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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 9, 1858.

THE MESSAGE.—The late annual message of the President contains so many points which seem to demand special notice, that full justice cannot be done to their importance in a single editorial article, or even in a dozen of articles, for that matter. It abounds in sophistry, and bears upon its face the marks of a vast amount of demagogism. It is an apology for the past rather than a candid exposition of public affairs made for the information of the people and their immediate representatives. James Buchanan seems to be on the stand aloning for the sections of the past year, and, indeed, to do justice to his message we must, in our imagination, place him in that position. He instinctively opens with an allusion to his most grievous official offence—his course in regard to Kansas. He has become too deeply involved in this matter to retrace his steps at this late period, and he therefore resorts to the old plan of "standing square up" before the people, and maintaining that his was the best course, in the face of all declarations to the contrary. He has made his bargain with his Southern masters—he has undergone the fire of Northern indignation, which his support of the Lecompton infamy had provoked—he has become reckless by the estrangement of early friends—by the defection of hitherto steadfast allies—and by the loss of political reputation—and thus desperate, he is prepared to proceed to any extremity rather than return to those principles which he was supposed to have entertained when he entered upon the duties of the station that he now so unworthily fills. As to the Kansas question, we may say of the President—"Ephraim is joined to his idols—let him alone." He has sold himself to the Demon of Slavery, and he is now carrying out the unholy compact in letter and spirit. With professions of patriotism on his lips he would not hesitate to convulse the nation with civil war that he might render effective the partial and dishonest requirements of the infamous English bill, which he is determined to regard as a finality in his future official action. He proclaims to the country that Kansas, which he was willing to admit into the confederacy less than a year ago, with a constitution in favor of slavery, since it has rejected the Lecompton constitution, "must wait until the number of inhabitants shall amount to sixty three thousand four hundred and forty." This is a fair sample of the President's sense of justice, and needs no further comment.

The Utah affairs are done up in a most plausible fashion, and to read the glorification over the "happy settlement of these difficulties," the unsophisticated might be led to believe that our national honor was vindicated in a most signal manner. The gloss is taken off this statement, when we are informed that the "difficulties" which were so handsomely adjusted existed only in the brains of army officers, who were anxious for a battle, and that the war was prosecuted until the necessity for plundering the treasury to buy votes for Lecompton ceased to exist. There seemed to be an intimate connection between the supporters of the Lecompton Constitution and the saints and elders of Salt Lake, for when the first triumphed the latter very politely yielded. Not a word is said about the mule contracts and other fat jobs which were conspicuous at the time in rewarding patriots in the vicinity of the Federal Capital.

The purchase of Cuba is recommended as a *philanthropic measure* by our pious Chief Magistrate, and we presume the number of philanthropists will accordingly increase during the present year, in the ranks of the Democracy. The President is anxious for the "civilization of benighted Africa," but as long as Cuba is a market for the slave trade—that is, as long as it belongs to Spain—he thinks it is impossible that the light of civilization and religion can ever penetrate those dark shores. The so-called Chief Magistrate falls to mention the fact that the possession of the Antilles" is a Southern measure, designed to extend the domain of Slavery. Judging from the views in regard to the Slave trade entertained by Southern men generally, it is doubtful whether the annexation of Cuba would have the effect which the President, in the benevolence of his heart, anticipates. This "dodge," however, is very ingenious, and will prove a god-send to the "dough-faces" of the North who will have their own trouble in dragging this hobby over the course. But the pill is handsomely coated, and to Mr. Buchanan belongs the honor of giving it so pleasant an appearance. It will be quite a treat to have our locofoco friends marshalling themselves on the side of benevolence and piety, and extending sympathy to the poor subjects of the King of Ashantee, which they deny to the panting fugitive from opppression in our own country. When the Republicans shall oppose the creation of a debt to purchase this Spanish colony, with its large slave population, their mouths will be stopped by the Democracy who will adopt the sublime arguments furnished them by the President. Good, kind Mr. Buchanan! the agitation of the Kansas question has not entirely dried up the sweet fountains of thy sympathies!

The present year will be in reality the Era of Good Feeling—and the race of minor philanthropists, which will spring up in different sections of the country, in the course of the next twelve months, will be something to boast of—to rejoice over—and to make a record of, for coming generations. Mr. Bigler will turn his "illuminating powers" in that direction, and we doubt not will become quite a Wilberforce in his efforts in behalf of the suffering sons of Africa, whose destiny in an unaccountable manner has become associated with that of Cuba. Capt. Rynders, Fernando Wood, Bill M'Mullin, and other "shining lights" of modern Democracy, must all enlist themselves in the cause great cause, and shed some of their reserved tears for the victims of the horrid slave traffic. The North is to be the field of operation for these emissaries of mercy, as this "view" of it is only designed for States north of Mason and Dixon's line, which is a piece of "sectionalism," with which Mr. Buchanan will not find fault.

We close our remarks on the message for the present, having occupied more space than the crowded state of our columns can reasonably afford. We shall have occasion to refer to it on many an occasion, hereafter, we have no doubt.

We understand that the connection between the New Jersey Central and Lehigh Valley Roads and the Pennsylvania Roads will be made in the course of January next by the completion of the link between the Lehigh Valley and the Reading Roads, the connection between the latter and the Pennsylvania Central being already made. The Allentown *Democrat* says that contracts have been entered into for laying the track along the whole line of the East Penna. Road from its junction with the Lehigh Valley at that place to Reading, and that the bed of the road is ready for the rails nearly the whole distance. It is also said that the cars will be running in January. This seems to be an early period for its completion; but if the work is in as great a state of forwardness in other places as it is near our borough, we doubt not they will accomplish it.—*Phila. Ledger.*

This is a connection that will prove, ultimately, of great importance to Pittsburgh. When the Sunbury and Erie road is completed, and the Allegheny Valley road is extended to a connection therewith, as it ought to be, we shall have, by means of the above routes, access to New York (as well as Philadelphia) entirely independent of the Pennsylvania Road. Our merchants will appreciate the value of such a route without being told of it.

EUPHEMISM.—In Wisconsin they call a bribe a "pecuniary compliment"; and in Mississippi we notice that Slavery is spoken of as "economic subordination." These are nice phrases with which to hide ugly things.

GOV. TITUS, of Kansas notoriety, was at Tubac, Arizona, in October, his hundred followers having dwindled to nine. He had given up the idea of conquering Sonora, and thought he should go back to the States.

THE *Post* quoted, a few days since, from an article which appeared in the *Gazette*, in which the dissensions in the ranks of the so-called Democratic party were shown up in a manner which did not appear to please the gentlemen who have reveled in reviling the "Black Republican" party for years. The *Post* did the very disingenuous thing of attempting to make appear that what we said was leveled at the President, as follows:

"THE *Gazette* of our city has, among others, permitted its columns to be disgraced by attacks upon the President, couched in language utterly repugnant to common decency."

We called upon that paper to make good the allegation, because we never allow our columns to be used against even a political foe, however bitter, in a way that should lay us liable to such a slanderous charge from a respectable paper. In response to our challenge, it quotes from the article above alluded to, and adds:

"Whether the *Gazette* intended this language to apply to the administration, or to Mr. Buchanan, the head of the administration, it is in our opinion 'repugnant to common decency.'"

Now, although the article in question neither had reference to the President nor the administration, but to that "monster," the Democratic pro-slavery party; we are not going to dispute with the *Post*, if it sees fit to apply the language to the administration. As to whether, with that application, it is repugnant to the decency of which the *Post* speaks, is a question of taste. We are accustomed, in speaking or writing, to call a spade a spade, rather than an oblong agricultural implement.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.—John Mitchell, in his salutatory in the *Southern Citizen*, an ultra democratic journal he has recently removed to Washington, lays down the following platform:

"First. Repeal of all laws prohibiting the foreign slave trade or imposing penalties thereon.

"Second. Repeal of the law abolishing the slave trade in the District of Columbia.

"Third. Absolute resistance to everything in the nature of a *compromise* between North and South.

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MEAN.—The President did not send his Message to any point in the West, in advance of the mail; and in Baltimore and Philadelphia copies were not handed to the press until two hours after the reading had commenced in Congress, and then only one copy was given to each paper, which was printed on both sides. In New York Mr. Buchanan rewarded the *Herald* for its wonderful recent laudation of him and his policy, by giving it an advance copy of the message. It was accordingly in type in the *Herald* office early on Monday morning, and before the other papers received their copies, the extra *Herald*, containing it entire, carefully set up and corrected, was in the streets.

RT. REV. HENRY USTICK ONDERDONK, D. D., formerly Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Pennsylvania, died yesterday morning at his residence in Pine street, in the 70th year of his age. He was a native of New York, and began life as a physician. He afterwards entered the church and was rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, when in 1827 he was elected Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania, the great age of the beloved Bishop White unfitting him for all the duties of his charge. He was consecrated in Christ Church, Oct. 25th, 1827. On the death of Bishop White, in 1836, he became Bishop of the diocese, and continued in the office till 1845, when, in consequence of some painful circumstances that need not be recalled, he resigned. He lived in seclusion till a few years ago, when, by the vote of the Convention of the diocese, he was permitted to resume his functions as a minister and bishop, though having no charge. He has, since then, frequently officiated in the different churches of this city. He was a man of great learning, a sound theologian, a profound and logical thinker, and a forcible though plain speaker.—*Phila. Bulletin, Tuesday.*

A LURAR TIDE UPON LAKE MICHIGAN.—The Annual Meeting of the Chicago Historical Society was held last evening at the house of Hon. I. N. Arnold, on Erie street. Among other important and facts communicated, the result of a long and carefully conducted series of observations, his discovery of a lunar tide wave upon Lake Michigan. From the comparatively small area of the body of water acted upon by the lunar influence, the co-ordinate of altitude could not be but small. This circumstance added to that of the almost constant disturbance of the lake surface by winds, renders this co-ordinate of altitude measurable only in cold weather and when the moon is in conjunction with or in opposition to the sun. At such times its average is about two tenths of a foot, or say two and a half inches. This announcement will be a matter of great interest to the scientific world generally.—*Chicago Journal.*

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—*Hung in a Bridge.*—The Watertown (N. Y.) *Journal* says that the engineer of the train from Potsdam, a few days since, while crossing Holton Bridge, near Antwerp, observed the singular spectacle of a man hanging from one of the beams thereof. The train was stopped and the matter looked into. The man had evidently been dead but a little while. It was inferred that the man, while crossing the bridge, with the strap of his carpet bag around his neck, stumbled and fell. He pitched on one side of the beam and the bag the other. The bag balanced the man, and the strap being long and fast, around his neck, there was no help for him, and in this singular position he was found. There was no clue about him that indicated his name or home. He appeared to be a poor wayfarer, and was probably under the influence of liquor when he met his mishap.

THE CONFESSIONAL IN ENGLAND.—The Bishop of London, in his address to the Diocese, commented at length on the practice of private confession recently introduced by some of the English clergy. The Bishop is of opinion that the authority claimed by certain among his priests to pronounce an absolution of sin is an assumption unwarranted by the standards of the English communion, and he warns his clergy against resorting to it. He holds, also, that while the English symbols recognize, to a certain extent, the right of the priest to hear the confessions of penitent sinners, especially in the hour of death or other extreme cases, there is no warrant for the systematic introduction of the confessional.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—*New Bedford, Monday, Dec. 6, 1858.*—At the Municipal election here to-day, Willard Nye, Republican, was chosen Mayor by 183 plurality.

The Republicans also elected two-thirds of the City Council.

Lawrence, Mass., Monday, Dec. 6.—The Republicans to-day elected Gen. Oliver for Mayor, and the entire Republican ticket for Aldermen by about 300 majority.

Springfield, Mass., Monday, Dec. 6.—The entire Republican ticket was chosen here to-day by 400 majority. W. B. Calhoun, for Mayor, has 400 majority over W. L. Smith, Dem.

THE Spanish Government has laid before the Cortes a bill for restoring to the clergy of the church their former possessions. Not only the property of the secular clergy, lost by the revolution of 1855, is probably to be returned, but also that of convents, which had been suppressed in former years, and indemnification promised for all that had already been sold in accordance with the law of 1855. The total sum amounted to more than 2,000,000,000 reals, or about $150,000,000.

FROM an inventory of the entire estate of the late Ebenezer Francis, of Boston, compiled from the schedule of the sworn appraisers appointed to make the inventory, it appears that the whole amount was $3,483,939;39, divided as follows: manufacturing stocks $850,555; bank stocks $160,966; insurance stocks $91,450; railroad stocks and bonds $175,084 41; miscellaneous investments $8,595; real estate $485,000; cash on hand $2,208 98.

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THE opinion of the United States Circuit Court was given this *morning* in the Ohio Life & Trust Company contempt case, and a decree rendered asserting the supremacy of the authority of the Court, with an order discharging Sheriff Mathers from the charge of contempt on his surrendering the assets held by him into the hands of Mr. Kilbreath, the receiver previously appointed by the U. S. Court.—*Cin. Com.*

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6.—The Douglas mass meeting to-night, at the Odd Fellows' Hall, is the largest and most enthusiastic ever witnessed in New Orleans. The hall was crammed long before the meeting was organized, and thousands were unable to gain admission. Lafayette Square, and the streets adjoining the hall, were crowded. Pierre Soule presided.

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