

The Daily Morning Post.

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PITTSBURGH, TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1845.

THE DOORS OF THIS DAY.—This is the fourth of March! This is the day on which the over-confident whig thought to see their political idol, the "Embodiment" of their corrupt and corrupting principles, take the helm of the ship of state. In their wild and sanguine imaginations, they saw a long train of triumphs that would glorify their hearts and glut their avarice—first, there were the spoils of office, which would have been dispersed with a willing and unshrinking hand, and which would have been sought with a ferocious and unrelenting hand.

But thanks to Providence and the "indomitable heart" of the Democracy, we are spared from events so destructive of the best hopes of our country. Fatal to the progress of free principles throughout the world. The proud and ambitious man who the whig hoped would fill the first place in the present which will transpire to-day at Washington, is far distant from the scene, gloriously brooding over the failure of his schemes of unblended ambition. God forbid that we should take any pleasure in the personal mortification of the whig candidate—but when we recall the insulting demeanor of his followers, towards those who opposed him, which was so contemptuous, so grateful for his haughty and arrogant spirit—his conduct that exulting and will bear the mortification it had hoped, and would still have been upon others, will force themselves upon the mind.

Let us, however, drop this train of reflection, with the earnest hope that the use of adversity may produce pleasant fruits to Mr. Clay and his party, and turn to another and a more inviting theme. This day, JAMES M. POLK takes the prescribed oath of office, and enters upon the duties of President of the United States. The honor was neither sought nor expected, and he comes into power untrammelled by any personal pledges, and only obliged to maintain the great principles of democracy and to exert whatever governmental influence can properly be exerted, in the equal promotion of all the great interests of the country—Agriculture, Manufacture, Commerce and Navigation. That he will redress this great pledge—that he has the ability to perform this and all other things that he should do, to secure the glory and prosperity of the country we have the most unflattering confidence. And that he will make even his enemies confess his ability, moderation and liberality in the discharge of his duties, we confidently predict.

CITY ORDINANCES. We hope our readers looked carefully at the two Ordinances in our paper yesterday, for they are probably the only enactments of our city lawgivers that will grace our columns during the continuance of the present regime, which we are glad to believe, is positively limited to one year only. By one of the ordinances alluded to, it will be seen that the Mayor is authorized to contract with newspaper publishers to publish the city ordinances, on "fair and equitable terms"—and that functionary, despising the practice of his more liberal predecessors, who always chose two papers of opposite political parties, he, we believe, selected two papers from his own party. The second ordinance, which we have just printed, is a further acknowledgment of his executive functions, and authorizes him to contract for the printing of the City Ordinances, and when they have been printed, to have the same bound in books. We are glad to see that the Mayor is to be bound to give the same price for the paper as we had last year for printing the City Ordinances, and when they have been printed, to have the same bound in books. We are glad to see that the Mayor is to be bound to give the same price for the paper as we had last year for printing the City Ordinances, and when they have been printed, to have the same bound in books.

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The total number of free colored persons in the United States is set down at 3,89,283.

CONGRESS. The Senate, today, the postage bill, which had been returned from the House with amendments, was disposed of. The House amendments were concurred in, which fix the rates of postage at five and ten cents, and the cost of the stamps of the Union. The Senate made one or two additional amendments, which rendered it necessary to return the bill to the House for concurrence therein. The bill from the House for the admission of the States of Iowa and Florida into the Union, was taken up and debated till the hour for recess.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAIL ROAD.—The Philadelphia whigs are doing their best to "rattle the Bell Bell" as they say, by publishing in the "Times," a letter from Mr. POLK, dated March 1st, and in which he says, that he will not consent to the admission of Iowa and Florida into the Union, until they have been first admitted as States. Mr. CRANE attempted to destroy it in the Senate by an indefinite postponement. His scheme was defeated by the following vote:

MR. DICKENS AND THE PENNSYLVANIA PRISON SYSTEM. The first number of the new "Journal of Prison Discipline and Philanthropy," published at Philadelphia, contains a letter from Mr. J. E. TROTT, who is charged with the management of the State Penitentiary at Philadelphia. Mr. Trotter writes:

HOON, W. O. BUTLER.—The following sketch of the history of Col. BUTLER, of Kentucky, is from the Louisville Democrat. It is the most interesting, because the Colonel, it is presumed, is about to be elevated to a high and responsible post in his country's service. But whether that rumor be true or not, the history of the man who so nobly battled for the cause of Democracy last summer, in Kentucky, under the very nose of the Great Embodiment, cannot be uninteresting to Democrats. No one of the many who are waited with such painful anxiety to hear the news of the success of the great struggle in Kentucky last summer, and who when the result was announced, exclaimed with heart-felt satisfaction, "Well done, Butler," will turn from this sketch with a feeling of indifference.

OHIO BANKS. The Auditor's statement showing the condition of the Banks of Ohio for the month of January, 1845, shows that the Bank of Ohio, at Cincinnati, the Commercial Bank of Columbus, Sandusky, Wooster, Xenia, Clinton Bank of Columbus, and Lafayette Bank of Cincinnati, and gave the following totals:

MR. POLK'S OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY.—Yesterday, Sunday, was a very wet day, much rain falling at times. The weather was so inclement, that Col. Polk and his family, I believe, remained within doors. Sunday is a day he claims exclusively for himself. He has caused it to be distinctly understood that he will not expect on that day to either receive or pay visits. He regards it as a day of rest, and in his own household it is strictly observed in all things. Keep him in health and spirits.—Wash'n Correspondent of Jour of Com.

FRISH ORANGES AND LEMONA. 10 BOXES Prime Messina Oranges; 10 do Lemons; 10 do prime Sicily Peaches; Landing from Steam Boat Cincinnati, in excellent order and for sale by P. C. MARTIN, Feb 25 60 Water street.

NEW YORK MARKETS.—Feb 25. Anthracite—100 lbs of No 1 rates, steady. Old brands at \$3.75-\$3.87 1/2. New do, \$3.64. There is nothing doing in Peoria.

TRANSPORTATION. 1845. United States Portable Boat Line, for the Transportation of Freight and Emigrant Passengers, to and from PITTSBURGH, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON.

WARRANTS FOR ROADS FOR 1844. To Warrants drawn for C. Chery's contract for 1843, \$530 00 To Warrants for Road, 1844, \$89 68 By Expnditure as per Certificates, 100 00

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