



Towanda, Wednesday, April 21, 1847.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS. FOR GOVERNOR, FRANCIS R. SHUNK. FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, MORRIS LONGSTRETH, OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

No Mistake. We are preparing all accounts on our books, of more than one year's standing, for collection, and as soon as we can arrange them, they will be placed in the hands of a single agent for immediate prosecution.

The Wilmot Proviso—its true object. We have intended for some weeks, to refer to this subject again, for the purpose of exhibiting more clearly the legitimate purposes of the Proviso itself, and to show that its mover and supporters were governed throughout, not only by clear and unquestionable Democratic principles, but that they were also sustained by the most emphatic precedents, established by Congress itself.

The Wilmot Proviso has been assailed as ill-timed and out of place; and its author denounced even by professing Democrats as an opposer of the measures of the Administration, and especially the present war with Mexico, for the manly zeal with which he successfully urged its passage, through that branch of Congress of which he was a member.

We do not design this article either as a eulogy or defence of Gen. Cameron or Mr. Wilmot; but we cannot refrain from bearing our testimony to the Democratic independence and patriotism with which they unitedly rendered their support to this great national question.

What, then, is the question? Our nation is at war with Mexico, and it is universally conceded, that at the conclusion of this war a large and indefinite extent of territory lying between the Rio Grande and the Pacific, now belonging to Mexico, must pass under the sovereignty of the United States.

The Wilmot proviso is simply an attempt to prevent the consummation of this stupendous crime against posterity and the human race. It proposes not even the remotest interference with the domestic affairs of any State in the Union, but only that the arms and treasure of the United States shall not be employed, nor the blood of our free people shed for the propagation of slavery.

New laws imposed upon a conquered province proceed from the sovereignty of the conquering power. As the laws of California, Chihuahua, Coahuila, New Leon and Tamaulipas now stand, no slaves can be introduced into any of those provinces without becoming ipso facto free.

There is no truth, then, in the pretence which has been set up in some quarters, that the question raised by Mr. Wilmot's proviso, is a renewal of the Missouri question. Such a pretence is set up for no better purpose than to divert attention from the true nature of the question now to be decided.

tion of forming free States, or with the intention of forming slave States. The act of Congress that shall organize California, or any part of it, under a territorial government, will necessarily contain the seeds of all the laws to be enacted by that government.

Highly Important from the Army! Another Severe Battle—Our arms again Victorious—200 Mexicans killed—12 Americans killed, 30 Wounded—Mexican Preparations for defence.

When the houses were taken and the church stormed, the Mexicans fled, but were overtaken by the dragoons, and the victory was complete and decisive. From 150 to 200 of the Mexicans were killed and a large number wounded.

The Northern Democrat & the Bank. We did not intend in our remarks addressed to the Northern Democrat, to exhibit any asperity of feeling. But, we confess when we saw the article in their paper about us and the Bank, we were somewhat astonished.

EXTRAORDINARY—I have just returned from witnessing one of the most extraordinary spectacles—the most extraordinary of its kind that I ever beheld. It was no less a sight than the body of a fine, manly old lady, a Mrs. Friend, who at the age of sixty-eight years, was seventeen years ago interred in the graveyard at the corner of Broadway and Twelfth streets.

THE VICTORY.—ILLUMINATION OF THE ASTOR HOUSE.—The illumination of the Astor, of which due notice was given, came off in a brilliant style last evening. The whole front of that building was resplendent with light, presenting a most magnificent spectacle.

THE HARRISBURG ARGUS.—We neglected to notice last week that Col. Salisbury of this county had assumed the editorial control of the Argus—one of the Democratic papers published at the seat of government.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK.—The Democrats were divided and run several tickets, while the federalists run away with the offices. The Democratic candidate for Alms house Commissioner, was elected by about the same majority as the federal Mayor, proving that the Democrats might have elected every thing by being united.

EXPLOSIONS.—Dupont's Powder Mills, near Wilmington, exploded again on Tuesday last week, destroying the lives of eighteen workmen employed in the mills.

Further Particulars of the Victory at Vera Cruz. During the sixteen days intervening between the landing and capture of Vera Cruz, five days of violent northerly prevailed, in which all landing of stores was entirely interrupted.

Letter from Gen. Taylor to Henry Clay. The Lexington (Ky) Observer publishes the following letter of Gen. Taylor, addressed to the Hon. H. Clay. It is creditable to the heart of the General, as well as to the officers he mentions, who fell in battle of Buena Vista.

Head Quarters Army of Occupation, Vera Cruz, Mexico March 1, 1847. My Dear Sir:—You will no doubt have received, before this can reach you, the deeply distressing intelligence of your son in the battle of Buena Vista.

At the expiration of two or three hours, the fleet was recalled, but during the period it was engaged it did much destruction to the city, and annoyed the Castle considerably by throwing shells into it.

During the 26th, an extremely violent northerly blow, and the fire on both sides was suspended during the whole day, and from our batteries on the 35th being so destructive to the city, the people clamored for a surrender.

THE TERMS OF CAPITULATION agreed upon are in substance, that the garrison in the Castle and different forts march out and lay down their arms at 1 o'clock, on the 29th of March.

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MORE VICTIMS OF RUM.—A drunkard, named Carroll, was found dead in the woods, near Port Elizabeth, (West Jersey) on Monday last week, with his jug of rum by his side.

THE CITY OF MEXICO.—The New York Sun of Thursday morning, publishes the following interesting letters from their correspondents in the city of Mexico.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE LATE BATTLE—GALLIANT Mr. Thomas Caldwell, whose arrival at Independence was noticed yesterday, was down last evening on the steamer Berwick, and to him we are indebted for later and more authentic information from Santa Fe.

ON THE 19th, the night after the murder of Bent, and his companions, at Taos, Mr. K. Culver, of Clinton county, L. W. Wood, a brother of the Doctor and Benjamin Proctor of Jackson county together with five others, were killed at Mora.

THIS ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED between the 26th and 28th of January, and was followed by a truce between Price and the insurgents at La Onda, a small town in the pass of the mountains.

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