

TO PATRONS.

Those who send us for The Commercial, will please state which issue is wanted, the tri-weekly or weekly. We have been quite at a loss how to act in several cases, lately.

YELLOW FEVER.

We invite the attention of our citizens to an article on our first page, respecting the Yellow Fever.

OUTSIDE FORM.

Among the interesting matter on our outside form, is a very important document relative to Cuba and slavery. We published, on Tuesday, an account of the satisfactory proceedings of the Spanish Cortes, and now present the executive directions to the Captain General of Cuba. All sensible and honest men will at once declare that we have no cause to complain of Spain, in regard to the institution of slavery. As to others, it is a matter of small importance what they say or think upon the subject.

AN OVERSIGHT.

Our Legislature neglected to cede a portion of Land, at the last session, on which to build a Marine Hospital—consequently the appropriation of \$40,000 for that purpose remains in the U. S. Treasury, there to remain till the session of '56, '57.

VERY FORGETFUL.

Our neighbor of the Journal remembered to tell the people that the late disturbance in Cincinnati was not a contest between Americans and Foreigners; but now that everybody knows that such was the nature of the contest, is so very forgetful as not to mention it. Let your readers know the truth for once, in despite of parties. However indignant your political associates may be if you should dare to do so, we think you could gather strength to bear the weight of a small sample of that article, so very rare and scarce in political warfare.

LIFE OF SAM HOUSTON.

Mr. WHITAKER has placed upon our table "The Life of Sam Houston," the only authentic Memoir of him ever published, illustrated with plates representing prominent scenes of his eventful life. The reader will, doubtless, find this a very interesting book. The book concludes with an Address "To the People of the State of New Hampshire," by Edward Burke, in October last, issued by the General Committee of the Democracy of New Hampshire, in which Mr. Houston is nominated as a candidate for President, in 1856.

ELECTION IN PORTSMOUTH.

At a municipal election in Portsmouth, Va., on the 7th inst. the Mayor and all the ten Councilmen of the American Party were elected. The majority for Fishie was 149; for the Council, 135. The Democratic majority was about 360 at the last Presidential election. This is Sam's doings, and there must certainly be some live Know Nothings down in Portsmouth. We have advertised in vain for a live one to be brought to us.

TEMPERANCE VICTORY.

The Savannah Republican of the 4th inst. says: "We learn from a gentleman just from Griffin, Ga., that the municipal election in that place on Monday, resulted in the success of the entire Temperance ticket for Mayor, City Council, &c. It is reported that 'Sam' also supported the Temperance ticket."

SENSIBLE AND JUST.

In introducing a letter from his Havana Correspondent to his readers, the Editor of the Charleston Standard has the following excellent remarks:

The brig Somers, Capt. Watson, arrived in this city on Friday last from Havana, having left that port on the morning of the Monday preceding. By this arrival we have a letter from our Correspondent "Palmetto," containing the intelligence of the execution of Estrampes by the Garrote. He was executed on the morning of the 27th, and, as is reported to us both by our correspondent and by others, died like a brave man. We cannot conceive ourselves very much surprised at his fate. It was difficult to see how in the pursuit of the same policy, by whose direction Pinto suffered death, he could be allowed to escape. Our hopes for some other than a fatal result were excited by the telegraphic information, that, in consequence of a strong protest by our acting consul at Havana, Mr. Robertson, the matter had been referred to the Spanish Minister at Washington, but these hopes were never increased into an expectation. There can be no doubt but that Estrampes was guilty of the offence with which he was charged, and there can be no doubt but that for this offence he might legally be put to death. We may sympathize with him as a citizen of the United States, but we have no great right to complain. We may question the policy, too, of the Cuban government in resorting to such harsh measures, but that is their affair and not ours. This severe exercise of authority is even a delicate matter from the firing into and the searching of our ships; for in this there was an aggression, and such aggression the Cuban government must be allowed to punish after its own fashion, however much such punishment may conflict with our American sense of humanity and justice. With this guard against the eager republicanism of our correspondent, we submit his letter to tell its own story, without further comment.

EXECUTION OF ESTRAMPES.

Estrampes, a citizen of the United States, suffered death, on the 31st ult., by the garrote at Havana, on the charge of exciting a revolution. The execution, it is said, has caused the most intense excitement, not only in Havana, but throughout the island. "La Prensa," a paper published at Havana, thus speaks of the unfortunate man the day before his death:

"At 7 o'clock A. M., this day, Friday, Don Francisco Estrampes, convicted and guilty by confession of the crime of treason against the State, and sentenced by the Executive Permanent Military Commission of this Island, at the council of war held on the 25th March, to die by the infamous garrote, was placed in chapel, his execution being ordered to take place to-morrow, Saturday, at the same hour of 7.

"The criminal heard standing his sentence read to him by the assistant secretary of war, and manifested the greatest serenity and attention, inclining his head slightly at the conclusion of the reading, and answering in a natural voice:—'It is well.' Before the reading of the sentence, he delivered to the Consul of the United States, who was present, a letter for a member of his family, who is in the United States, and this morning, as we understand, he was occupied in writing various farewell letters.

"The crime is one which we ever detest, but our sincere compassion and regret for his misfortune."

"Pray sir," said a judge angrily, to a blunt old Quaker, from whom no direct answer could be obtained "do you know what we sit here for?" "Yes, I do," said the Quaker, "three of you for four dollars each a day, and the fat one in the middle for four thousand a year."

POLITICAL SOBERIGNITY IN KANSAS.

The Kansas election, which has been reported by telegraph as having resulted in the election of an entire 'pro-slavery' Legislature, seems to have been rather peculiar in its character. We lately gave the census returns of the number of voters in the various districts, from which it appeared that in the first, or Lawrence district, settled entirely by New Englanders, there were about 3000 voters. A telegraphic despatch from Kansas to the St. Louis Republican gives the following returns of the election in that and other districts:

"KANSAS, March 31—9 P. M. "Pro-slavery ticket triumphant as far as heard from. Total vote: Lawrence, 778 to 255; Tecumseh, 265 to 34; Douglas, 339 to 6; Doniphan, 320 to 25; Shawnee, Mission 40 to 16; Leavenworth, 899 to 60; Hickory Point, 223 to 6. Election passed off quietly, and with very little disturbance."

As an explanation of how this marvellous change was wrought, the Republican gives the following telegraphic despatch from Western Missouri:

"INDEPENDENCE, March 31—9 P. M. "Several hundred returning emigrants from Kansas have just entered our city.—They were preceded by the Westport and Independence brass bands. They came in at the west side of the public square and proceeded entirely around it, the bands cheering us with fine music and the emigrants with good news. Immediately following the bands were about two hundred horsemen in regular order; following these were one hundred and fifty wagons, &c. They gave repeated cheers for Kansas and Missouri. They report that not an anti-slavery man will be in the Legislature of Kansas. We have made a clean sweep."

This procession must have contained about a thousand men, who had gone to Kansas for the sole purpose of voting, and having effected this by dint of force, returned to their Missouri homes with a great flourish of trumpets. Such is the political sovereignty provided by the Nebraska bill—a sovereignty of non-resident outlaws. Let us see what will be the effect of this.

The above accounts and remarks are from the Philadelphia American. We have not the bill before us, but, of course, the imposition on the ballot-box arises from a deficiency of the law. But if any man can vote the moment he becomes a "squatter," or resident, the fact does not warrant the conduct of the Missourians, who openly violated the principles upon which republican freedom is based, simply because the law was imperative in the case. They thus intimated that they would not have acted wickedly, if the law could have prevented them. They assumed a false ground, because they were neither "squatters" nor settlers, in which character they voted, but persons who had no right whatever to vote in Kansas, any more than the citizens of the latter place had to vote within the precincts of Missouri. It was an outrageous affair, and it is a pity the parties cannot be punished in some legal way, or, at any rate, be prevented from a repetition of the infamously.

SHOT THROUGH THE BRAIN.

We copy the following from an exchange paper:

"A post-mortem examination, made on the body of Count Ziegenhorn, who committed suicide in Albany, N. Y., on last Thursday, on account of unrequited love, discloses the fact that the ball which he discharged at his head, entered at the right side, passed through the brain and struck against the skull on the left side, when its force being spent it sank down two or three inches.—Still life was not extinct for eighteen hours afterwards."

We should be inclined to doubt the above, were it not sustained by an incident which passed under our own observation. A British soldier was wounded, probably by a piece of bomb-shell, which took off a part of the top of the head. This was at the assault on Fort Erie, in the war with Great Britain of 1812 and the campaign of 1814.—We first saw him lying in the morning after the night attack, in the angle of the Fort, on his back—his head greatly swelled, by which his eyes were closed. In this position he was turning about his fingers in his brain, and with a mumbled groan, the whole day, and did not die till about sundown. We were so much shocked at his situation, and that of another who lay beside him, also awfully and hopelessly wounded, that impelled by motives of humanity, we asked permission of one of the officers to kill them to relieve them from their agony. We have often since that time regretted that we were not allowed to do so, for two reasons—first, because the enemy could not fail to hear that we killed our prisoners, without appreciating the motives, and thus our people lay under one of the foulest imputations; second, we have since become satisfied that we should have ever regretted as a crime, as it really would have been, a transaction that could not be justified, under any plan whatever.

MISS BUNKLEY AND THE JEZUITS.

A letter in the New York Crusader, dated at Norfolk April 21, contains the following reference to Miss Josephine Bunkley:

Another threatening letter has been addressed to Miss Bunkley. It will be published in her forthcoming work. I have had the pleasure of passing several chapters of her startling revelations, and I assure you it is destined to cause a profound sensation throughout the Union. The mysteries and infiquities of Convent life are exposed with a bold hand and clear head, in a plain and comprehensive statement of her own experience, while the relation of other facts, which have come to her knowledge, is expressed through the medium of a tale of thrilling interest, exciting a degree of genius and intellect which at once and forever exonerate her from the charge of immorality preferred against her by Jesuit persecutors.

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DEATH OF MARTIN VAN BUREN, JR.

The fatal illness of the death of Martin Van Buren, Jr., son of the ex-President, he died in Paris on the 20th ult. A large number of Americans accompanied his remains to their temporary resting place in the cemetery of Montmartre. The deceased had for a long time been wasting under the 'blight of consumption, but his death was so sudden as to surprise even those friends who had despaired of his recovery. He had seated himself at the dinner table when his head fell forward, and he expired without a groan. An eloquent eulogy was pronounced at the tomb by the distinguished Protestant divine, M. Coquerel, former representative of the people under the Republic. The deceased was about forty years of age, and was next to the youngest of Mr. Van Buren's four sons. His remains will be brought to the U. S. States in July.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Providence Journal says that the election in Rhode Island on Wednesday passed off very quietly, the result being a foregone conclusion. The vote is light, but the majorities are enormous. It adds: "Our returns embrace the entire State, except Cumberland and the two Island towns, and the Know-Nothings here carried all but two; Gloucester and Foster. Gloucester elects Democrats to the General Assembly by twelve majority; Foster elects a Whig Senator by one majority, and a Democratic Representative by four majority. All other members of both Houses are Know-Nothings."

EXCITEMENT AT HAVANA.

New York, April 8.—A letter received here from Havana, dated the 31 instant, states that great excitement existed there in consequence of the frequent use of the garrote.

ESCAPE OF A SLAVE.

A female slave, belonging to a widow lady, who was to start for Washington, secreted herself on board the steamer Jamestown at Norfolk, a few days ago, and was not observed until the boat arrived at New York. Before she could be arrested by the captain, she was placed in a hack by the colored cook and made her escape. It is stated that she would the Jamestown return to Norfolk and she would be confined by the laws of Virginia, and the officers and crew liable to be imprisoned for aiding in the escape of a slave.

ARE DROP LETTERS TO BE PRETAINED?

The following is an extract from the new postage act: "And all drop-letters, or letters placed in any postoffice not for transmission through the mail, but for delivery only, shall be charged with postage at the rate of one cent each; and all letters which shall hereafter be advertised as remaining over, or uncollected for, in any postoffice, shall be charged with one cent each, in addition to the regular postage, both to be accounted for as other postages now are."

PEACE RESTORED AT CINCINNATI.

Result of the Election.—The disgraceful riots at Cincinnati seem to have been brought to a close. The papers from that city, as late as Saturday, announce a perfect restoration of peace and order. The Commercial states that not only had certificates of election been granted to all the democratic candidates, but that Mr. Faran has been sworn in as mayor. His majority is 1343.

CINCINNATI AFFAIRS.

CINCINNATI, April 9.—The funeral of Monroe, who was killed in the riot, took place yesterday and passed off quietly. There were about one thousand persons in the procession. The new city government was organized and went into operation today. Mayor Faran announced in his inaugural a determination to enforce all the city ordinances.

POLITICAL.

HASTED, April 9.—The Union ticket nominated by the democrats in this city against the 'know-nothing' was supported to-day by the anti-know-nothings whigs in the city election, and the Union ticket carried off of the six-and-a-half and thirteen of the twenty-four candidates. The know-nothings are said to be routed on the following vote:

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

The municipal election at St. Louis on the 21st instant was conducted with order and quietness. There was no undue excitement, no disturbances, no rioting. The Know-Nothings were generally victorious, having elected all their nominees but two. The City Marshal and City Treasurer, they elected Mr. Washington King to the office of Mayor by a large plurality. The number of votes received by him is 4264. John Hogan, Whig, received 2400, and J. B. Lightner, Dem. 311.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

A letter to the Savannah Republican, dated at Jacksonville on the 21st instant, says: "To-day the annual election for an Intendant and six Councilmen of this city came off. One hundred and eighty-three votes were polled for Intendant, of which Phillip Passer, the Know-Nothing candidate, received 114 and F. Livingston, his opponent, 65, and 4 scattering. Messrs. E. A. DeCottis, George A. Tucker, sr., S. W. Williams, H. H. Hoeg, Calvin Oak, and Dr. A. S. Baldwin were elected Councilmen by about the same vote as that cast for Mr. Fraser. The result of this election has astonished every body."

HUNT'S MERCHANT'S MAGAZINE.

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THE Hero of San Jacinto. The Life of Sam Houston.—The Pioneer—General—President—Senator—Statesman. The most interesting Book of the day. Just from the Press. For sale at S. W. WHITAKER'S.

SMALL CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

ORILL, J. G.'S Small, in bbls and half bbls; 50,000 Cigars, from 8 to 20¢ per thousand; 25 Boxes Chewing Tobacco. For sale by ZENO H. GREENE.

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DOING A TOLEMAN.

Two young ladies of Indianapolis, Indiana, who by the by, belong to the dog law, were out ridding in a buggy themselves, and after driving through the various fashionable avenues, they concluded to try the plank road. Well, to the plank road they went and while trotting briskly along they were suddenly arrested by a toll-gate-keeper, who demanded his toll.

ROMAN CATHOLIC RIF.

New York, April 9.—A riot occurred at Oxford in this State yesterday, among the Roman Catholics, in consequence of the report goes of a certain excommunicated member being ordered out of the church by the priest. The services were suspended, and a general fight ensued outside the building between the Roman Catholics and Protestants. The result was not serious.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

There will be a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this evening, at 7 o'clock. Business of importance requires a full attendance. April 12, 1855. GEO. DAVIS, Sec'y.

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MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF WILMINGTON, APRIL 12.

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