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PERSONAL SKETCHES. The Washington correspondent of the Petersburg Express continues his series of personal sketches, from which we quote:

Gerrit Smith, of New York, one of the leaders of freedom, abolitionism in the House, is a tall, slender man of a rich complexion, jet black eyes and hair, and of very remarkable appearance.

John R. Giddings, of Ohio, his co-laborer in the weeks case, is the reverse of Mr. Smith. He is tall, square built, brawny, with short, stiff white hair, and very unimpressive appearance.

John W. Foster, of Illinois, commonly called "Long John," and sometimes the "Chicago Giant," from his great height and loose, heavy frame, is a peculiarly interesting character.

William S. Lovell, of California, is a very young man, just old enough to be considered eligible to a seat in the House. He is of middle size, piquant complexion, well formed but covered with a profusion of bright brown hair.

There is no etiquette requisite when we talk to our friends; such was the kind encouragement given to me by the benevolent Louis XVIII. of France, when I expressed my apprehension that the deep interest of the subject on which he permitted me to address him...

THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS. Col. Miller, editor and proprietor of the New York Mirror, one of the best family papers of the great metropolis, takes occasion, at the close of the year, to give us some of his observations and experiences, after a trial in the business editorial for some dozen years.

There are many vacillations in life that would yield to more caution, with less labor than the Synagogue of conducting a daily newspaper. We work more hours, and sleep less, than any man with whom we are personally acquainted...

A REMARKABLE BOY. As the train was about to leave for Leicestershire, a young boy was discovered under the platform of one of the cars hanging to the track.

THE BLACK WARRIOR BUSINESS. Mr. Partridge, as he looked out of the open window at the junction of the railroad, looking out with a look that was not altogether cheerful.

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CONVENTION.

There are two modes by which the Constitution of the State may be amended—one by Legislative enactment, the other by a convention of delegates, directly from the people, elected for that particular purpose, and no other.

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THE NEW ORLEANS papers contain intelligence from the city of Mexico to the 4th instant. We make several extracts: A subject which had led to considerable excitement was the arrival in Mexico of Senator ATOKA with dispatches from Washington.

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A FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL. It gives us great pleasure to learn that the female college, which an association of gentlemen, in Petersburg, propose to start, is in a fair way of a favorable commencement.

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AN ACCOUNT. The Standard Weekly gives an account of the late parliamentary session from the Blue Ridge, and says: When the sun arrived at midwinter, a top a shell which was given, that seemed, almost sufficient to wake up the inactive fastness into life and energy, and make the heavy engine bow with reverence to the sciences and arts that brought this first winter of the age among them.

THE LYNNBURGH REPUBLICAN accounts for its favor shown by western Democrats to the Homestead Bill, and other schemes, by telling the old States, by saying that the Whigs, under the lead of Mr. Clay "corrupted the Western Democracy." We always thought the Democracy claimed to be incorruptible. They certainly lay high on that virtue. We have never seen it touched before that they can be bought up. If Democratic editors think so, we cannot be blamed for holding the same opinion ourselves.

A Philadelphia letter says Col. T. B. Lawrence, son of Abner Lawrence, the Boston millionaire, was married to Miss Chapman, daughter of Judge Chapman of Doylestown. The fair bride is one of the most beautiful and accomplished ladies in the State—Col. Lawrence, it will be remembered, five years ago married Miss Wadsworth, the belle of Louisville. Her marriage with the late Col. Lawrence, she married Dr. Hunter, who was remarkable. Miss Chapman and her father were in Europe in the same ship from which was Dr. Hunter and his wife on their wedding day.

THE DELICIOUS BILL, which passed the House of Representatives on Friday, appropriates over two millions of dollars. The item of \$350,000 for the purpose of a fair for the New York World of Ice was stricken out. Among the appropriations are the following: For the President's house and grounds, \$300,000. For the President's house and grounds for the term of 1855, \$50,000. For repairs at the Capitol, and imposing the grounds around it, \$2,500. For the improvement of the Pennsylvania avenue, between the street and Georgetown, and between the Capitol and Navy Yard, \$1,200. For completing the pedestal and enclosure of the equestrian statue of Andrew Jackson, \$500. For payment of labor engaged in shovelling away snow, \$100. The bill has yet to be acted upon in the Senate.

THE "CALLED JADE WINNER." The resolutions of the "Calhoun Whigs" seem to have touched the democracy in a sore place. The "Standard" has complained that by two notices, which show plainly that the editor feels the "Calhoun" will like a "thousand of bricks," for making "conceptions and misapprehensions" in a gentleman who "is not on the field as an opponent for any day."—Concord Gazette.

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