

GENERAL NEWS.

From the Greenback Patriot.

CALIFORNIA POLITICS—HOME MALE CONTENTS.

Our readers will remember that a Convention to frame a State Constitution preparatory to admission into the Union assembled at Monterey, California, on 1st September last.

"Neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude, unless for the punishment of crime, shall ever be tolerated in this State."

Thus it will be seen that California itself has settled, as we have predicted it would, this vexed question of slavery, and settled it too without a dissenting voice.

The reader will be surprised, if any inconsistency of the opposition can surprise him, to learn that some of the Democratic papers of the South are not merely denouncing the action of the Convention but denying its right to determine this question.

In the first place they are estopped from denying this right, by their support of Gen. Cass, whose views on this subject, contained in his celebrated Nicholson letter, they endorsed and defended.

And now we come to the last pure, Baltimore-plantation, Loco-foco, Polk administration; and here we find that Loco-foco economy has multiplied Mr. ADAMS' extravagance by three.

Yet, in view of these familiar facts, the Opposition journals have the impudence to contrast Loco-foco economy with Whig extravagance!

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fact that the Wines are always spending the people's money, and that the Loco-focos are forever busy looking after the strong boxes, and taking care that the treasury is not plundered.

There was expended by Mr. ADAMS' administration, in the four years, the sum of \$49,313,313. This was some four millions more than were expended during Mr. MORRIS' second term; but the opposition and the Richmond Enquirer "astonished and electrified" the people into the belief that Mr. ADAMS was ruining the country.

General JACKSON was to take the burden from the shoulders of the people, and show them, with the aid of Mr. KENDALL, how they were to enjoy the blessings of a frugal government.

In the second term of General JACKSON'S administration, the expenditures mounted up to \$87,130,428; and this was so much more economical—so satisfactorily frugal, that the Democratic journals recommended his appointee, Mr. VAN BUREN, as the most suitable person in the world to continue this kind of relief to the oppressed and tax-ridden people.

Mr. VAN BUREN came into the administration, and made as many flourishies about economy as his predecessor—and the Globe furnished its daily certificates to the effect that every thing was right, and that the administration of affairs was on the most economical scale.

JOHN TYLER'S administration we pass over. It was not WINE; it was not LOCOFOCO. It was an anomaly. It was neither fish, flesh, nor fowl.

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WASHINGTON, November 9, 1849. The French Difficulty Settled—Reception of Mr. Rives—The Slave Question—Colonel Webb's Appointment—France, &c.

The difficulty with France is as good as settled. Louis Napoleon is an excellent terms with Mr. Rives with whom he has even conferred as to the Americans in Paris, whom it would be proper to invite to his entertainments.

The correspondence between Senator Foot and Mr. Clingman, published yesterday's intelligencer, has created a deep impression, which I trust, will not be without its effect on the sober-minded men of the Union.

It is whispered that Col. Webb's appointment to Austria has been reconsidered in the Cabinet; but I still believe that Mr. Webb will receive the Charge, which is shortly to be changed into a full mission.

BOSTON, November 21, 1849. POLYGAMY AMONG THE MORMONS.

A lady of Lynn, in our State, who has recently returned from the Mormon settlement at the Great Salt Lake, confirms the statement which appeared a few days since in the Philadelphia North American, that the laws of the community permit the men to have as many wives as they can support—the young being able to take care of five or six only, and the older, twenty-five or thirty!

CALIFORNIA CONTRADICTIONS.

As an instance of the contradictions of California letter-writers, take the following: A correspondent of the Portsmouth Journal writes, under date of September 27th, "Like living in the mines; it is healthier there, far more so than in San Francisco."

A RUMOR VERIFIED. The Rev. Dr. Forbes, of St. Luke's Church, writes the following letter, confirming the truth of a previous report:

New York, 21st Nov., 1849. To the Rev. Wm. Berran, D. D., President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York: Rev. and dear Sir:—You may conceive that it is with no ordinary emotion that I feel myself constrained to declare to you, as president of the standing committee of the diocese of New York, that it is my intention no longer to exercise the misery of the Protestant Episcopal Church, it having become my deep and conscientious conviction that duty to God requires of me to unite myself to the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church in communion with the see of Rome, to which alone I feel that my allegiance is due.

With great personal consideration, I remain, rev'd and dear Sir, JOHN MURRAY FOLBS.

GEORGIA. The Loco-foco Legislature has turned out eight Whig Judges of the Superior Courts, putting Loco-focos in their places.

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MORE ANNEXATION. Late accounts make it certain that Mr. Squier, U. S. Charge de Affairs in Central America, has negotiated a Treaty with the Republic of Honduras, by which the Island of Tigre, in the Gulf of Fonseca, has been ceded to the United States.

OUTRAGE ON BEAUTY.—A scoundrel at the Boston Museum, when the crowd were passing out, on Thursday evening, deliberately cut off three or four ringlets from a young lady's neck.—Hearing the click of the scissors, the young lady quickly turned around and uttered a scream, but the perpetrator of the outrage had fled.

THE LIBRARY OF THE MEXICAN WAR DEPT. fifteen or twenty millions, announced semi-officially as what our Government in its expenditures exceeds its income, is but a partial instalment of the legacies which will be constantly coming from that source.

Among these drawbacks, no doubt, there is one which will be pressed upon the incoming Congress, and that is, the necessity now of continuing on in the abandonment of all the internal improvements of the country.

Instead of giving such force, however, to such arguments, it strikes us that they furnish good reasons for invigorating the Tariff so as to make it meet the expense of this war.

THE TARIFF OF 1846 WAS EXECUTED IN GOOD FAITH, or rather was executable, there is but little doubt that in the main it would afford revenue enough to meet expenses and pay off debts.

ANOTHER LEAF IN HUNGARIAN BIOGRAPHY: At a banquet, given at one of the Hamburg Hotels, recently, in honor of several distinguished refugees, who arrived there from Hungary, one of the speakers on the occasion exclaimed "Hungary is crushed to death!"

THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE PHILADELPHIA NORTH AMERICAN SAYS:—The Secretary of the Navy has dismissed Purser Kenon, of Virginia, from the service, for being a defaulter.

WHAT MRS PARTINGTON SAYS ABOUT THEM. 'Yes, I did go to hear the East-theatropium Sary-naders, yes I did, and I don't keer if Deacon Blathers does her of it.

THE EDITOR OF THE WASHINGTON UNION ANNOUNCES ORACULARLY THAT THERE IS "RANCALITY SOMEWHERE."

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, which is now being prepared for Congress, according to the Washington Correspondent of the Pennsylvaniaian, will present the most favorable financial aspect the Department has ever been in.

Col. Wm. APPOINTED MINISTER TO AUSTRIA.—We find in the New York Courier of yesterday the following telegraphic despatch: WASHINGTON, Nov. 19, 3 P. M.

RAIL ROAD MEETING IN FRANKLINTON.

A respectable meeting of the citizens of Franklinton, on the 17th inst., for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Rail Road Convention, to be held in Greensborough on the 29th inst.

The Chairman briefly explained the objects of the meeting in a neat and pertinent address; and on motion, appointed a committee composed of the following persons, to draft resolutions for the action of the meeting.

Resolved, That too much praise cannot be awarded to the last General Assembly, for the patriotism manifested in passing the act to incorporate the North Carolina Rail Road, and that we cordially approve said act.

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