Road! If he was unwilling to go farther than the "means and resources" of the State "justified," then the Road itself would not go East or West one single track!

The "Standard" tries hard, almost to bursting, to lift Mr. Bragg out of the bog of inconsistencies and contradictions into which he has plunged, but these efforts will but sink him deeper and deeper! The weight around his neck is too heavy for even the stalwart arm of the "Standard" to carry. Sink he must! Let the Whig press keep up the fire!

HAPPY FACULTY.

The loocofo party have a most beautiful faculty of converting every renegade Whig, who may, peradventure, for the sake of the "spoils," or for any other patriotic motive, join their ranks, into a marvellously proper, consistent and sincere lover of his country—and his whole country! They actually make the poor fellows themselves, who are thus seduced, believe, after a while, that there has been nothing selfish in their conduct, but that it has been instigated by the most noble and ennobling impulses.—They feed them with flattery and "pap," until they extract from them whatever of confidential intercourse they may have had with their Whig associates,—induce them to bruit it before the public, and, poor creatures! when aroused from their intoxication, they find that they have done what, in days by gone, they would have scorned, and what, as men having some little spark of honor remaining, they cannot, even under their new association, justify.

The man who goes from one family circle to another, detailing what he had heard in the confidence of friendship, would be kicked out of decent society. The man who goes from one political party to another, and divulges the friendly intercourse of his former associates, is hugged and kissed and caressed by his new allies! Could any meanness surpass this?

"We have learned, on the highest authority, and now take occasion to state,—what we felt quite confident was so from the first,—that Mr. Clingman is utterly opposed to the election of Gen. Dockery, the Federal candidate for Governor.—This position is well known to the people of this District."—(Standard.)

That "highest authority," we presume, is Mr. Clingman himself! But where was the necessity to inform the Editor of the "Standard"?—He "felt quite confident it was so, from the first," for it is well known that he has been one of the "keepers" of Mr. C.'s political conscience and secrets for a year or two past, and rumor says he has kept up a most intimate correspondence with him. This whole affair is no new thing. It takes no body by surprise. Whigs have been "quite confident it was so from the first." Mr. C. was a long time "being wooed." He quibbled, quite lengthily, with the leaders of the loocofo party, before he would throw off the mask he was wearing! After all, we take it that there is but a bargain. A "quid pro quo" is the basis of the contract. It is pretty generally understood, that the high contracting parties have already agreed on the preliminaries, and that should Mr. C. hold, what they call, the "balance of power" in the Legislature, he and David S. Reid are to embrace and lock hands as the two United States Senators from North Carolina! "How we applaud swim!" Well, it is said "that is an evil wind which blows nobody good." Mr. Clingman stands forth now an avowed loocofo. The Whigs of his District now know his political latitude and longitude, and they can act accordingly. It is to be seen whether they will suffer themselves to be hitched to the car of Thomas L. Clingman's ambition, and dragged hither and thither at his will and pleasure!—We do not believe they will!

The Register repeats the falsehood that Mr. Edwards voted against the Free Suffrage bill; and conceals the fact that fifteen Whig Senators voted against it. We shall go somewhat at length into the question in our next.

Standard.

What does the Editor mean? Almost every man, woman and child in the State knows, that Mr. Edwards, when Speaker of the Senate, gave the casting vote against the Free Suffrage bill. Yet the "Standard" has the hardihood to deny this universally known fact. For we defy any one, who understands the force and meaning of words, and is at all acquainted with the construction of the English language, to give any other significance to the foregoing extract than this,—that it is a falsehood to say that Mr. Edwards voted against the Free Suffrage bill, and that the "Register," in publishing this, "repeats the falsehood." Surely, the man must be mad. Will honest loocofoes, after this, continue to give credence to the assertions of the "Standard"?

With such a specimen of its capacity for falsehood before the world, let the "Standard" hereafter never accuse any man of the same crime,—but rather let its turn its eyes upon its own heart, when it will find,

"Such back and grained spots As will forever leave their tinct."

HARD RUN.—So hard pressed are the loocofo party of the State, and so fearful are they of defeat in August, that they have actually called to their aid Gen. Balis Marcus Edney, of Pernambuco memory,—and they have humbugged the vain and simple-hearted General into the publication of a letter, which (whatever may have been his "anteecedents") ought to be enough, of itself, to damn him forever in the estimation of every party. It not only shows him to have been a subservient beggar for political office at Washington in 1852, but proves that he is capable of stabbing in the dark the reputation of those who exerted themselves to obtain for him a share of the leaves and fishes,—of retailing private conversations,—of publishing a confidential cabinet paper to gratify personal pique, and to advance the cause of those to whom his political treason has been roused,—and of contradicting in the public prints, a statement which he now says he knew, at the time, to have been substantially true! Let loocofoism revel in its new alliance. They are welcome to all they can make by it. We have already heard men of the party express their contempt at the idea of attempting to make political capital out of such tergiversations and treachery!

Congress seems to be in an uncertain way as to the time of adjournment, and the time for meeting again. Mr. Bayard, in the Senate, uttered a great truth, when he said, "it had been clearly shown that Congress could do as much business in a three month session as in nine months."

CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

BEAUFORT CO.—Col. JOSEPH TRAVIS (Senate), and J. K. STUBBS and PAUL GRAY, Esq., (House) are the Whig candidates in Beaufort. Every way a most excellent ticket.

"There is another view of this matter which is most striking, and that is, there is no provision in the Constitution requiring a Convention to submit its doings to the people. Such a body might assemble, frame a new Constitution of the most objectionable character, proclaim it as the organic law, return to the 'homes,' and the people would have no remedy short of revolution. Is there any pressing necessity, especially when all desirable amendments can be obtained by another and a Constitutional mode, that the people should place their whole Constitution in the hands of a body thus armed with ABSOLUTE POWER?"

The above is a specimen of the logic and Constitutional learning of the "Standard." What if there be no provision in the Constitution, to submit the amendments proposed by a Convention to the people, cannot the Legislature make such a provision in the act calling the Convention? There was no provision in the Constitution as it originally stood, requiring the Convention of 1835 to submit "its doings to the people," yet the Legislature supplied the defect, and it was done. What has been done, under the approval of as able and patriotic men as controlled our councils at that day, can be done again, without bringing the State into disrepute, or plunging it into revolution! The "Standard" need not be alarmed. Our people are not a Parisian mob. They can do things quietly, wisely, honorably, gentlemanly, without cutting each other's throats, or upturning the Government! The "ballot box" comes in between us and Revolution! Let the "Standard" dismiss its childish fears, lest it might turn gray before its time! No blood will be shed.

RIGHT FOR ONCE.—The Richmond "Enquirer" very earnestly resists a recent remarkable proposition (for it really amounted to as much,) of the Petersburg "Intelligencer" for a fusion of the two political parties of the South. "The Whigs of the South," it says, "have no idea of renouncing" their principles. Right, Master Brooke; and we devoutly hope that the day may be far distant before any true Southern Whig shall so far "renounce" either his principles or his self respect as to coalesce with an unscrupulous party which, with loud denunciation of treason on its lips, hugs traitors to its bosom, and which knows no other governing motive of action than a lust for power! Again, says the "Enquirer": "What feeling or principle is there in common between a Badger and a Butler, or a Bots and a Caske?" None, we thank God,—and we trust there never may be.

JOHN A. GILMER.—The numerous friends and admirers of this gallant Whig and excellent gentleman will read with pleasure the following announcement from the last "Greensboro' Patriot":

"We know that a desire is felt abroad, as well as at home, for the continued presence of Mr. Gilmer in the councils of the State; and we are gratified to announce, this week, that he is again before the people of Guilford for a seat in the State Senate. We hear of no opposition, and presume he will have none. His patriotism, his ability, his sleepless industry, his devotion to the interests of his immediate constituency and of the State, have combined to give him a position before the public, alike honorable to the one party and useful to the other. He is one of those indispensable citizens that the people cannot see how they could do without; and were he gone, nobody could be found to fill his place."

It is stated that the individual to whom President PIERCE has given the Governorship of Kansas (the only portion of the Territory recently organized suited to slave population,) to an anti-slavery man, whose opinions upon the territorial bills are unsound or unknown. Can this be so? If so, the Democratic leaders of the South will say—Amen!

A friend writes: "The Locos are making tremendous exertions to revolutionize gallant little Brunswick, which they consider a perfect plague spot. But it won't do!"

We trust that the gallant Whigs of that glorious little county will stand by their colors, and rebuke the arrogant dictation of loocofoism! They have always given to their brethren in other sections of the State an example of devotion and manly independence worthy of imitation!

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