

the evidences of which are clear... in 1848, a... and a real and... valued at \$198,000,000... such were her resources, that sustained a... of \$15,000,000, contracted and expended... for the purpose of effecting an object... altogether similar to the one we have in... view. At the same time, North Carolina... had a population of 708,000, and property... valued \$306,000,000.—resources nearly... double those of Maryland, and which have... greatly increased since that time. With... these advantages, we may fairly estimate... that she will be fully able to sustain a... public debt half as large as that of Maryland... which will be altogether sufficient, with... our other resources, to effect the object in... question, and at the same time, to do ample... justice to other of her communities.

works in the State generally. From which... the extent of their beneficial influence to... the States respectively, will clearly appear... This fact is still more observable in the... case of those cities and towns having the... longest rail road connections.

One of the chief advantages in our rail... road system, to the State, will be found... in the building up our home markets. It... is objected, however, by many, because of... our situation with Charleston, on one side and... Norfolk on the other, that our markets will... be deprived of the produce of the interior;... that it will be drained off on either side of... us. As before remarked, in reference to... the two lines of rail roads on either side of... us, the very fact of our being situated between... the two, will necessarily cause us to share a... part of the aggregate advantages and dis... advantages of both the others. That is, so... far as location is concerned; for the bal... ance, we must trust to our State policy and... the enterprise of our business men.

Beyond the advantages of this and simi... lar routes to North Carolina, as a State, I... entertain the opinion, that the great nat... ional interests are involved in the ques... tion, which brings us to the last view in... which it is proposed to present this sub... ject.

The national importance of the West... ern Extension, I consider to be an evil, in... any system of government, for a decided pre... ponderance of political power to become... concentrated in any one locality. That the... Northern portion of our Union, has becom... preponderant in this respect, is but too... evident; and mainly too, for the very... reasons we have stated. That this preponder... ant power will be exercised to our annoy... ance and injury, is most certain. Such is... the history of power everywhere, and... the world over. This preponderance inher... ent in its very nature. And matters not... what may be the form of government, where... power becomes thus, unequally distrib... uted among a people, the stronger will... practice tyranny over the weaker portions... Constitutions and Bills of right may be... appealed to; the fundamental principles of... liberty may be invoked; but all to no pur... pose; power will march on, in its career... of injustice. Many persons are of opin... ion, that this fact is already too clearly... exemplified, even in the case of our own... free government.

I think it has already been shown, how... this equilibrium may be restored; how the... hand of industry may be stimulated in... agricultural, manufacturing, commercial... and all the great pursuits of our people;... from which, will flow an increase of wealth... and population.

Before the year of our independence, the... Southern States possessed greatly more... wealth than those of the North; but since... that time, the preponderance is vastly on... the other side.

The political influence of the two sec... tions in 1790 was as follows:

Virginia had in Congress	19 members
North Carolina "	10 "
South Carolina "	8 "
Georgia "	6 "
Kentucky "	2 "
Delaware "	1 "
Tennessee "	1 "
Total of Slave States	48
Massachusetts had	14 members
Pennsylvania "	14 "
New York "	14 "
Connecticut "	7 "
New Jersey "	7 "
N. Hampshire "	4 "
Rhode Island "	2 "
Vermont "	2 "
Total non-slave States	57

At that time the power was very nearly... balanced. It will be seen, between these... two sections of the country; at this time... it is as follows:

Free non-slaveholding States, have 114... members; and the Slaveholding States... including Delaware and one or two others... that rather incline the other way, have 90... members in the House of Representatives... This will show us the extent to which the... political influence of the South has been... declined since the first census. The remedy... is to be found in adopting such measures... as will increase our wealth and population;... which under our system, will give addi... tional political influence. This Western... Extension, and similar works, will ac... complish this object, as I trust will suffi... ciently appear from the foregoing part of... this letter.

Paradoxical as it may seem, Sin Fran... cisco is nearer to Liverpool, via Cape Horn... than it is to New York, by several hundred... miles. Now it cannot be supposed, that... our people will permit a powerful rival to... continue nearer our important possessions... than our own commercial metropolis is to... them? As a matter of course, the most... convenient way practicable, will be opened... to the Pacific. What renders this more... certain, and will hasten the event, is the... prospect of reaching, by this route, the... incomprehensible riches of the East Indies... at an advantage over all other countries... It is a familiar remark, and true as it... is, that all countries that have heretofore... engaged in the trade of the East, have... become enriched thereby. In this com... merce, as to be found the deep founda... tions of England's power. Heretofore... America has labored under great disadvan... tages, in engaging in this trade, in con... sequence of distance.

From Canton to our Atlantic Ports, via... Cape Horn, is 19,200 miles.

From Canton to Liverpool same 18,000 "

Difference in favor of Liverpool 1,200 miles.

By Cape Horn, Canton is 21,000 miles... from New York, and by same route 20,000... miles from Liverpool.

The Pacific rail road, will place all of our... Atlantic ports within less than 10 thousand... miles of Canton. This will give our... country the advantage, in reaching the East... over all European nations, by at least the... breadth of the Atlantic Ocean. What is... equally as important, it will bring this... inextinguishable commerce across our own... territory—turn the great channel of East... India trade across our western plains, and... carry it into various Atlantic seaports... wherever rail road connections may be... extended out from those points to meet it... This trade is, somewhat remote, it is true... but it is nevertheless certain, and there... fore proper to be considered in connection... with this subject.

I have now presented the principal... considerations that bear upon this ques... tion, and I trust that the people, who are... contemplating work, to subscribe the necessary... amount of stock to begin operations, will... not be recommended to any one, to take... upon him or herself, to undertake to ac...

Communication.  
FOR THE WHIG AND ADVOCATE.  
MR. J. A. CALDWELL'S CARD.  
Our first feelings, on perusing the card... of this gentleman, was pity for the man... who, for the sake of a little spite, could in... volve himself in such a labyrinth of incon... sistencies and contradictions.

He makes out a case against himself... which, if believed, marks him as one of... the most fool-hardy and reckless of man... kind. He says he determined to be the... Whig candidate prior to the 4th of March... last. He afterwards joined the Know-... Nothings; and now he seeks to create the... impression, without directly saying so, that... he was led into that connection by trickery... and inconsideration. He would fain... have people think that he was some head... less, senseless victim of Know-Nothing... seduction. He calls himself an "involuntary... volunteer"—language which we would like... Mr. C. to make any sense of meaning out... of. We confess we can't. Will anybody... believe that he could be tricked into any... thing? Don't every body know, who... knows anything about him, that he is a... cautious, calculating young man, deeply... skilled in the mysteries of secret societies... and ambitious beyond his years?

The first blow which Mr. C. strikes is at... his own character; and he then proceeds... to inflict a deeper wound on his character... for integrity. Why did he join the... Know-Nothings? What was his motive?... Notwithstanding he seeks, in one part... of his card, to convey the notion that... it was an inconsiderate act without any... motive at all, he manifestly lets it out... in another part, that it was a matter of... deliberate calculation.

He tells us pretty plainly—indeed, he... leaves it patent and unmistakable on the... very face of his card—that he joined the... Know-Nothings in order to find out their... real strength, and in the hope of becoming... their candidate for Congress, without carry... ing a fig for their principles, or rather... with an utter abhorrence of their principles... So it credible that any man could stoop... so low to conquer? We think not. We... therefore, choose to differ from Mr. Cald... well as to his motive. We think there... was some real love and attachment to... Know-Nothingism in this movement.—... He has mistaken his own heart. Let him... examine it again. We think so because... we are unwilling to think otherwise of him... or of any body else. But we have a better... reason—here it is:

Mr. Caldwell, we are informed, in the... Court House at Charlotte, before one of... the largest audiences ever congregated in... a building, actually defended the organiza... tion and principles of the Know-Nothings... from the attacks of Mr. Craige. It is said... that the best part of a very ordinary speech... was devoted to an attack on the Know-... Nothingism. The South will have to face... the fact, that he will be found in the ranks... as well as in the leadership of all parties... at the North.—*Fay. Obs.*

Revolution in Massachusetts.—The... famous "personal liberty" act of the... Massachusetts Legislature has aroused a... bitter feeling of resentment all over the... South. That feeling is now manifesting... itself in devising ways to punish Mas... sachusetts in her most sensitive nerve—the... people. The people of Howard county... Missouri, in public meeting, irrespective of... party, have unanimously resolved to deal... with no merchant who purchases goods or... products of Massachusetts. The Mobile... Tribune, Montgomery Mail, and Charle... ston Standard, referring to the provision in... the "personal liberty" act degrading any... lawyer who assists in the enforcement of... the fugitive slave law, unite in a recom... mendation that every lawyer in the South... should pledge himself not to assist in the... collection of any debt or claim due to any... citizen of Massachusetts; and that banks... and brokers should likewise refuse to collect... such debts. And the New Orleans Times... Delta and other papers recommend State... action in devising and enforcing retaliatory... measures.

We are decidedly of opinion, that what... ever the South can legally do to show its... abhorrence of the vile conduct of Massachu... setts, should be done. She has drawn... the sword and thrown away the scabbard... Let the South show her, that whilst it... does not desire the conflict, it is not afraid... of it. Some commercial snubbing may... teach Massachusetts the value of the Union... and the obligations of the Constitution. In... our opinion nothing else will.—*Fay. Obs.*

WASHINGTON, June 19.  
The Central Rally in New York.—The... New York papers of this morning have... received here. They contain full proceed... ings of the American Ratification Meeting... held last night in the Park at New York... It is estimated that 8000 persons were... present. The meeting was addressed by... Ex-Governor Neil S. Brown, of Tenn.;... Gen. Bartlett, of Ky.; the Hon. Lewis C... Levin, of Philadelphia; Andrew J. Donnell... son, of Tenn.; Judge Hopkins, of Alabama;... Gen. Cunningham, of S. C.; Wm. M. Bur... well, Esq., of Va.; Gen. Picher, of Ky.;... the Hon. Mr. Metcalf, of Fla; and a num... ber of others.

The Platform of the National Council... was fully adopted.

Among the speakers at this meeting were... three North Carolinians, viz: ex-Gov. Neil... S. Brown, of Tennessee, a native of Robeson... county; John H. Houghton, Esq., of... Pittsborough; and David N. Carter, Esq.,... of Hyde county.

TROOPS FOR THE CAUSE.—New York, June 17.—The Reverse Cutter Portland... intercepted a vessel leaving this port on... Friday, with nearly 90 persons on board... alleged to have been enlisted for the... Crimea.

AMERICAN RATIFICATION MEETING.  
PHILADELPHIA, June 17.  
The ratification meeting held by the... Americans or Know Nothings last night... in Independence Square, was a tremendous... display of numbers. Delegations from the... various wards of the city marched to the... Square in procession, with music and ban... ners, and soon thronged every part of the... enclosure. Three stands were erected for... the accommodation of the speakers. J. E... Cobb Brown was chosen President, assisted... by numerous Vice Presidents. The prin... cipal speakers were Ex-Governor Brown, of... Tennessee; Col. Mallory, of New York;... Col. Bowling, of Virginia; General Fisher... of Kentucky; Mr. Littlejohn, of North... Carolina; Col. Stokes, of Tennessee; Mr... Robey, of Missouri; Dr. Chamber, of New... Jersey; Col. McCall, of Florida; Mr. Bot... teler, of Virginia; Judge Stewart, of Alabama... and others.

During most of the evening the rain fell... copiously, and altogether the weather was... most unpropitious for the demonstration... but notwithstanding, it was a most impos... sible display.

REMARKABLE BALLOON ASCENSION.—... Wm. D. Barnette, of Adrian city, Michi... gan, ascended recently in a balloon, from... that city, at 10 1/2 in the morning, and de... scended in Clarion county, Pennsylvania... at 2 1/2 in the afternoon, making the com... puted distance of three hundred and fifty... miles in the extraordinary short time of four... hours. This is the second trip, and an experimen... tal one with a balloon of unusual large size... It is 30 feet in diameter, contains over six... hundred yards of silk, and is capable of... holding nineteen thousand cubic feet of... gas.

After his ascent to the distance of three... miles and a half, the balloon struck the... eastern current of air, which he says is con... tinually blowing in one direction. It car... ried him south of the lakes, through Cen... tral Ohio. His intention was not to de... scend till dark, as he was above the rain... clouds in a clear upper sky, but the exces... sive cold to which he was exposed brought... on the accustomed drowsy sensation, which... prevented him from properly managing his... balloon. He was in that sleepy state when... his "craft" anchored in a tree in Red Hook... having descended in consequence of the... "evaporation of gas." The cold was so severe... that his feet were completely frozen.

New Wheat Flour.—Nelson Harris, Esq.,... of Montgomery county, sent to this market... on Monday last, two bins of Flour from... his new crop of May wheat, ground at the... mill of Aaron H. Sanders, Esq., on the... Uwharrie river, in Montgomery. It passed... inspection as "Family Flour." This is... the first flour from new wheat received here... The wheat was harvested on Monday the... 28th ult. We learn that Mr. Harris's crop... is very fine, as is most of the May wheat... in that region.

We have seen a letter from Almonte... county, stating that the wheat crops in that... neighborhood are much better than was... expected a month ago, but still only about... two-thirds of a fair crop.—*Fay. Obs.*

A Catholic Priest claiming his Wife.—... The Catholic Tribune says that a Catholic... priest of that city, named Sneider, private... ly married a German girl about a year since... His wife afterward deserted him and he... was subsequently divorced from the priest... by the court. The priest then applied to... the court for the recovery of his wife, who... he alleged was illegally detained from him by... one Anthony Sneider, her father. The... Judge before whom the case was brought... decided that the marriage was null and void... but that he might do as he pleased about... returning home or to his husband. The... wife accordingly returned to her father... because of the ex-parte.

Shooting the Devil.—This ceremony was... performed by Catholics at Sandwich, Can... ada, on the 10th inst. It resulted in a... serious fight between the Irishman and... the negroes, both of which races were... well represented on the occasion.

A Grand Conception.—It was a judi... cious resolution of a father, when being... asked what he intended to do with his girls... he replied: "I intend to apprentice them... all to the excellent mother, that they may... learn the art of improving girls, and be... come, like her, wives, mothers, and the... heads of families, and useful members... of society."

Death of a Ship's Crew.—Mrs. Thom... son, the dusky heiress of Robert Burns... died in London, on Sunday, the 23rd... at the advanced age of nearly four-score... years. Up to her death Mrs. Thomson... enjoyed excellent health, but for some... months has been gradually sinking.

Scarcity of Money.—Yesterday was... divided by the late S. Park Road &... Company, who some 2000 acres to be... paid out in small pieces of individual... shares in a town, and we learn that there... was a very decided rush upon the funds... small as the amount was. Money is... plenty in the Northern cities but its... scarcity is not here.—*Fay. Obs.*

ACTION OF PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.  
HARRISBURG, June 18, 1855.  
The Pennsylvania State Council and Know... Nothing have adopted the following plat... form of the party, and which they are... declaring an action of Congress on slavery... to be unconstitutional.

Dislop Obedience, which will well a salary... of \$2,500 instead of \$2,000 does not... give his receipts in full, on account, when... payments are made. In an account... when he has a right to the full amount... salary, the debt is certainly not being... paid, and he or his heirs may bring a law... suit to recover it with interest.