

VALERIAN'S DAY.—The anniversary of St. Valentine occurs to-day. The custom of sending love letters on this day will, we presume, be observed, and others of no delicate a nature, according to an interpolation on the Festival, will be sent. We give from the Baltimore Sun a short account of this universal custom.

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DEFINES HIS POSITION.—The Hon. E. P. Stanton of Tennessee addressed, by invitation, the Young Men's Democratic National Club of New York, on the evening of the 4th instant. He gave a sort of running history of the last campaign for President, discussed the relative position of the 'hard' and 'soft,' and administered some severe and cutting rebukes to the administration for its course towards the 'hard's.'

Speaking of the compromise measures, he takes occasion to do justice to the patriotic course of President Fillmore, and whilst defending the position assumed by the South pending the discussion of those measures, he shows up the present editor of the Union in no enviable light. We extract a portion of the speech upon that particular point as evidence of the high-sounding policy of Democratic leaders. There are other points, we may present to our readers in our next: General was President nominated as the candidate of the Democratic party, and he was elected. Of what principles gentlemen—upon what principles? I ask you, now is a principle of amnesty to the authors of the Wilton Proviso? Was it a principle to admit those, with all their sins upon their heads, unacknowledged and unrepented of? Was this the platform upon which we stood? I have no hesitation in saying, no, as there is not a particle of truth in it.

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THE PRESIDENT'S FIDELITY AFFIDAVITS.—When Gen. Pierce was elected to the Presidency, it was confidently asserted by Loofbock Journals at the South that he would 'crush out' freedomism from the Democratic ranks. So far from this being the case, his chief advisers and counselors at the North have been from that section of the Democratic party to the utter ignoring of the existence of the conservative, patriotic members of that party.

What I object to on the part of the Administration, is that true men of the North have not received the confidence of the Administration; and—although appointments have been made among them, they have generally been made upon a basis of expediency, and against their wishes. In the present form the bill proposes to enact that the Missouri compromise had been already annulled by the act of 1850, whilst the modification proposed to annul it expressly by the bill now under consideration.

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CONGRESSIONAL.—WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 1854. A large amount of business was presented in the Senate, in the form of petitions, bills, &c., an account of which will be found under the Congressional head.

The Nebraska bill was further discussed, the principal speaker being Mr. WALKER, of Ohio, and Mr. JOYCE, of Tennessee. The amendment offered by Mr. CATANE, proposing to strike out so much of the bill as declares the Missouri compromise to have been superseded by the acts of 1850, was rejected by a decisive vote.

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FROM CHINA—THE JAPAN EXPEDITION.—The following we extract from the correspondence of the New York Times: HONG KONG, Sunday, Nov. 27, 1853. About ten days since we received advices from Amoy, announcing the capture of that city by the Imperialists.

The speedy recovery of Amoy was predicted soon after its capture by the rebels, or rather the mob, and on the 9th inst. its evacuation was commenced. Skirmishing had been going on as usual, until the leading insurgents began to retrace their footsteps toward their junks.

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Wilmington Market, Feb. 11.—Turpentine—About 1100 barrels turpentine have been disposed of at 44 1/2 per barrel, for yellow dip, 52 1/2 per barrel, for white dip, 52 1/2 per barrel.

Peterburg Market, Feb. 10.—Tonnage.—The receipts of tonnage continue large, and there has been no change in prices since our last report.

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