

The Watchman

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To Readers and Correspondents.

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The National Representative

The attitude assumed by the Democratic members of the National House of Representatives, is one of those cheering incidents which have so often embellished the history of the party...

Beyond the significance of the great truth that the action of the House of Representatives, (which our correspondent refers to) there is another thought suggested which must strike every careful observer of the progress of political events in this country...

And what does this spectacle teach? It imparts a solemn lesson, which no true American should pass over with negligence, because the result of the deliberations which are to take place in the present Congress, will have a lasting influence upon the destinies of this great Republic...

Long before we thought of publishing a paper in Beltsville we noticed the liberality with which the country press published the large prospectuses of the mammoth city weeklies...

We have had some opportunity to acquire a knowledge of the manner in which these cheap weeklies are gotten up; and if those who are so prone to puff them, knew the injury which they are doing to themselves and others, they would be loath to continue the practice...

We are also under obligation to our Democratic contemporaries for the promptness with which they have given us an exchange. We want to have the opinions of our brethren of the press, so that we can give effect to the Democracy of Centre county.

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The Abolition Press and Democratic Antagonism

The disposition of several of the Abolition presses in the North and West, to place the Hon. JAMES BUCHANAN in a false position, on the support of the Missouri Compromise, is meeting a proper rebuke from the proper source...

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Gen. Pierce and the Washington Union

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FROM PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Christian Advocate, in giving the address of the Quaker City, quite an animating appearance; and you, who have passed so many gay hours in this "village," must recur to that past which yielded you so much enjoyment, with pleasant recollections...

The only gossip along our streets—and why it should be gossip I leave for you to divine—is the fact that there should be such tardiness in the organization of the national House of Representatives. I think there is nothing strange in the fact, because when the people do not forget their own duty, as to elect a majority of political adventurers, they must expect to be disappointed not only in the results of Congressional deliberations...

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1856—THE PROSPECTS AT THIS TIME.

If no change occurs in the political sentiment of the American people, as indicated by the results of the State elections held in 1855, the next President of the United States will certainly be a Democrat. During the past summer and fall, the following States have gone Democratic by decided majorities on the popular vote...

Table with columns: State, Electoral Votes, Majorities. Lists states like Virginia, Illinois, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Maine, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, Wisconsin.

At one hundred and forty-nine electors will choose a President, the States that have already gone Democratic, lack but five of that number. We presume no sane man will question the ability of the Democracy to carry, in addition, the following States...

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It is not only the calm waters that refresh heaven in their breast. No man has a better appetite than he who earns what he eats by his own labor. Two things to be kept in your mind and your temper.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS.

Janek, a telegraph clerk at Berlin, Prussia, accused of unlawfully receiving telegraphic intelligence for stock-tobbing purposes, was convicted on the 12th of November. He was condemned to three years imprisonment, with the loss of social rights as a citizen for five years.

Gov. Minor of Cuba, has issued his proclamation announcing that the amendment to the Constitution lately adopted specifies that voters must be able to read and write, and that it is now part of the organic law of the State.

The late census returns make the entire population of the State of New York 3,499,118. The population of New York City is 608,110, and the population of Brooklyn 132,222.

The barn of Henry Hubert, in Richland township, Cambria county, was destroyed by fire on Friday night last. Four valuable horses were burned, and a large amount of grain.

Lieut. McRae, commander of the United States surveying schooner Spring, committed suicide while laboring under a fit of insanity.

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