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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 12, 1858.

THE ANNIVERSARIES.—The anniversary meetings of the various religious and benevolent societies of the Union are held during the present week in New York. These meetings commenced on Sunday last. On the evening of that day the Anniversary of the American Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless was celebrated, in the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church. The *Tribune* says the friends of this excellent charity filled the church, crowding the aisles and every available space to overflowing. The proceedings were very lengthy and interesting. A great many of the little children who have been secured by this society from lives of misery and vice, were present adding greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

The annual sermon in behalf of the Home Missionary Society was preached on Sunday evening, in the church of the Puritans, by the Rev. J. B. Shaw, D. D., of Rochester, from the text in the Gospel of Mark, chapter v., verse 19: "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

The sermon was truly evangelical and breathed the Missionary spirit in every line.

On the same night Rev. J. M. M'Donald, D. D., of Princeton, New Jersey, preached the annual sermon before the American and Foreign Christian Union, in the Collegiate Church, New York.

On Sunday afternoon the Rev. Mr. Wilder, a Missionary of the American Board, who has resided in Western India for twelve years and returned to this country in September, preached a sermon on the subject of missions, at the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn.

Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., D. D., preached a sermon before the New York, Y. M. C. Association on Sunday evening.

The anniversary exercises before the Society of Inquiry of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, took place in Dr. Adams Church. Sermon to the graduating class (21 in number) by Prof. Shedd, of Andover, Mass.

Rev. Dr. Henry Anthon, of New York, preached before the American Bible Society, from the text— "The Law of the Lord is perfect."

A new Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated in New York, on Sunday, the sermon being by Rev. Dr. Durbin. The church is of marble in the Roman style, and will cost $130,000.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Philadelphia *North American* gives a recapitulation of the late vote of that city by Congressional districts, Senatorial districts, and Representative districts, which is of much interest at this time, inasmuch as that city will not vote hereafter, as heretofore, in mass, for its Senators and Representatives, but by districts. The vote for Mayor is taken as the basis:

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

	Anti-Lecompton.	*Lecompton.*
1st—Florence's.....	7,016	7,943
2d—Morris'.....	5,551	4,562
3d—Landy's.....	6,985	6,690
4th—Phillips'.....	9,291	7,074
5th—Jones'..... sold	7,397	2,023

SENATORIAL DISTRICTS.

	Anti-Lecompton.	*Lecompton.*
1st—Electing 1860...	8,711	8,014
2d— " 1859...	5,652	4,222
3d— " 1858...	7,762	7,929
4th— " 1859...	5,607	5,714

REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS.

	Anti-Lecompton.	*Lecompton.*
1.....	2,126	2,253
2.....	1,895	1,774
3.....	1,911	2,211
4.....	1,905	1,595
5.....	2,090	1,501
6.....	1,746	1,653
7.....	2,271	1,206
8.....	3,219	1,455
9.....	1,911	1,744
10.....	2,315	1,740
11.....	1,604	1,329
12.....	2,055	1,093
13.....	1,553	1,663
14.....	1,864	2,653
15.....	2,085	1,328
16.....	1,565	1,197
17.....	1,725	1,505
Democratic District	5	0
People's "	12	7
Close "	1	1

It will be seen that the only doubtful Congressional district is Florence's: and the only doubtful Senatorial district the one which elects this year. Both of these districts can be carried by the opponents of the administration this year.

As an indication of the feeling of the Douglas democrats, we clip the following from the Philadelphia *Press*:

"The man who would undertake to prove that Chesnut street did not extend from the Delaware to the Schuylkill, would be voted a lunatic, and yet such a man would not be more insane than any other who undertook to prove that Lecompton was not the controlling element in our late city election. This effort is, however, very coolly made by some who not only know better, but who boast of giving utterance to their conscientious sentiments.

We propose that there should be another trial —indeed, there will be such a trial, at all events. At the coming October election, there can be no evasion. The issue will come up then in all its vitality. Not merely will Judge Forten be called upon to answer for his equivocal attitude, but every member of Congress will stand or fall by his course on Lecompton. This will be an open contest—clear and conclusive. It will affect every candidate for every other office; for in such a canvass all must fall within the range of the higher excitement. The very fact that the advocates of Lecompton have refused to yield to the judgment of the people of Philadelphia on the 4th of May, will render the masses more anxious for another trial about which there can be no mistake.

The opposition to the Democratic party cannot be blamed for taking advantage of the desertion of principle by some of those who were chosen to represent the Democratic party. It is an absurdity to talk to Democrats about usages, and about affiliations with Black Republicans, when sacred and fundamental principles are sacrificed. The opposition are not blind: and when they see that the armor and the weapons by means of which many a victory was achieved by the Democrats, are madly thrown aside, they do what might be expected—eagerly clutch the means which such guilty remissness and infatuation place at their disposal."

IRON AND OTHER MATTERS.—The Iron Mountain Railroad in Missouri is nearly completed up to Pilot Knob. A correspondent of the St. Louis *News* says:

"It gives us pleasure to record, also, that this great national work is one of the few that have been constructed wholly with American iron. It would, indeed, have been a crowning indignity to American industry, if imported rails had been employed on such a work; but we are happy to say that there is not a foreign rail in the whole road, the entire lot having come from the works of Wood, Morrell & Co., Johnstown, Pa.

And so might it be with all our railways but for the madness of the dominant party which have devoted their power so exclusively to oppressing and grinding down the unfortunate negro, and outraging the white man wherever he stands up for his own right to labor that they forget their duty to the great masses of the people and to the interests of American industry. Was there ever a more pitiable sight than this present imbecile administration presents, with an empty treasury and a prostrate commerce?—The tariff reduced to encourage imports of iron and other fabrics, drained the land of its precious metals until every thing went by the board in a grand crash, and now each week sees the country going deeper and deeper into debt with an issue of national shinplasters and a Utah war, with scores of purchased doughfaces spending what money may be borrowed on promises to pay, to buy superannuated mules and jacks to bear the "proud banner of this great Republic" to Salt Lake City to chastise a people "for choosing their own domestic institutions in their own way."

PRETTY GOOD.—The St. Louis *News* quotes the recent election in Indianapolis, in which the white slaves of Bright and English were beaten, and adds:

"This event is a legitimate result of the pas- of the English-Kansas-Bill. Six months similar elections will show that every State in the North has been Black by that Bill, and then the Dem- ill defile the air with coarse 'Abolitionists' generated by ence."

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METHODIST PROTESTANT GENERAL CONFERENCE.—This body, which is in session somewhere in Virginia, is progressing slowly. We clip the following from the proceedings of the third day:

"A memorial from the Convention of Northern and Western Conferences, recently held at Springfield, Ohio, was presented by Rev. W. Collier, president of Pittsburgh Conference.—The paper adverts to the prevailing sentiment in the West respecting the question of Slavery, and asks the General Conference to recommend to the several annual conferences a concurrent vote of two-thirds of which is necessary) the call of a convention, with the view of framing a new constitution more in conformity with the views of the section referred to—the Western Conferences meanwhile pledging themselves to await the action of the other annual conferences on the subject.

IOWA STAT LAW.—The Legislature of the State of Iowa, at its last session, enacted a law to delay the collection of debts. We have not as yet been able to obtain a copy of the law, but understand that it provides that the term of the District Court at which process is made returnable shall be only an apparent term, at which no judgment can be taken. We do not charge the Legislature with any improper motive in the enactment of this law; but, on the contrary, we believe, with the editor of *The Davenport Democrat*, they acted upon the very best of motives. That their only desire was, in consideration of the pressure of the times, to enable debtors to gain time, and thus protect themselves. We doubt, however, most seriously, the policy of the delay. To the merchant, for whose benefit this law was more especially intended, credit is everything; and any measure which tends to destroy confidence in him will work very materially to his disadvantage. Next to a sound currency, nothing so much tends to increase confidence in the merchants of a State as the fact that the laws provide for the prompt collection of debts; while, on the other hand, if the creditors or the, merchants discover that the laws, instead of providing for speedy collections, throw obstacles in the way, it will be with great hesitation that credits are allowed to be extended. Under the present state of our law—the most material portion of the attachment act being repealed, and the old stay law of three months being still in force—in some couties in the State six months must expire before a debt can be secured, and three months more before it can be collected.—*Keokuk Journal.*

PRIVATE REDRESS OF INJURIES.—The New Orleans papers, speaking of the trial of George W. Harby, for shooting and killing H. C. H. Stone, for alleged seduction of Harby's daughter, say that public opinion is now settled that the homicide was inexcusable, and Stone met an unmerited fate. The daughter is a maniac, the father a murderer, and the recent events have put unjust suspicion is in his grave. As juries have recently favored the principle that a man has a right to redress his own wrongs wher, his domestic hearth is invaded, perhaps it would be as well to bear the fact in mind, that acquittals are not always proof of the fact, and a rash and suspicious temper, removed from the wholesome restraints of penal conviction, may impel to taking innocent life when retribution is desired. The old-fashioned principle of law, that it is necessary to prove crime before punishment is inflicted, and to this end a public trial of the accused shall be had, is much safer and better for society than the surrender of the sovereignty of law, into the hands of aggrieved parties to be themselves accusers, judges and executioners.—*Phil. Ledger.*

LIFE POLICIES.—*An Important Decision.*—An important decision has been made by the Supreme Court of New York, in regard to life policies. The case in question the policy required payment on or before the 20th of April every year, but in a prospectus issued by the company, it was stated that "a party neglecting to settle his annual premium within thirty days after it is due, &c., forfeits the interest he has in the policy." The premium was not paid on the 10th of April, and the person insured died on the 24th. On the 13th the insurance was tendered, but the agent refused to receive it. The Court decided that the Insurance Company had by their own act given a credit of thirty days and waived the forfeiture mentioned in the policy itself. The judgment against the company by the lower Court was affirmed by the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 9.—The witness, Slade, examined in Philadelphia, accounted for the destination of the total eighty-seven thousand dollars expended by Lawrence, Stone & Co., in procuring the passage of the Tariff bill. Between sixty and seventy thousand was shown to have been put in Walcott's hands. There were no traces of this amount beyond that; and whether he paid it out or pocketed it, is not known. The remainder was distributed among outsiders—no member of Congress receiving any except one, who borrowed a hundred and repaid it.—*N. Y. Times.*

WHAT THE SOUTHERN RADICALS THINK.—The Charleston *Mercury* says the passage of the English bill "will not allay agitation; and those who think that the Union is to be preserved by such instrumentalities, will only add another proof of the vanity of their timid and short-sighted policy." The *Mercury* also believes "the Douglas defection will most probably annihilate at the Fall elections, the Democratic adherents of the South in the North, and present, in their popular branch of the next Congress, an almost united anti Southern sectional majority against us. That opinion is well founded.

MR. S. S. COX of ohio, in giving in his adhesion to the English bill, said, "I owe to the Democratic party all I am and all I hope to be." Now we do not understand how a man can owe to any party all that he *hopes* to be. No doubt Cox *hopes* to be a great many things that Cox never will be, and we wonder if Cox really considers himself as now owing to his party all that he *never will be.* If he does, and if he is right in the matter, his debt must be a tremendous one —a good deal greater than the national debt of Great Britain.—*Tex. Star.*

THE FIRST NEW WHEAT.—Messrs McConkey, Parr & Co., this morning received from Mr. Boughtol, of Essex county, Va., a bundle of stalks of wheat, now measuring forty-five inches in head, and which will be harvested and in market by the latter part of the present month. This is fully six weeks earlier in the season than any wheat ever before reached this market. The stalks were taken from a field which will produce, it is supposed, not less than eight hundred bushels, and were pulled indiscriminately from the field.—*Balt. Patriot, May 5.*

THE North Branch Canal, one of the improvements handed over to the Sunbury and Erie R. R. Company by the last Legislature, has been sold by that Company to persons residing along the line. The price to be paid for the canal, from Northumberland to the New York State line, is $1,500,000. The Bradford Argus is informed that the parties interested in the purchase will put the work into condition for navigation at the earliest possible period.

WASHINGTON, May 9, 1858.—The intimations in the Democratic new-papers that Judge Douglas is seeking reconciliation with the Administration were pronounced false by Judge Douglas himself to-day. He affirms that he maintains his position upon Kansas to the fullest extent, but at the same time he stands with his party in Illinois on a platform not ostensibly opposed to the Administration, though openly hostile to the Republican party.—*N. Y. Trib.*

A PIE PREPARATION AND A "LAST" RESPONSE. A horticulturist at Lafayette, Ind., advertised that he would supply all sorts of trees and plants especially "pumpkins of all kinds." A gentleman thereupon sent him an order for "one package of custard-pie seed and a few dozen of ounce-pie plants." The gardner promptly filled the order by sending him four goose-eggs and a small dog.

STAMMERING.—Stammering is sometimes the cause of a pun. Some one was mentioning in Lamb's presence the cold-heartedness of the Duke of Cumberland, in restraining the Duchess in rushing to the embrace of her son, whom she had not seen for a considerable time, and insisting on her receiving him in state. "How horribly *cold* it was," said the narrator. "Yes," said Lamb, in his stuttering way, "but you know he is the Duke of *Cu-cum-ber-land.*"

THE Cleveland *Plain Dealer* states "on undoubted authority" that the President intends making a Western tour this Summer after Congress shall have adjourned. If the fowl-eating office-seekers do not prevent him from looking about with his own eyes, he may acquire some useful information respecting the position of the great West touching Lecompton. We trust that he may extend his tour to Missouri and Kansas.

BRIGHT BOY.—Not long since some ladies walking in the garden of an eminent divine, who has been classed among the transcendentalists, saw his little boy scraping up the gravel path with an old table spoon. "What are you doing, my little boy" inquired one of the ladies. "Oh," said the young offshoot of transcendentalism, "I'm digging after the infinite."—*N. Y. Post.*

ANOTHER COUNT.—The Springfield *Republican* says it is stated that Gov. Denver and his Secretary have made a new count of the votes for State officers under Lecompton, and they now elect a pro-slavery majority to the legislature, as well as the whole list of pro-slavery state officers. It is expected that Calhoun will revise his decision accordingly.

THERE is much fuss about Governor Willard's cow. The Governor is pasturing her on the ornamental trees and costly shrubs of the State House yard. What does Willard want with a cow, anyhow? Does he ever surprise his stomach with milk?—*Cin. Com.*

THE CROPS.—The papers in the South express the opinion that much less damage is likely to result to the crops from the recent frosts there than was at first anticipated.

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