

TERMS.
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POETRY.

RESIGNATION.

By Henry W. Longfellow.
There is no flock, however watched and tended,
But one dead lamb is there!
There is no weed, howsoever defended,
But has one vacant chair!

The air is full of farewells to the dying,
And mournings for the dead;
The heart of Rachel, for her children crying,
Will not be comforted!

Let us be patient! these severe afflictions
Not from the ground arise,
But often times celestial benedictions
Assume their dark disguise.

We see but dimly through the mist and vapors;
Amid these earthly damps
What seem to us but dim funeral tapers
May be heaven's distant lamps.

There is no death! what seems so transient;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portals we call Death.

She is not dead—the child of our affection—
But gone into that school
Where she no longer needs our poor protection,
And Christ himself doth rule.

In that great Cloister's stillness and seclusion,
By guardian angels led,
Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution,
She lives whom we call dead.

Day after day we think what she is doing
In ether bright realms of air;
Year after year her tender eyes pursuing,
Behold her grown more fair.

Thus do we walk with her, and keep unbroken
The bond which nature gives,
Thinking that our remembrance though unspoken,
May reach her where she lives.

Not as a child shall we again behold her;
For when with raptures wild
In our embraces we again behold her,
She will not be a child!

But a fair maiden, in her father's mansion
Clothed with celestial grace;
And beautiful with all the soul's expansion
Shall we behold her face.

And though at times impetuous with emotion
And anguish long suppressed,
The swelling heart heaves moaning like the ocean
That cannot be at rest;
We will be patient! and assuage the feeling
We cannot wholly stay;
By silence sanctifying, not concealing,
The grief that must have way.

MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Natchez Courier.

THE NATCHEZ MEETING.
A MIGHTY "RALLY FOR THE UNION."—
On Saturday last, 9th inst., by far the largest
and most respectable assemblage ever
convened in Natchez, met in the Court House
at eleven o'clock. Unlike most public meetings
at these first summons of the bell was sufficient
to fill the court room, and it seemed
to us that every man approached with an earnest
solemnity depicted upon his features
indicative of the great fact that he had heard
of the Union of his beloved country threatened
by rash and bitter demagogues, and felt
compelled by the heavy responsibilities
which he owed to himself, his country, to the
world and the great cause of freedom every-
where, to come forward and administer a
stern rebuke to that cold, unfeeling and false-
hearted ambition that would fire the glorious
temple of our liberties for the sake of an e-
vanescent supremacy over a fragment, and
of an infamous immortality.

The call for this great and solemn meeting
was signed by three hundred and eighty
of the planters and citizens of Adams county
and Natchez. The names of the call embraced
the owners of from ten to hundreds, if
not thousands of slaves, whose interests are
all connected with the institution which the
constitution excludes. They, if any of our
citizens have interest in the subject, certainly
have the deepest; they have one that
ought weigh the pecuniary interests of any
similar number of citizens to be found in
any county in the State, or perhaps in any
other county in any other Southern State.—
In consequence of this deep and vital interest,
the great and densely crowded meeting
followed by an extraordinary display of
gatherings. They came out, summoned
by a voice more powerful than the trumpet
voice of party. They came, as came the
brave old fathers of the Republic, when they
reared the mighty arch of self-government
over the ruins of despotism and monarchy,
every man feeling and acting as if he alone
and single were called upon to sustain his
country's glorious institutions in their day
of peril, and stand by them the firmer and
the stronger the hurricane of passion blew,
and the louder the thunders of faction and
treason to the Union rolled in the lurid
political atmosphere.

The Union Meeting was organized by the
unanimous election of Dr. Stephen Duncan
as President, Messrs. Isaac Linn and John
R. Stockman, Vice Presidents, and E. Baker
and John Fleming, Esqs., Secretaries.

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NUMBER 26.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING
Advertisements—For every Sixteen Lines first
insertion, One Dollar, each subsequent insertion
Twenty-five Cents.
Court Orders and Judicial Advertisements will be
charged 25 per cent. higher; but a deduction of 33 1/3
percent. will be made from the regular price, for
advertisers by the year.
Advertisements, inserted in the SEMI-WEEKLY REGISTER,
will also appear in the WEEKLY Paper, free of
charge.
Letters to the Editor must be post-paid.

Livery Stable.

THE Subscriber after retaining his grateful
thanks to the Public, for the very liberal and
generous patronage, hitherto extended to him, most
respectfully gives notice that he continues to prosecute
his line of business, in all its branches, with
promptness and efficiency. His Stables are clean
and commodious, and his Carriage experienced and
attentive; indeed no pains or expense have been
or shall be spared to render satisfaction to all who patronize
his Establishment.
He will keep constantly on hand, for hire,
HACKS, BUGGIES, HARNESS
and
Saddles, Harnesses,
HORSES well boarded by the day,
week, month or year, on the most
moderate terms. Drivers will find this
a central position, and a most convenient
one for effecting sales, and they
will always find ample accommodations for any number
of Horses, however large.
The Subscriber has also effected a new arrangement
by which he will be enabled to keep a new and
old Buggy, for sale, for hire, on
moderate and accommodating terms. This is a
new feature in his business.
The Subscriber hopes that his friends and the
Public will continue to give him a trial. It is all
that he asks.
JAMES M. HARRIS.
Raleigh, September 28, 1849.

TO HIRE!

A FIRST rate Blacksmith. Apply at this Office.
January 22, 1850. 7 38

Now Ready,

TURNER'S North Carolina Almanac, for the
year of 1850.
1850.
Published and sold wholesale and retail, by Henry
D. Turner, at the N. C. BOOK STORE,
Raleigh, Nov. 2, 1849. 88

FROCK AND DRESS COATS.
E. L. HARDING has just received a first
rate assortment of Frock and Dress Coats
of beautiful French Cloth. Cheap for Cash.

Junibe Paste—A superior article of Rose
flavored, just to hand.
WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & CO.

Livery Stables!

THE Subscriber, having purchased all the stock,
&c. of the late Firm of Nixon and Cooke,
takes occasion to inform his friends and the public
generally, that he will continue to carry on the
business, in all its branches, in the most judicious
manner, and no efforts nor expense will be spared on his part
to accommodate the travelling community. Conveniences,
with good horses and careful drivers, will be
furnished at all times and at short notice; and in
fact, every convenience for travelling in the way of
HORSES, CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, &c.,
will be supplied on the most favorable and reasonable
terms.
The Subscriber also expects to keep constantly on
hand, good
HORSES FOR SALE!
And persons wishing to put out their Horses
by the week or month, or year, will have them well
attended to, at moderate prices. His Stables are on
Wilmington Street, just to the East of Market Square.
Thankful for the very liberal encouragement
which has been extended to the late Firm, the un-
derigned pledges himself, in merit, by his exertions,
a continuance of public patronage and favor.
GEO. T. COOKE.
Raleigh, Dec. 10, 1849. 90 1y

A Teacher Wanted.

Teacher is wanted to take charge of the Com-
mon School in District No 25, Wake County.
The applicant for this situation must be a sober man
—not necessarily a "Son," but not inclined to im-
moderate drinking. He must be well recommended as to qualifi-
cations and capacity.
W. G. STRICKLAND,
ROBT. TRAWICK,
JAS. G. JEFFREYS.
March 8th, 1850. 20—4f.

L. O. O. F.

FIRST PREMIUM AWARDED
BY THE MARINE AND INSURANCE
1848, and 1849, to
GIBBS & SMITH,
No. 73, Beaufort Street.
Regalia and Banner Manufacture-
rers, for their Superior Style and make of
Invincible Banners, &c. Gibbs & Smith would re-
spectfully inform the Grand Order and Lodges
throughout the Country, that they keep constantly
on hand, a large assortment of **Odd Fellows**,
Sons of Temperance, **Masonic**, **Red
Men**, and all other Regalia, Banners, Sashes,
Roses, Caps, Jewels, &c., all of which are got up in
the best manner.
Individuals or Associations forwarding their orders
may depend on as much care being taken in select-
ing the goods, and upon getting them at the same
prices, as if the articles were ordered in person.
GIBBS & SMITH,
No. 73, Beaufort Street, Baltimore.
28—6m

Lubin's Extracts for the Man-
ufacturer, &c. The Subscriber keeps con-
stantly on hand all the fashionable Oils of Lubin;
warranted genuine, and for sale low.
H. D. TURNER.
No. 73, Beaufort Street, Baltimore.
28—6m

To Dentists.

A Supply of very superior Gold Filling just re-
ceived, and for sale for cash.—\$25 per oz. by
WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & CO.

Yeast Powders—Another supply of those

Yeast Powders, just received.
WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & CO.

MOUNT EAGLE TRIPOL.

A SUPERIOR article for Cleaning and Varnish-
ing Gold, Silver, Copper, Steel, Tin and
all other Metals; also for cleaning Windows, Mirrors
and Glassware; just received and for sale by
WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & CO.
Raleigh, March 13th, 1850. 21

Auricular Confession, in the

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
In a series of letters addressed to a friend in North
Carolina: by a Protestant Episcopalian. Price 25
cents.
A voice from Connecticut, occasioned by the late
Pastoral letter of the Bishop of N. C. By Rev. S.
F. Jarvis D. L. L. D.
The above for sale at Turners N. C. Book Store
Raleigh, Nov. 21, 1849. 22

FRESH FRUITS, &c.

JUST received direct from New York,
1000 Cases of
30 Boxes Raisins, whole, 3 and 1/2 boxes,
Prunes in small glass jars,
Mango Grapes,
20 Boxes Fig in small boxes, something nice,
Soft the Almonds, Walnuts, Pecan Nuts,
4000 Segars—Plantation, Regatta, Prince and
Pantier, something I can say, can't be beat in this
market; come and try them, I am determined to
sell low.
Raleigh, Feb. 5, 1850. 11

S. F. PHILLIPS,

Attends the COURTS in the Counties
of Orange, Alamance, Wake and Chatham
Chapel Hill, N. C. May 24, 1849.

MAYNARD'S SAFFRON.

A FRESH supply of Townsends, Sands and
British, in store and for sale by
WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & CO
Raleigh, Sept. 7, 1849. 72

Dry Goods Establishments.

CHAP TWEED COATS.
150 Tweed Cassimeres Coats, cut in good
style and well made, for \$5.
E. L. HARDING.
Oct. 30. (Standard) 86



**THURSTON'S
FOUNTAIN HOTEL,**
(FORMERLY BELTZHOVER'S)
Head of Light near Baltimore St.,
BALTIMORE.
THE increased patronage of this long establish-
ed and popular Hotel, under the management
of its present proprietor, has inspired him with further
energy and determination, and no expense or atten-
tion of his or that of his Assistants will be spared,
to maintain with the patrons of the "FOUNTAIN"
the reputation it held all over the country, in its
"painted days" of Belzhoover's conductors.
To increase its former attractions and comforts,
during the past season, the Hotel has undergone
many changes, the Proprietor having made heavy
outlays in introducing some of the best and latest
improvements—which together with its central posi-
tion, being located in the very heart of the business
portion of the city, and near the centre of Baltimore
Street, and within a few minutes walk of all the
Depots and Steam Boat Landings, it invites the
Merchant, the Farmer, the Artist, as well as the
Man of Pleasure to make the FOUNTAIN HOTEL his
home during his sojourn in Baltimore.
The Ladies' Department.
Containing Private Parlors, Saloons, Reception
Rooms, Ordinary, and extensive suites of large and
airy Chambers, fitted up in a style and elegance that
cannot fail to give satisfaction and comfort.
Porters are attached to the "Fountain," who may
be recognized by the Badges on their Hats, and ar-
range in the attendance at the different Depots and
Steamboat Landings, who will receive Checks, take
charge of the Baggage and convey it to the Hotel.
PHILIP S. THURSTON, Proprietor.
Feb. 26th, 1850. 17

New Jewelry Store.

W. H. THOMPSON
Would respectfully inform the citizens of
Raleigh and its vicinity, that he has opened
a choice stock of Watches and Jewelry, in
a part of the store occupied by Mrs. Thompson
as a Millinery establishment, where he offers for sale.
Gold and Silver Watches, warranted correct time
keepers; the latest styles,
such as Guard, Watch and Fob Chains; same, stone
and mourning Brooches; Plain, Clashed and Stone
Rings; Gold Pens and Pencils Gold and Silver
Thumbes; Studs, Collar and Sleeve Buttons, Ear
Rings, Gold and Silver Spectacles, &c. Fancy
Goods and Fine Cutlery; all of which will be sold
cheaply. Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired in
superior style. Old Gold and Silver taken in ex-
change.
Sept. 21, 1849. 76 6m

Fashionable Jewellery.

Such as Guard, Watch and Fob Chains; same, stone
and mourning Brooches; Plain, Clashed and Stone
Rings; Gold Pens and Pencils Gold and Silver
Thumbes; Studs, Collar and Sleeve Buttons, Ear
Rings, Gold and Silver Spectacles, &c. Fancy
Goods and Fine Cutlery; all of which will be sold
cheaply. Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired in
superior style. Old Gold and Silver taken in ex-
change.
Sept. 21, 1849. 76 6m

Merino Shirts.

A LARGE lot just received—very cheap.
E. L. HARDING.

White Ginger—Fresh and good, just re-

ceived at the Drug Store of
WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & CO.
October 18th, 1849 81

Dr. Joseph J. W. Tucker,

OFFERS his Professional services to the citizens
of Raleigh and vicinity. He may always be
found at the residence of Rufin Tucker, Esq.
May 8, 1849. 37—1f

GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHING.

JUST received by Express from Baltimore, a
lot of Fine Dress and Frock Coats, Cloth Coats,
which, added to our prime Stock of Ready made
Clothing, makes our assortment complete; which we
are instructed to sell at unprecedented low prices,
for Cash. A. B. STITH & CO.
Raleigh, January 25th, 1850. 9

Cabinet Furniture Warehouse

JAMES H. COOKE.
No. 92 Broadway, (Opposite Trinity Church),
NEW YORK.
HAS now in store a full and complete assort-
ment of CABINET FURNITURE, to
which he is daily making large additions.
Purchasers of articles in his line would do well
to look at his stock, among which will be found every
article for the complete furnishing of a house, rang-
ing with the following low rates:
HIGH POST BEDSTADS, from \$7 00 to \$5 00
MADON FRENCH DO do 18 00 to 50 00
WALNUT do do 15 00 to 40 00
COTTAGE do do 5 00 to 10 00
Mattresses at the low market rates.
SOFAS CITY MANUFACTURE, \$20 00 to \$75 00
ROCKING CHAIRS, MARBLE, 6 00 to 18 00
MANY PARLOR CHAIRS (per doz) 50 00 to 75 00
Bureaus, Card Tables Book Cases and Wardrobes
of the finest qualities, and warranted equal to any
in the market.
Particular attention paid to boxing and
shipment of goods, which is done by most experienced
hands.
New York, March 5th, 1850. 19 3m

PRESERVED GINGER, just received by

L. B. WALKER.
Oil and Lard Lamp Chimneys—A
good supply of various sizes, just received by
WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & CO.

FOR SALE!

A VACANT Acre Lot, in the Eastern part
of the City, an elegant site for a private resi-
dence—convenient to the lot upon which N. B.
Hughes, Esq. resides. Enquire of E. P. Guion, or
the Editor of this Paper.
November 24 1849. 94—wif

TO SPORTSMEN.

THE Subscriber has just received a fine Stock of
**DOUBLE AND SINGLE BARREL GUNS
RIFLE GUNS, REVOLVERS, DOUBLE
AND SINGLE BARREL PISTOLS,
BOWIE KNIVES, GAME BAGS,
POWDER FLASKS, SHOT
BELTS, EXTRA NIP-
PLES, &c. &c.**
All of which will be sold low. C. B. ROOT

SPRING SALES.

THE undersigned are receiving direct from New
Orleans, &c. other Markets a large stock of Sugar,
Molasses, &c. which they will sell for cash or to
particular dealers, on favorable terms.
They have now in Store
105 Hds. New Orleans Sugar
250 Boxes and Oils refined do
110 Hds. New Orleans and W. I. Molasses
40 Hds do do do do
350 Bags Prime Green Rio & Laguna Coffee
1200 Bags Shot
500 Kegs Nails, Cumberland and other Brands
300 Tons English Iron, Imported direct into Pen-
sylvania.
40 do Swedes and American do
6000 Yards wrapping,ading and letter paper
300 Boxes Tallow, Adamantine and Sperm Can-
dles
10 Tons Castings
10 do Grind Stones
100 Dozen Painted Pails,
With a full assortment of Wines, Brandy, &c
&c. &c. PEBBLES WHITE & DAVIS,
Old St. Petersburg Va.
March 15th 1850. 22

BY EXPRESS.

Black and Colored, Embroid'ed Grenadines,
Red Valenciennes Edgings,
Plain and Plaid Finesues,
Ladies Black and Colored, Kid Gloves,
Gents Neapolitan Riding Gloves,
Rich Bonnet, Neck and Cuff Ribbons,
Corded Skirts, &c., &c.
R. TUCKER & SON,
March 26th, 1850.

Dry Goods Establishments.

**Spring and Summer Goods
For 1850.**
R. Tucker and Son,
WOULD constantly keep on hand an extensive
assortment of the best and most desirable,
as well as fashionable
FANCY AND STABLE DRY GOODS,
are now receiving their Spring and Summer supply
for 1850. One of the Firm has just returned from
New York, where he purchased a rich variety of
Goods of this Spring's importations, before they had
been picked over, and before the advance in price;
and having thus had the choice of the large and
splendid fresh arrivals, and the advantage of low
prices, they flatter themselves they will be better
prepared than ever to meet the demands of this mar-
ket, and please their numerous friends and custom-
ers, in town and country. They respectfully invite
the public to call and examine their stock. They
are daily receiving a supply of the following and
also just received such other articles as are usually
kept in a Dry Goods and Family Grocery Store,
suited to the wants and taste of this community.
H's Gro De Rising Silks,
Plain and Figured Chameleon Silks,
Broche and Plain Grenadines,
Plain and Embroidered Black ditto,
Fancy and Black Silk Tissues,
Silk Albaneses and Henneses,
Carmel colored Presidencies,
Evening Dresses,
Embroidered and Dotted Fancy Swiss Mullins,
Chambray, French and American Ginghams,
Cambrel Lustras, and Linen Ginghams,
Melines, and Fancy Diamond Jackmets,
Plain and Quilted Lawns and Mullins,
Tartan, Swiss, India, Victoria, Bishop, Book,
and Dotted Jacketed Mullin,
Rich Bonnet, Cape, Neck, Cuff and Belt Rib-
bons,
Linen & Mhair, Grass and Silk VESTINGS,
French Nettle Wool Capes, Collars and Cuffs,
Ladies and Gentlemen's Paris Kid Gloves,
Swiss and Jack-net Edgings and Insertings,
Linen and Linen Edgings and Ribbons,
Linen and Fancy Silk Dress Buttons,
Ladies Brads and Fancy Silk Trimmings,
Ladies and Misses' L.C. Hem Stits and Tape
Bordered Hdk's.
Mullin, Mhair, Grass and Hough's Patent Skirts,
CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES, of the various
colors and qualities,
Linen & Cotton Goods, in great varieties, many
of which are touched with the Hungarian and
California dyes.
Black and Fancy Satin and Silk VESTINGS,
Plain and Embroidered Marcella ditto, &c. &c.
HATS, &c.—Determined always to furnish what
is latest, rarest and best, they offer an ex-
tensive stock of Men's, Youth's and children's
Fashionable and Flat Brim Mole Skin, Pan-
ama, Maracabo, Leghorn, Sewed Pedals, Hun-
garian and Palm Hats.
Infant's Fancy Goods,
Also, Umbrellas, Parasols, Bonnets, Shoes, Hard-
ware, Cutlery, Groceries, &c. All of which
they now are offering on the most liberal terms.
R. TUCKER & SON
Raleigh, March 15th 1850.

NEW CONCERN.

THE subscribers have this day associated them-
selves together, under the name and style of
BRITTON & TODD,
for the purpose of conducting a General Grocery
and Commission Business, in the Town of Peters-
burg. They have taken the Store in the Odd Fel-
lows Hall, opposite Powell's Hotel, and hope, by
strict personal attention to business, to merit a
share of patronage from their friends and the public
generally. They will, at all times, be supplied with
a well selected assortment of Groceries, which they
will sell at wholesale and retail, as low as they can
be purchased in this market. They will also pay
strict attention to the forwarding of Goods and sale
of all produce entrusted to their care.
R. O. BRITTON & N. C.
BEARNARD TODD, of Petersburg,
January 1st, 1850. 15 3w

Horse Shoes.

10 Kegs Horse Shoes just received.
BRITTON & TODD.
Feb. 14th, 1850. 15

Armistead's fine Chewing Tobacco.

W. Armistead's fine Chewing Tobacco,
Armistead's fine Chewing Tobacco.
BRITTON & TODD
February 14th, 1850. 15

SOMETHING NEW.

SODA, Milk, Maple and Butter Crackers, some-
thing new, and infinitely recommended to the en-
thusiasts of Raleigh as first rate. A good supply just
received.
L. B. WALKER.
October 8th, 1849. 81

75 DOZ yards Velvet Trimmings, to day re-

ceived.
R. TUCKER & SON.
Nov. 23, 1849. 8

Perfumery, Fancy Articles, &c.

WE are now in receipt of a large supply of
Foreign and American Perfumery, Fancy
Articles, &c.—consisting of Cologne, Extracts
for the Handkerchief, all the popular Pomats and
Hair Oils of the day, Toilet and Shaving Soaps of
every quality and price, Fancy Boxes and Toilet
Bottles of beautiful styles and patterns, to which we
invite the attention of those in search of goods.
WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & CO.
Raleigh, Feb. 12, 1850.

FRESH RICE.

FRESH Rice, new Crop just received.
WM. PECK & SON
December 11th, 1849. 99 3

CANDY! CANDY!! CANDY!!!

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform the citi-
zens of Raleigh and desires in North Caro-
lina generally, that he has just laid in a large lot of
the best Candy Sugar, and is now, he can confidently
say, manufacturing as good an article of Candy
in Raleigh, as you can get any where in the State
or out of it; and I pledge myself to sell it to the
trade as cheap as it can be bought in Petersburg,
and will warrant it to stand. All I ask is a fair trial,
and I will convince the dealers in Candy that they need
not go North for that article. I keep also on hand
a good supply of Glass Jars, that I will sell low to
those that may buy their Candy of me.
Raleigh, Feb. 5, 1850. L. B. WALKER. 11

New Spring Goods.

I HAVE received part of my Spring Stock of
Goods and am prepared to show,
Plain Chambron Silks,
Glauced do do
Figured do do
Black & de Rising do
Black and Printed Alberine,
Black Berage very fine,
Plain French Cambrics, various Colors,
Embroidered Swiss Mullins,
Worked Collars and Cuffs. Paris Prints for
Trimming,
Tapesies, Buttons for Ladies Dresses,
Swiss and Jaconette Edgings and Insertings,
Lisle, Bobbin and Thread Edgings and Lace,
Printed Lawns, Bonn-t, Cap and Tussat Ribbon,
Marbled Mourning Gingham,
Carved Shell Truck Covers,
Ladies Black and Kid Gloves.
J. BROWN,
No. 9 Fayetteville St.
Raleigh, March 25th, 1850. 25

HATS—SPRING STYLE 1850.

FASHIONABLE Mole skin, Medium Beaver,
Men's and Boy's Summer Hats of almost every
description. For Sale by
R. TUCKER & SON.
March 26th, 1850.

pected to have, had been acquired in the

South where he had spent the active part of
his life, where he should always live, and
where he expected to die. He alluded to
the nature of the call for the meeting, defini-
tely its objects, and announced that the
subject was open for the action of the meet-
ing.
Col. Bigman was loudly called for, when
he rose and addressed the meeting, amid
much applause.
Col. Bigman commenced his speech by
deprecating party spirit, on an occasion so
momentous and so fraught with peril to the
glorious institutions of our country, achieved
by the blood and consolidated by the wisdom
of our fathers. Before entering the vestibule
so holy and consecrated, the dust of party
should be shaken from the shoes, and all pre-
sent should feel and act as if they belonged
alone to the party of the whole country and
of the Union. He alluded to the danger of
misapprehension and misconception that
prevailed in inflammatory and excited times,
in which the words of a speaker might be
twisted into meanings and designs the au-
thor never dreamed of, and instanced the lu-
cidous case from the Spectator in which
the inquirer for St. Ann's lane in London
got roundly abused by both Cavalier and
Round-head, and utterly failed in his at-
tempts to shape the question to the taste of
either party. Col. B. gave a brief summary
of the privileges granted to the native popu-
lation of California by the treaty of Gua-
dalupe Hidalgo, which constituted them
full American citizens on condition of their
continued residence, and argued that they
had a solemn and undoubted right to
admission, notwithstanding the slavery prohi-
bition contained in their constitution, or
the doctrines laid down by the most eminent
statesmen, including Gen. Cass, of our
country; and that it was no way to secure South-
ern rights by perpetrating a wrong on Cali-
fornia.
Col. Bigman deprecated the contem-
pted Southern Convention at Nashville,
and held out as a warning the unenviable
fame of the Hartford Convention; and closed
his speech by a magnificent and glowing pic-
ture of our national glory and renown ac-
quired as common and joint property, and all
resulting from the union of the States now
threatened with annihilation by a rampant
spirit of disunion.
John T. McMurry, Esq., followed Col.
Bigman, and like the latter deprecated party
spirit and advocated the adopting of the
resolutions which had been offered to the
meeting. He contended that no crisis
had yet arrived which called for the action
of a Convention of a part of the States of the
Union; that no act of hostility had been offer-
ed to the South by the North which would
justify the former to evaluate the value and
break the terms of the Union; that such crisis
might arrive, but that it had not yet come;
that as yet Congress had not presumed on
its powers to abolish slavery in the District
of Columbia, or by the formal passage of
the Wilms' Provision in relation to all terri-
torial acquisitions forever excluded it from all
new territory acquired by the common trea-
sure and blood of both free and slave-holding
States; and that as Southern slaveholders,
however much we might desire that the
institution, should also prevail in the new State
of California, yet inasmuch as we did not
immigrate thither with such property and
such opinions in sufficient numbers to se-
cure a hearing and a voice in the matter, we
were bound to admit California as she chooses
to present herself.
Mr. McMurry said that when true and
real causes for a dissolution of the Union
should have been given, if ever, the remedy
would be taken out of the hands of demog-
ogues and politicians; the people in masses
and in their solemn primal prerogative, as
in the assembly before him, would take the
matter in hand. But it was of the most aw-
ful and momentous importance that the
people should be right, and the cause just-
before they assumed such tremendous respon-
sibilities. Let me, in case of such lamenta-
ble division, s;id he, whether I come up
a citizen of the United States North; of the
United States West; of the United States
East; of the United States Central; of the
United States Pacific; have the consolation
to know that the fragment of our once glori-
ous Union, on which my fortunes and happi-
ness are embarked—is in the right! Mr.
M. spoke with much solemnity and eloquence
and his remarks created a profound sensation
in the minds of those who prevailed unani-
mously, that Gen. Robert Stanton he
heard in opposition to the resolutions. Gen.
Stanton, after thinking the meeting for an
introduction he had