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THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 24, 1858.

DESERTING THE CAUSE.—The administration, with its bribes in the shape of offices, contracts, &c., has proved too much for the integrity of a large portion of the democratic opponents of Lecompton. One by one they desert the ranks of their former friends—one by one they swallow burning denunciations which they have on former occasions hurled against the swindle, and thus stultify and disgrace themselves before the whole country. REILLY, who spoke earnestly against Lecompton—DEWART, who could see nothing but villainy in it—and OWEN JONES, who ranked himself among the invulnerable and the pure—have all gone over to the side of James Buchanan! The "nine anti-Lecompton democrats" from our State, whose position has been, ever since the agitation of the question, so much talked about and glorified over, have dwindled down to three—possibly to two. HICKMAN, MONTGOMERY and CHAPMAN are still counted firm, although the last named voted on a recent occasion with the Lecomptonites.—MONTGOMERY and HICKMAN are with the people and we have no doubt will remain in that glorious position. All honor to them for their faithfulness to a good cause in this trying period! Let the recreants go—they will soon meet with a just reward from their betrayed and deceived constituents. Their hour of triumph is only for the brief present—the people will in good time assert their supremacy, and in a fitting manner express their honest indignation. The Washington correspondent of the *Tribune*, writing on this subject, expresses views which so strictly coincide with our own in this respect, that we feel constrained to adopt them without further remark:

"While it is melancholy to contemplate the desertion of men who pledged their, personal and political fidelity, in the most solemn manner, to this cause, there is still one source of consolation amid the painful emotions which such flagrant treachery excites. With a few exceptions, most of these defaulters have justified a share of suspicion throughout, from the absence of that directness and courage which the occasion demanded. Their tampering weakness or worse was well understood, and allowed to pass unrebuked from dictates of policy. It was the intention of the Republicans, notwithstanding these known infirmities, to support every man who should stand in good faith to the last. They are now not only released from any such obligation, but are bound to denounce the traitors. And it is comforting to know, too, that they will fare no better at the hands of those to whom they have returned with the brand of a double deception upon their brows. The recent defection and its damaging consequences to the Democracy, will never be forgiven, though the prodigal sons may be apparently welcomed with the fatted calf. And for English especially therein it were a punishment in his own District, which will at least teach an instructive lesson to such thimble-rigging jugglers hereafter. Mr. Owen Jones was among the very first to denounce the scheme of the conference as worse than the Lecompton fraud, and now he is now one of the most roaring converts, after the fashion of all renegades."

NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION.—This body is now in session in the city of Baltimore. On Monday about two hundred delegates were reported to be either present, or on their way to the city. Many of them are accompanied by their families, and are observe that their scientific deliberations are relieved by a series of private entertainments, on a magnificent scale. The first was given by Mayor SAMS, at the Assembly rooms, his own spacious residence being too small to accommodate so many guests.—Every evening of the week will be devoted to similar entertainments. The well-known hospitality of the Monumental city will be displayed on this occasion in a most favorable light. The *Sun*, of Tuesday last, says:

"Baltimore is to be made this week, for the first time, the place of meeting for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It will be an occasion unsurpassed in interest by any that has ever been held in the most central city of conventions, assemblies and anniversaries. This association has been in existence for twelve years, and has held eleven conventions. It has been welcomed everywhere as an institution interesting itself and honorable to our nation and age. It combines the most distinguished scientific talent and acquirement in the Western World, and its transactions are a record of the progress of knowledge on this continent. Its object is once a year to bring together all scientific men to enjoy each other's society, to hear a recital of each other's discoveries and investigations, to profit by each other's experience, to stimulate each other's endeavors, that they may return to their favorite studies refreshed with new zest, new courage and kindliness

A [illegible] best of their thoughts, knowledge and experience, in the particular branch of science to which they are devoted, for the entertainment and instruction of the whole.

To facilitate their proceedings, the society is divided into sections, each of which has in charge a special branch of science. Committees appointed in each section prepare the work of business which is to be transacted before it, and to make a registry of all the papers which are expected to be read. The reading of these papers, and the discussion upon them, will constitute the business of the convention, so far as the public are concerned."

The most distinguished men of scientific acquirements, including authors and professors, in the country, will be present on this occasion, and their deliberations will no doubt prove highly interesting to the public.

THE USES OF BORDER RUFFIANISM.—It seems by the following extract from the speech recently delivered in Congress, by Mr Thayer, that Border Ruffianism has its uses. On this subject that eloquent friend of free-born very truthfully says:

"If we thank God for patriots, we should also thank him for tyrants, for what great achievements have patriots ever made, without the stimulus of tyranny? Without vice, virtue itself must be insipid; and without wicked and mean men, there could be no heroes.

"The brave man rejoices in the opposition of the enemy of his rights. Wicked and mean men are the stepping-stones on which the good and great ascend to heaven and immortal fame.

"These miscreants, cursed both by God and man, subserve important interests. The sacred volume which unfolds to us the life and sufferings of the Saviour of men, makes record also of Pontius Pilate and of Judas Iscariot as necessary agencies in the great redemption

"So I will denounce no man who has fought against Freedom in Kansas, as entirely useless in the grand result. But what a team to draw the chariot of Freedom! Atchison and Stringfellow and John Calhoun, with the two successors of Millard Fillmore to lift at the wheels."

So the future historian may discover that even the infamous administration of Buchanan may serve the purpose of rousing the people to a watchfulness of their rights and privileges, and of causing them to distrust forever weak and ambitious aspirants for the high places of the nation. "Sweet are the uses of adversity" if they are properly applied.

ANOTHER LOAN.—The *National Intelligencer* states, on what is supposed to be good authority that the President has determined to ask Congress to authorize a new loan to the amount of thirty millions of dollars, and to fund the twenty millions of treasury notes recently issued. This looks bad, indeed! The recent draft on the treasury for the Lecompton iniquity renders the course proposed highly necessary. The President hardly comes up to the expectations of a majority of his supporters, we imagine.

AUSTRALIAN HEAT.—The following is an extract from a private letter, dated Adelaide Feb. 11, 1858:

"I can assure you we have nearly been roasted alive; we have had ten days and nights of the hottest weather remembered for several years past. The heat at noon in the shade was 136° past. The heat at noon in the shade was 136° to 140°, according to situation, and during the night it was never less than 94° to 104° in-doors. The hot wind never ceased blowing, and the innumerable deaths from *coup de soleil* have been appalling in extreme."

THE difference between the two great parties in respect to Kansas may be briefly stated. One of them demands the submission of the Lecompton constitution to the people, and the other the submission of the people to the Lecompton constitution.

SENATOR SUMNER'S HEALTH.—Dr. Wistar, of Philadelphia, pronounces Mr. Sumner's case still "serious," and prohibits any attention for the present to business.

The Crevasse at New Orleans.

The most disastrous break which has as yet occurred is that upon the plantation of John M. Bell, on the opposite side of the river from Jefferson City. The heavy rain softening the levee, and the wind shifting round to the northward, cut out a gap of about twenty feet, about ten o'clock in the morning, yesterday, through which the Mississippi poured, with a fall of about fifteen feet, a terrific volume of water, which, at the time we visited the spot in the evening, had inundated the country as far as the eye could reach, and was still rushing through with increased violence, at a depth of about five feet. Many and various modes had been adopted to arrest the current, but had all proved unavailing up to the time we left.—*From the N. O. Delta, 13th April.*

The opening has increased to a fearful extent, and now measures not less than two hundred feet in width, and the water pouring in at a fearful rate. The levee, for some distance on each side, is wet and weak, and giving way, piece by piece. The inside levee, which was visible yesterday, is now entirely covered, and the waters are beating against the larger sugar house as if they would sweep it from its foundation every minute. The track of the Opelousas Railroad, back of the sugar house, is nearly three feet under water.—*Delta 14th.*

The crevasse at Bell's plantation, on the opposite side of the river, is becoming a very fashionable place of resort. Every evening hundreds of ladies and gentleman cross over from our city and spend some time looking at this miniature Niagara. Yesterday evening, particularly, we noticed while there a large number of ladies, who seemed to be enjoying the sport hugely. It is certainly a glorious sight, and it would be a pleasant one, did not the thought of the immense damage it was doing crowd in and destroy the feeling. The gap is gradually widening, and will, no doubt, increase in width for some time yet, though it would seem hardly possible to throw a much greater volume of water through this channel, unless a genuine river should be formed. The skiffs which are inside seem to be doing a very brisk business transporting, at one dime per head, those persons who are desirous of making explorations into the premises of the landlord, John M. Bell. The sugar house, with its large chimney in the distance, and lashed at its base by the surging waters, looks like an Eddystone lighthouse inland. The fall of the water over the inside levee furnishes a series of as natural rapids as can be found in any Northern landscape, and more beautiful too, for in the centre stands a noble specimen—the pride of the South—the monarch of the wood—a live oak tree, the drooping branches of which nearly kiss the boiling water beneath.—*Delta 15th.*

Since our report of yesterday, the opening of the levee has increased some fifteen or twenty feet in width and a tremendous current is rushing through, boiling, seething, and foaming with the violence of its course. The crazy and tenacious quality of the soil does good battle with the assailing floods and alone delays a swift destruction of a long extent of the levee. The water has increased a foot in depth on the plantation near the crevasse since day before yesterday, and is spreading over the country as it is freely passing Harvey's canal, has invaded Gretna, and is working down towards Algiers, Tuesday there was no water in Gretna, but yesterday it was coming on Lafayette avenue alarmingly, many of the houses on that street being surrounded.

There were yesterday from one to three feet of water about the houses between the Bell's plantation and the brick yard lower down the river, and the residents had vacated most of them.—The plantation clearing is now a wide lake, being everywhere submerged, the fine homestead standing forlorn and desolate in the waste of waters which are dashing their mourning waves against its walls.—*Delta, of the 16th.*

Thousands of persons visited the crevasse yesterday, and many of the ladies had to wait a long time before they could get near enough to obtain a good view. The large steamer the Ferry landing to the crevasse, was literally alive with people. Preparations were on foot for the erection of a pile-driver, to commence the work of closing it, yesterday. It will, of course, take some time to arrange such machinery, but the work will be one of the most interesting features, and the spot will, no doubt, be crowded from day to day. A boat starting from the foot of canal street would, no doubt, do a fine business in carrying passengers to the crevasse.—*Delta of the 17th.*

"THE HON. MR. REILLY."—The Chambersburg *Valley Spirit* says that "Mr. Reilly is like ty to gain in pocket as well as reputation by the displeasure of The Press."

We do not care a button about the Hon. gentleman's gaining "reputation," of which, our Chambersburg contemporary would seem to imply he stands sadly in need,) but we do think that whatever he "gains in pocket" ought to be quietly pocketed without saying a word to anybody. Certainly the less said about such matters, the better. If Judas did receive the thirty pieces of silver, he was not such a simpleton as to jingle them in every-body's face.

By the way, since the *Spirit* extols Mr. Reilly's eloquence to the skies, and pronounces his speech in favor of Lecompton the acme of oratorical and forensic art, why does it not publish, in parallel columns, his other speech *against* Lecompton? The honorable gentleman must still have it in his pocket, unless it has been crowded out by the bulky "gains" over which The *Valley Spirit* chuckles with as much glee as if it were an equal partner in the spoils. By all means, let us have the other speech.—*Phil. Press.*

SINCE Mr. Owen Jones has departed this life, or, in other words, has taken farewell of his repeated pledges, oral and written, to his friends and constituents, to stand up to the principle without which he would still be vegetating at his beautiful country seat near Philadelphia, "we breathe freer and deeper." We have lost, in succession, Mr. Dewart, who carried his ponderous inconsistency to Lecomptonism amid many protestations on the other side; Mr. Wilson Reilly, who went over to the same side, after having written himself down in the most Saxon against all the frauds in Kansas; and now we are called upon to separate from Mr. Owen Jones. But we survive the last, as we did the others.—*Phil. Press.*

AN ANCHOR TO WINDWARD.—There is a story of Pierri's nerve in Paris that, if true, is very well invented. He was seized only a few minutes before the attempt, and they had hardly done searching him when the explosions were heard, upon which the prisoner exclaimed, "There! your Excellency, you need be under no concern; you needn't trouble yourself about me." Whereupon one of the sergeants, struck with the idea that in this case Pierri might form part of the next Provisional Government, addressed him with, "Well, sir, whatever happens, remember that I treated you like a gentleman."

SEVERAL years ago Peter Remington was robbed on the Sound steamer Perry of a satchel containing $40,000 belonging to the Newport banks. The robbery remained a mystery, but it has lately been discovered that it was committed by Jew Mike, an English thief, and his associates. Mike knew the bank porter was to take a large amount in his satchel, and provided themselves with a satchel like it, which they exchanged while engaging Remington in conversation After the spoils were distributed Mike went to London to spend his share.

THE pupils of Girard College, Philadelphia, now number 355, all of whom are orphans. The *North American* says that in

—"the reception of pupils, according to the will of the founder, preference is first given to orphans born in the city of Philadelphia; secondly, to those born in any part of the State of Pennsylvania; thirdly, to those born in the City of New York; and lastly, to those born in the city of New Orleans. The number of applicants waiting at the present time to be admitted into the institution, is 212."

JOSEPH A. WOOD, who had his leg broken in Quebec twenty-seven years ago, the same leg broken in South Carolina ten years ago, and in New Hampshire two years ago, was descending the stairs of a hotel in Worchester, on the 10th instant, when he slipped and broke it for the fourth time. After this he concluded to have it cut off, and, as amputation was performed with out taking him to a hospital, there is a chance that Mr. Wood will survive his remarkably unfortunate limb.—*Boston Post.*

THERE is no need to go to the Hottentots for degrading superstitions. At Glens Falls, N. Y., a man named Adams being sick with consumption, his friends have dug up the remains of his brother, which had been buried seventeen months, and taken out the heart, intending to burn the blood found in it, and thus save the sick man But the heart was so far decayed that no blood could be found, and so the cure cannot be accomplished.

—HENRY WARD BEECHER is great at taking up collections. At the old John Street Church, on one occasion, they wanted to make an extra raise. Mr. Beecher eloquently addressed the new converts, and finally asked those who had experienced religion in that church, to hold up their right hand. Nearly all the right hands were raised instantaneously. "Now," says Mr. Beecher, "put *that* hand in your pocket when the plate is passed round."

A HEAP OF GOLD.—There is now in the vaults of the Merchants' Bank of this city over *four millions of dollars* in gold—the property of the associated banks of Boston. This large amount is kept there from motives of convenience and safety. The gold is in bags containing $5,000 each.—*Boston Trans.*

THE DRUNKARD'S END.—Luther J. Wolf, aged about 35 years, a son of the late Governor Wolf, of Pennsylvania, was killed in Easton, in that State on Wednesday, by falling from the window of his room in the third story of White's Hotel, where he was employed as barkeeper. He was suffering from *mania potu*.

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