

N.P. Willis, speaking of a young lady's hair: "What immeasurable thickness! Those black flakes, compared with all other locks he had ever seen, as an edge of cocoa meat fragrantly and newly broken, to a torn rose leaf, limp with willing."

We stand upon this hand!

Counterfeits.

The Lincoln Courier says that there are many spurious \$50 notes of the Georgetown (S. C.) Bank in circulation. The names of the President and Cashier are well executed, but the bills may be easily detected from the fact that they are all [such as have been seen] dated '1843,' whereas the Bank has no bills of that denomination, dated that year. The vignette also, is badly executed.

MICHAEL HOKE, ESQ.

This gentleman has been unanimously nominated by the Democratic State Convention, as the republican candidate for Governor; he is therefore before the people, and we think it our duty to correct a report that has been circulated by the whig press, to the effect that the nomination was sought by Mr. H. and that he boasted to a legislative caucus at Raleigh, that he could carry the western part of the State, in order to secure it. We deny most positively, that Mr. H. sought the nomination, for he expressed from first to last his unwillingness to become the nominee, and though he was spoken to on the subject by several members of the legislature, he did not consent, and was not nominated by any caucus; what is more, Mr. Hoke has declared, that if the Democratic party were in a decided majority, he would not become a candidate; and he requested the delegates from this county to the late Convention, to withdraw his name in favor of any prominent man that might be brought forward. — Does this look like seeking the nomination? Does it not rather show a determination to stand by his principles—his party—at every sacrifice? And why, we would ask, has this censure emanated from the whig press? Is it because they are the worshippers of H. Clay, and would desire to see Mr. Hoke the servile supporter of his principles, right or wrong? Let the wisecracks or their agents at Raleigh answer the question; let public opinion pronounce the verdict, and we are willing to abide the issue, at any and every hazard. The abuses of the whig press cannot destroy the luster of Mr. Hoke's character, for like the precious metal which appears more beautiful and bright by examination and scrutiny, so likewise does his conduct appear more praiseworthy, and become more popular. All he asks is fair play—let the people judge for themselves, uninfluenced by the statements of leaders or party presses, and we unhesitatingly assert, that his opponents will be 'like angel's visits, few and far between,' concealed in the darkest corners of our extensive country, and will be found prowling about, obscured and condemned by the very notions they have been taught to advocate. But the Whigs do not like to hear of Mr. Hoke's strength in the West—they accuse him of boasting it, when it was they who ascertained the fact—themselves that 'set the ball in motion,' which must end in their own overthrow.

(Lincoln Courier.)

Debt of Great Britain.

The national debt of Great Britain amounts to nearly three thousand eight hundred and fifty millions of dollars! This immense sum, according to the London Despatch, is owing to about 1,500,000 persons, members of the community at large. Great Britain is amongst nations, a sort of Richard Dazzle, very brilliant indeed, but without money or principle.

Some one, attributing the wants of the Irish to absenteeism, a resolute punster declared that the misery of the Irish arose not from absenteeism, but from absent dinnerism.

To prevent the smoking of a LAMB, soak the wick in strong vinegar, and dry it well before you use it. It will then burn both sweet and pleasant, and give much satisfaction for the trifling trouble in preparing it.

Oxford Mercury.

Why not barbecue it at once?

From the N. O. Herald. The True Spirit.

The true spirit of Democracy condemns every thing like jealousy, suspicion and distrust among its votaries; its true feeling requires us to keep aloof from all private and sectional feuds—all collateral and subordinate issues. The democratic platform should be made broad and extensive—none should be excluded from it who are with us in the great fundamental principles of the party. Nor should we establish any other standard of faith but that of the great democratic party throughout the Union, for should we discard or denounce from our party men who may once have been opposed to us, but are now strong and consistent democrats. Democracy recognizes the whole principle, of presuming every man to be honest until the contrary appears. Democracy does not cling with remorseless and unforgiving hatred to every sin, fault or misdeed, of its sons. The philanthropy of our Saviour to the sinning woman—"go and sin no more,"—is the true spirit of our party. Democracy is a progressive principle, a new discovery in science. Until within eight or ten years past, its true spirit, aim and principle, were clearly understood and properly appreciated only by a few. Now the great mass begin to be enlightened on the subject. Many who were once in darkness, have of late emerged into meridian light. And those who, from honest conviction, renounce the errors of their ways and embrace our holy faith, let them be received with open arms, like the prodigal son, let us "rejoice more over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just men made perfect." There are other considerations bearing upon our proper conduct as partisans and democrats, which we have not now time or space sufficiently to comment on. At present we content ourselves with protesting against the right or justice of measuring and testing a democrat by any other than the democratic faith. We should not travel beyond this to enquire into any democrat's personal, official, social, or sectional relations. Is he a staunch, consistent democrat? Yes: Well, what business is it of your's what company he keeps, what office he holds, what is his profession, or business, what is his language, what is the place of his nativity, or the place of his residence? All these extraneous matters should be excluded from the democratic organization and action.

We have uniformly found those who attach most importance to these intrinsic circumstances,—those who are eternally encouraging petty issues, sectional disputes and hostile cliques, are, in truth, most ignorant of, and indifferent to, the true principles of democracy. They permit their attention to be drawn off from great and important objects to miserable personal contentions, and thus keep the party continually embroiled in matters beneath its aim and dignity.

Fellow democrats, frown down such conduct as this; give no ear or encouragement to those who involve our party in these destructive feuds. When you are approached with this and that story respecting the alleged treachery of a brother democrat, or with dark suspicions of plots and conspiracies in our own party, turn a deaf ear to the croakers and destructives, and credit no charges against a fellow democrat, unless positively proved. Employ yourselves in the study of our own principles, strive to advance them by all honorable means, not less by arguments addressed to the reason than by a conduct and bearing towards your brethren and fellow men, in which consistency unite with charity and liberality.

Married, a short time since, near Buzzardtown, Halifax, Co., Mr. William Bull to Miss Martha Hog, both of the settlement.

(Communicated.)

They have invented a kind of spectacles in New Orleans, by which left handed men can read a book upside down.

ALABAMA.

The Democratic State Convention of Alabama was held at Tuscaloosa, on the 7th inst. The following were among the resolutions adopted:

RESOLVED, That notwithstanding the success of the Whigs in the election of their candidate for the Presidency in 1840, the Democratic party of the State of Alabama have undiminished confidence in the integrity and abilities of Martin Van Buren of New York, and regard his defeat in that year, as the defeat of the above principles, rather than of the man; and this Convention, in consideration of his able and zealous efforts to sustain these principles, do earnestly recommend him to the Democratic Convention to be held at Baltimore in May next, as the most available person to be nominated as the candidate of the Democratic party for the Presidency.

The Hon. Wm. R. King was unanimously nominated for the Vice Presidency.

A couple of facts.

'When England will reduce HER duties, we will reduce OURS; when England will receive OUR productions, we will take HERS.'

Whig talk.

Now look at a couple of facts. The average of the English duty is only 11 per cent, while ours is nearly 40 per cent. In 1842, England received of us produce to the amount of more than FIFTY MILLIONS of dollars, while we received of her less than FORTY MILLIONS. Away with your hypocrisy! You want a PROTECTIVE Tariff, and you mean to have it at all events.

THE ANTI SOMNAMBULIST.—There is at the Shannodale Springs, a negro man, who is something of a curiosity. He is an inoffensive obliging creature, and is always emphatically 'wide awake,' when duty calls. Though above forty years of age, he has never been known to sleep! Neither man, woman or child, can say that he has been caught napping even for a minute!

A man named John V. Ford, of Troy, N.Y. has lately made a machine for setting type.—The Express says:

"It is truly a wonderful piece of ingenuity and skill, and can be played upon precisely similar to a piano forte. A lady, or child, after it becomes familiar with the letters, can use the keys with the rapidity almost of thought, and as the finger touches the key, the type fall precisely to their places into line. Mr. Ford has been engaged a long time in bringing the machine to its present perfection, and believes he has mastered every difficulty. If he has, he has made one of the most important discoveries since printing was first invented. The machine will, if made perfect, effectually knock all type-setting into pi. We shall also add that a machine accompanies the above for distribution, by which type are placed in different boxes, by the same amusing operation of playing on the keys."

The next improvement will probably be a machine for making Editorials. We could name a Whig friend or two, of the quill, who would be glad to hear of that discovery.

ANIMAL ECONOMY.—As a Yankee pedlar of the genuine Connecticut breed, was one day in front of a country tavern watering a raw-boned horse whose ribs might be as easily counted as marbles in a boy's pocket, a rough looking horse jockey accosted the pedlar, to have some fun, as follows:

'I say, I rather guess it don't cost much to keep that ere creature in feed, does it?'

'Wal now, what would you give to know. I make it a rule never to trade for nothin.'

'Well, said the jockey, if you can feed him on any thing cheaper than laths and brickbats, and support life, I'll treat.'

'Done, said Jonathan, putting both hands into his pockets and looking up into the jockey's face, 'I'll take yer up, stranger. I just gets a lot of shavings and put a pair of green spectacles on the animals nose, and the foolish creature thinks its grass, at that rate he eats a barrel a day. Now stranger I'll take a sweeter it you please.'

One of the Dublin editors has been indicted by the British government for publishing from the New York Sun, the Repeal speech of Robert Tyler, Esq.

The Tariff.

The Whig tariff-mongers have a singular way of showing their regard for the people. They profess to give them bread, but instead of this they feed them with stones. They declare that it will enrich the people to make every thing they must needs purchase, dear, and make what they would sell, sell cheap. They attempt to delude the agriculturists into the belief that it is an advantage to them to pay 50 dollars a ton for iron, which, without the tariff, they might obtain for thirty—to pay seven bits or a dollar per bushel for salt, that without the tariff would be about two-thirds that price—and to pay for sugar under the tariff about twice as much as they would without it. These are articles that farmers consume much more of, whether they are rich or poor, than do the merchants, lawyers, doctors, and others of the non-producing classes, who enjoy the blessings of Government without paying their just share towards its support. And when the farmer comes to sell, his market is cut off, because the tariff has crippled our commerce; and other nations, who would buy of us, cannot because we refuse to buy of them. And all this that we may pamper our lords of the loom in New England; our lords of the trip-hammer in Pennsylvania and Tennessee; the salt manufacturer in New York and Virginia; or the princely sugar grower in Louisiana. The millions must toil and sweat, that the few may 'wear fine linen and purple, and fare sumptuously every day.' How much better would it be for us were we permitted to buy wherever we can buy cheapest, and sell where we can sell dearest. Less government in matters of business, is what the country needs.

(Springfield (Ill.) Times.)

A FLYING MACHINE.—The Baltimore Sun States that Pennington is progressing with his steam balloon, and expects in the course of twelve months to be traveling before the wind. He has been for some time in the mountains of Virginia, constructing a model of this wonderful machine, and is now about to submit the same to Congress.

FRANCO ENGLISH.—A French gentleman, rescued from a ducking in the Thames, and taken to an adjacent tavern, was advised to drink a tumbler of very hot brandy and water, and thus addressed the waiter who was mixing it—'Sir, I shall thank you not to make it a fortnight.' 'A fortnight!' replied Joe, 'had'nt you better take it directly?' 'Oh yes,' said Monsieur, 'directly, to-be-sure, but not a fortnight—not two weeks!'

Singular Classification.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer, has a very odd way of classifying the honorable Representatives of the people. He says:

"At the commencement of a new Congress, it is extremely difficult for reporters to become acquainted with the new members.—My plan is this: I divide them into constellations, I first take the Bald heads, then the grey heads. After mastering these I proceed to the red heads, the black heads, and last but not least, the block-heads!"

Ignorance of Danger.

A child of one of the crew of the British ship Peacock during the action with the U. S. vessel Hornet, amused himself by chasing a goat between decks. Not in the least terrified with the destruction and death all around him he persisted till a cannon ball came and took off both the hind legs of the goat: when, seeing her disabled, he jumped astride her, crying, 'now I've caught you.'

Christmas came off in this City on Monday 25th inst.

Married, in Smythe County, Va. on the 23d ult., by the Rev. Wm. Millam, the Rev. C. Stamp, of the M. E. C., to Miss Sarah B. Scott, daughter of John Scott, Esq.

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