Extracts Received by the Missouri Legislature in Favor of Popular Sovereignty.

SENATE.

[From the Jefferson City Examiner.]

In the Senate yesterday, the following patriotic proceedings were had, which reflect great credit on that noble body, and are a deserving tribute to the immortal services of Thomas H. Washington, to the fame of the Missouri Democracy Association, and to the Hon. George G. Vest, the talented Missouri artist, whose magnificent life-size portrait of Washington now hangs in the Senate chamber.

Mr. Phelps, of Pettis, offered a bill appropriating the money in the Missouri Contingent Fund Association to purchase the portrait.

He recited the history of the splendid portrait of Washington, to day in the Senate chamber, as a suitable occasion for the introduction of the bill. He also offered a resolution of Judge Gantt, of Cole, with very fine tables in behalf of the enterprise. The right had been originated by the Legislature of the United States for the purpose of purchasing the portrait of Washington, and now the question was, was Missouri would do it? Will she do her merited commendation of the work of patriotism? He talked upon the Senator from Lafayette, who might be self-denominated the father of the Senate, to make some remarks upon the occasion, and it seemed to fill with his feelings, to advocate the passage of the bill.

Mr. Vernon arose, and in a feeling manner passed a panegyric upon the name and character of Washington, and concluded by saying that he would go as far as the farthest to consummate the work of duty which devolves upon us as the representatives of the great State of Missouri, when called upon to come up to this work of patriotism.

Mr. Horner said he was glad to hear the sentiments of his friend, and he should vote for the bill, and he felt that the united individual action of the Legislature would say he had done wrong.

Mr. Frazer said that he felt that his tongue would cleave to the roof of his mouth, and his lips refuse to move, were he to attempt to raise his voice against the passage of this bill. He should give this vote cheerfully, and he hoped there would not be a voice dissenting.

Mr. Watkins looked upon this as not an occasion to make a speech in the common acceptation of the term. The Missouri Senate had in the past session shown illustrative portraits of Washington, and this they had suspended in the Senate Chamber. In addition to our former donations and thanks, and thus he felt that he discharged his duty to the State; in any exception to the work, and he felt sure he was recognized in this sentiment by the Senate. He concluded by saying that the resolution was unanimously adopted.

A Dialogue on Cuba.

[From the Washington Union, Feb. 11.]

A Gentleman of the City of Washington, in relation to a late interview which he had during the Northern tour of the Austrian Minister, on behalf of the enterprise, "The Eight" had been originated by the Minister of the United States for the purpose of purchasing Cuba from Spain. For what is Cuba celebrated? J. Cuba is celebrated for its sugar, tobacco, rum, yellow fever, mystery, the slave trade, and Cabeza! Lopez! Very well, say we, Cuba, you shall be purchased! Who buys? A. Uncle Sam! Who sells? A. Don Well! Who pays? A. Uncle Sam! Cuba gravitates to this country. A. Uncle Sam! Why? A. Because it is the law of gravitation! Cuba gravitates to this country. A. Does anybody else say so? A. Yes: Senator Seward says it does. A. Any one else? J. Yes: Mr. Hunter! If the New York Herald says that Cuba gravitates to this country, we are lost! Cuba! A. What do you mean? all these authorities upon gravitation? A. Gravitation is directly as the mass, and inversely as the distance. He says so in his Natural Philosophy! A. Of course! Just getting that truth, can you tell me why nations are so long time coming together? A. Why, because they come together just as soon as the ages get across the Gulf Stream! A. Very well said! Now can you give any opinion as to whether Mr. Buchanan will be able to get Cuba? A. Why, I think he will! A. What is your opinion, that he will get it? A. Shakspeare says for thinking so. J. Why, Mr. Buchanan had as much good luck in being elected President that he should be changed, and he will come office that time? A. How so, sir? J. Why, you know about Kansas? A. Yes, yes! I know all about that, it never had about Kansas, so far as I know! A. Why, was General Walker's expedition? Also, Mr. Buchanan interfere with him when he had engaged to do it, and assist the British and French governments to get the best of us in Central America? A. Indeed! proceed. J. And when the British sent a fleet to Greytown, and Mr. Buchanan sent a fleet to Greytown, and broke the king and spoiled the whole thing? A. Well! well! And now they say he is going to break up the United States Treasury by taking thirty millions of money from it? J. Yes, sir! I know all about that! A. Why, you know Cuba, you will have made a full Entrance! Yes, sir, you have made a full Entrance! Yes, it is manifest for the present. After our good President is gone to the shades of Wheatland, and before you are a year old in good time—we shall acquire Cuba!

Probable Subsidence of the War Spirit in Europe.

We may now venture to hope that the principal danger of an European war has for the present passed away. It would be well if we could say that all the blowing over of late storm clouds the world has indulged in is evidence of permanent calm and the return of the halcyon days. But the recent turbulence of European quiet still exists and we only for a time compressed by the weight of our vessel confined. There is however satisfaction to be mingled with the regret with which mankind must see the unfortunate death struggle of Turkey. Russia and France have been with a resolution which her friends learned to be wholly impossible. We sincerely deprecate the fatal fortune of those powers, still more the behaviour of Austria, a position which has now placed Austria in the Ultramontane abolition. That Francis Joseph will recognize that after all, the people may be better ally than any dear brother of the Imperial class; and that he will endeavor to restore in his dominions the wholesome authority which distinguished the old German Empire, in the place of that military oppression which his family have learnt from the Bonapartes. As for the French people, we congratulate them on the quietness with which they have seen that their advantage in this case coincides with the claims of justice. The first 100 years after Waterloo seem to assure them that England, was too much exhausted by the Indian war to think of contravening the schemes of France, and that, even if the Queen's Government desired to interfere, the English Liberals would check any such Tory policy. They have good, unbiased, and for the sake of all parties to this dispute, for the sake of France and Italy most of all, we rejoice that the common sense of mankind has won the day. The war so recklessly invoked would probably in single campaign have made a combination against France as formidable as that of 1813. Italy in any case could only gain a change of masters, and substituting the King Log of a French vassal for the King Log of an ordinary Austrian Archduke. Now we are happy to believe that there is no danger but from the folly of the Kossuthites who, having long kept up an army entirely disproportionate to the extent and wealth of their kingdom, have looked to war as an escape from the financial difficulties, which otherwise threaten to overtake them. Unless these, however, in their desperation break the peace, we have no longer that anxiety for the present over.

We have already announced the confirmation of the Hon. Jeremiah S. Black as Secretary of State, Judge of Pittsburg, the judicial judge of Western Pennsylvania, vice the Hon. Thomas Irwin, resigned. Mr. McDandless has been during the last twenty years a prominent member of the bar and an influential politician. As a firm and consistent National Democrat he has enjoyed an enviable reputation beyond the limits of his native State. From the tone of the press, both before and since the date of his appointment, we infer that the President, from the list of eminent names which were brought to his notice in connection with the position, has hitted upon the most popular and judicious selection.

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TOBACCO GROWING IN WESTERN VIRGINIA.—Many farmers in Fayette county, Indiana, who have never heretofore given their attention to the cultivation of tobacco, are now making arrangements to engage in it. Several patches were planted last year in Dogwood Gap, in that county, last year, and were pronounced equal to any.

THE ARMY CONTRACTS.—Contracts for the Missouri Indian Agency, at Chicago, Ill., have been awarded to parties who have made it their business to supply the Indian Agencies with provisions for years past. It is stated that they are getting among themselves, and that pistols, Arkansas toothpicks, and the principal amusements are drinking and card playing.

THE NEW POSTMASTER.—Mr. Wood, of the New Orleans *True Delta* office, recently married a wife, and shortly after he was appointed Postmaster, drew a quarter of the $50,000 prize in the Havana lottery.

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