

The great New Orleans Capitalist.

The New Orleans Delta gives the following particulars of this remarkable person.

Mr. McDonough had reached the age of seventy-two. Though his great vigor of mind and energy of spirit enabled him to triumph for a while over physical debility, and to pursue within a few hours of his death, the industrious and busy habits which he had practiced for fifty years, his health had been declining for some months, and the termination of his earthly career was looked for by himself, as well as by his friends.

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But, trifling aside, there is something in this dinner that we like. The Boston merchant may have his own peculiar commercial advantages, but getting into it, but an occasion that will bring such a man as Daniel Webster to the floor at the present time, and elicit sentiments such as he expresses, must be hailed with joy.

Such was the case of one who worshipped manhood with an unending and all-absorbing passion, whose soul and mind were entirely monopolized by the spirit of gain, excluding every tender emotion—every ennobling feeling—every burning sympathy.

And yet there are many, familiar with the character and history of John McDonough, who declare that the severe life he led and his love of acquisition did not proceed from avarice—from the mere spirit of miserly greed, but from a noble and noble philanthropic purpose in view, to which he had hardened his soul to all the affections of humanity.

He had a great passion for buying waste and swamp lands, and estimating with arithmetical precision the yearly increase in the value of those lands, he would calculate the amount of property education, and the amount of property education, and the amount of property education.

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SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 16, 1850.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell, so well known to our citizens as accomplished and pleasing performers, propose giving an entertainment at the Reed House this evening, consisting of Readings from Shakspeare, Songs, Recitations, and a Lecture on the Times.

Meadville and Edenboro Plank Road. This is the link connecting our road to Edenboro with Meadville, and we are pleased to learn that it is going ahead finely.

The "Swiss Bell Ringers" are coming! Paraphrase music for the million, all for a quarter! Well, joking aside, this is no humbug, as all will testify that ever heard the sweet chiming of their angelic bells.

The "Western Literary Messenger," for November, is an excellent number. Our friend Clement succeeds in having up a dish that cannot fail to please all lovers of the chase and useful in Literature.

A Public Reading Room. We concur with the Gazette in the propriety, as well as necessity of establishing a Public Reading Room in this city.

Great Democratic Victory in New Jersey. We announced, in our telegraphic news last week, that New Jersey was redeemed, but we had no idea of the victory was so complete.

American Art-Union, New York. By a circular from the Secretary of this institution we learn that its annual drawing will take place on the 20th of next month.

Philadelphian Evening Bulletin. This is one of the best papers on our exchange list. For an "independent" paper it possesses one rare quality—it is always on the right side.

Mr. Truesdell, Agent of the Panama Rail Road Company, has made an engagement with Messrs. Peter Cook, Joseph Carr, and J. H. Willard, well known mechanics of this city, to work upon that road as Master Carpenters and Builders.

Notwithstanding the Democracy of Michigan has carried their State ticket by a large majority, and have the Legislature, the State has done badly, and we are ashamed of her.

Wrong! All Wrong!

We find the following paragraph in that truly excellent Democratic paper, the Carlisle Democrat: The New York Sun nominates Gen. Sam Houston of Texas, as the "People's candidate" for the next Presidency, and says, "who will refuse to rally to the standard?"

This is wrong, all wrong! and, although uttered rather in a joking way, we protest in the name of those great principles and measures so dear to the Democracy of the Union against it.

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A Perfect Gentleman. We admire a perfect gentleman. His language is always choice, and appropriate. Whether the trenchant Editor of the Astorian Telegraph is such a character we leave the public to judge.

The Democracy and the Tariff. The Pittsburgh Morning Post, in an able article on the Tariff question, puts forth the following compromise proposition in regard to duties on iron and coal.

The only complaint now or very recently heard from this State against the Tariff of '46, is confined to the duty on iron and coal. The Tariff of '46, has been repealed, and the duties on iron and coal are now fixed by the Tariff of '50.

The result of the New York election, so far as the State ticket is concerned, is still in doubt. It is not improbable, however, that Seymour and some of the other Democratic nominees are elected.

United States Senator. The Philadelphia Spirit of the Times, a very able, though somewhat eccentric, Democratic paper, has declared its preference for Hon. J. B. Clark, for United States Senator.

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Wisconsin Election. In the first Congressional District of Wisconsin, the free-soil, free trade, anti-slavery, has 1500 majority; in the second, Antislavery, Democrat, is elected; and in the third, Democrat, is elected by 2,000 majority.

MEN AND THINGS IN BOSTON.—No. 10.

Correspondence of the Eric Observer.

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