



CARLETON, PA. WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1848.

Cor. Shank of this State is rapidly recovering his health and strength.

The Episcopal Convention for the Diocese of Pennsylvania, met in Philadelphia yesterday.

Holders of them are cautioned against sacrificing Erie Bank notes as the probability they will be fully redeemed.

The Court of Inquiry, after a few days session at New Orleans, will adjourn to Frederick, Md.

Another letter, from Gen. Taylor to Mr. Clay, it is rumored will make its appearance in due time.

The Whigs of the Connecticut Legislature have agreed upon the election of the Hon. Roger J. Baldwin and Hon. Truman Smith to the United States Senate.

The U. S. Senate have confirmed the nominations of Generals Twiggs and Wood, as Major Generals; Col. Churchill, as Brigadier General; Captains Washington and Bragg, and Major Thomas, as Lieutenants Colonel. The promotion of the veteran Col. Churchill, and Capt. Washington will be read with high pleasure by our citizens.

They both served with distinguished gallantry at Buena Vista.

Who National Convention.—The large hall of the Chinese Museum in Philadelphia, has been secured for the sittings of the Whig National Convention. It will afford ample room for the delegates and people.

An address from a committee of the Whig young men of the city invites the Whigs of the country to join in the grand Ratification Meeting on the 6th of June.

We would suggest to this Committee that if they want to see a host from the country, it would be well to make an early arrangement for half-price fare on the rail-roads, which we are informed has not yet been done.

Locofocoism and Literature.—Time was when the Whigs were characterized as the party of "all the intelligence" in the country. But now locofocoism has assumed the high conservatism of literature, and every stupid sheet of that party may be found lustily belaboring "Gen. Scott is certainly a great military man but unfortunately he can't write."

Gen. Taylor, too, whose letters were regarded as such models of rhetoric last summer, is now turning himself as a letter-writer also, in the eyes of these critical Locos. And Henry Clay—that last letter of his, they say, has laid him out dead! We shall have to get Mr. Carey to open a class for the instruction of the Whig Generals of the army in letter-writing!

The leading Abolitionists of the North are certainly a pack of either the greatest fools or knaves that ever pretended to advocate a cause, right in itself. Their speeches at the Anniversaries in New York abound in bitter abuse and denunciation of Henry Clay, although the success of the great statesman in 1844, which was only frustrated by the course of these very abolitionists, would have prevented all the evils of slavery-extension which the Abolitionists now so loudly complain of! It is a singular fact that the undesignated slavery-extension party of Polk & Co. never receives any abuse from the abolitionists.

Another Blow-up!—According to the Erie Observer, the Erie (Pa.) Bank suspended payments on Friday week. The Cashier says he has means, but not at present available, to redeem all the bills in circulation. Gen. Reed has expressed a determination to step in to the aid of the Bank, but as the charter of the bank expires in two years it will probably now go into liquidation.

The New York Tribune, alluding to the Presidency, says: "We mean to hold such an attitude that, whatever candidate may be nominated at Philadelphia, we may act with regard to him as principle and public good, not passion and prejudice, may dictate. We consider and wait." So do we.

The Chambersburg Sentinel contains a letter from Gen. Worth, in reply to political questions addressed to him by Joseph Nill of that place. The Gen.'s answers come right up to the locofoco mark, and are given with an assurance that looks as if he expected to be made President right off.

We learn from the New Orleans Delta that Mr. Triet, after paying a visit to his brother near New River, will proceed to his residence in Albemarle county, Va., from whence he will issue an address to the people of the United States, in which he will define his course in Mexico.

Delegates to the Locofoco-National Convention begin to arrive in Washington. The Mississippi delegation complete, arrived a few days ago. They did not go there to get the great office-dispenser at the White House, of course!

The Locofoco National Convention will meet in the Universal Church, at Baltimore on the 22d instant. It is said that one-fourth of the members will consist of office-holders under the present Locofoco dynasty.

It is said that Gen. Cass will have a majority of the delegates to the Baltimore Convention, and that the candidates will therefore make a great struggle to put the "two-thirds rule" in force.

Lord Brougham, of England, applied to be naturalized as a French citizen, but could not get the thing arranged satisfactorily, and so stays where he is.

The leading Scott papers are beginning to take definite ground in favor of Gen. Taylor, in case Gen. Scott cannot be nominated.

Mr. Marcy's Letter.

Our neighbors of the "Democrat" and "Volunteer" are in such ecstasies with the abusive tirade of Mr. Marcy against Gen. Scott, that they are quite sure the "Herald" ought in justice to publish it. We do not feel under any obligation to do so, however. Those of our readers who desire to "wide through" Mr. Marcy's heavy epistles can find it in the last Volunteer—we shall not lumber our columns with it.

The Locos boast that Mr. Marcy has completely demolished General Scott's charges against the Administration. But the people, who have been intelligent observers of the management of the war, from its beginning, who know that Gen. Taylor had the same embarrassments, plottings and intrigues to contend with that Gen. Scott complains of—who remember the repeated attempts to supersede Gen. Scott by a Lieutenant General, and who have seen the wrongs and insults lately heaped upon Gen. Scott—will be very apt to have a different opinion of Mr. Marcy's long and prosy essay. The Polks, and Pillsows, and Marcy's, may in vain attempt to blacken the fame of the illustrious old soldier.

The Court of Inquiry shows what infamous means this Administration has resorted to to crush Gen. Scott. The intelligent and well-known correspondent of the New Orleans Delta, writing from Mexico, on the 7th of April, says:

"The evidence and documents brought out in the course of the trial, show, most conclusively to view the heart-rending scenes before the eyes of the Administration, to overthrow and break down Gen. Scott—to consign to infamy and disgrace the warrior, Chief who has accomplished a most wonderful achievement recorded on the pages of American history—who has done all this with the prejudices and influence of the Government at home against him, and the political aspirants in his own camp playing second fiddle to them. The private bureau, and the confidential correspondents of the departments at Washington have been ransacked for every paper that could be brought to bear directly or indirectly on the questions at issue, have been copied and sent to the defence, in hopes to influence the decisions. But the Administration have made a great mistake when they aimed at the object of their destruction; they selected a gun of too small calibre.

The correspondent it must be recollected is a Locofoco, although no particular admirer of Gen. Pillow.

REV. MR. SLICER AND SLAVERY.—A communication to the Albany Evening Journal, signed by J. L. Slingerland, member of Congress from that State, gives a touching account of the starting for the Southern market of the slaves recently recaptured at Washington. He says—

"The men were ironed together, and the whole group looked sad and dejected. At each end of the car stood a ruffian-looking guard with large canes in their hands. In the middle of the car stands the notorious slave-dealer of Baltimore, who is a member of the Methodist Church, in good and regular standing. He had purchased the men and women around him, and was taking his departure for Georgia. While observing this old gray-headed dealer in the bodies and souls of men, the Chaplain of the Senate—a Methodist brother—entered the car, and took his brother Methodist by the hand, and chatted with him a short time, and seemed to view him with a peculiar interest. He was with little concern as we would look upon cattle! I know not whether he came with a view to sanctify the act, or to pronounce the parting blessing; but this I do know that the justifies slavery. A Presbyterian minister, who is a member of the Methodist Church in good regular standing. It is not my place here to discuss the nature of Mr. S's business, but to say plainly, for the information of the public, that he is not, nor has he ever been a member of the Methodist Church, so far as my knowledge extends. And I say, furthermore, that I have never known or heard of a member of the Methodist Church being engaged in the domestic slave trade, either here or further south, until I heard it through your letter; and you sir, have the unenviable responsibility of attributing 'solitary and alone' to that impious upon the largest denomination of Christians in the United States, and not inferior to any other in piety, usefulness and respectability."

Mr. Slingerland's story it appears is equally untrue with respect to the "Presbyterian Minister"—none of the slaves having been owned by a Presbyterian Minister.

WISCONSIN ELECTION.—The Whigs have been defeated in Wisconsin. As far as heard from, Nelson Dewey, the Locofoco candidate for Governor, leads Tweedy about 4,000. The Legislature is largely Looco in both branches. In the 1st Congressional district William Pitt Lynde, Looco, is elected by a large majority. Also M. C. Darling, Looco, in the 2d district.

YACHTING.—The Washington Union says the account will stand as follows: Last House of Delegates, 7 Whig majority; next House, 15 Looco Foco majority; Last Senate, 10 Looco Foco majority; next Senate, 12 Looco Foco majority. Looco Foco majority in joint ballot.

FROM YUCATAN.—A late arrival at New Orleans, brings intelligence from Yucatan, that the Indians continue their depredations. They have destroyed the town of Valcaila, by burning it to the ground.

Five hundred of the defenders had retired into forts, while the women and children were taking care of themselves as best they could, and were flying in all directions, without money or food.

Even the inhabitants of Baliza were threatened with an assault, and had prepared to meet it.

It is rumored from Washington, that Gen. Cameron has deserted Mr. Buchanan, and will be on Monday next, an efficient pro-police for Francis K. Polk.

Whig National Convention.

MARYLAND CONVENTION.—At a State Convention of the Whigs of Maryland held in Baltimore on Thursday last, the following appointment of delegates to the Philadelphia Convention, and Presidential Electors, were made:

Delegates, State at Large. Electors. Thomas G. Pratt, Wm. L. Gaither, John C. Groome, Joseph R. Cottman.

From Congressional Districts. 1. Daniel Jenifer, Sr., J. M. S. Caisin, George Schley, J. P. Roman; 2. William E. Coale, Andrew G. Ego, Geo. R. Richardson, J. Morrison Harris, Lloyd Tighman, E. C. Wickes; 3. Saml. Hambleton, Jr., J. C. Derickson.

Resolutions were passed, pledging the party to the support of the candidate of the National Convention, and instructing the Delegates to support Henry Clay, and in case he cannot be nominated to support Gen. Taylor.

MICHIGAN WHIG CONVENTION.—The Whigs of Michigan met in State Convention at Detroit, on the 11th inst., and made the following appointments:

Delegates, State at Large. Electors. Jos. R. Williams, Hon. J. M. Howard, Ad'n. C. Comstock, Hezekiah J. Wells.

From Congressional Districts. Samuel Barstow, Henry E. Lathrop, Chas. R. Babcock, Hiram L. Miller, E. W. Peck, H. Waldron.

The delegates were unanimously instructed to support Henry Clay.

Delegates are rapidly being appointed in all the States, both North and South, where it had not already been done, and the Whig National Convention will doubtless show a representation from every section of the Union.

From Washington. Congress is doing little. A bill to take possession of Yucatan is under discussion in the Senate. In the House, the bill for the admission of Wisconsin as a State has passed Committee of the whole.

NEW POSTAGE BILL.—The following provisions of the new postage bill, as relating to newspapers and magazines, which has been reported by the Post-Office Committee of the House of Representatives, are so minutely just that we cannot doubt they will become a law. We hope so, at least:

"The circulation of all newspapers free of postage, within thirty miles of the place of publication, not above the superficies of 1,900 square miles.

Under 100 miles, and over 30, one half cent; over 100, and for any distance, one cent.

Newspapers above 1,900 inches to pay pamphlet and magazine postage, which is two cents for the first ounce, and half of one cent for all greater distances.

Newspapers under 500 square inches, go free for the first thirty miles, and pay a quarter of one cent for all greater distances. Transient newspapers pay two cents when not sent from the office of publication.

Publishers of pamphlets, magazines and periodicals, are allowed a free exchange, the same as the publishers of newspapers."

GEN. TAYLOR'S LETTER.—The York Republican, says—Gen. Taylor reiterates his declaration that he is "a Whig, but not an Ultra Whig," and gives his views on the veto power of the President, in terms which must meet the approval of all genuine Whig minds, and bear a striking analogy to those expressed by that true old patriot, our lamented HARRISON—the well beloved of the people: "Taking his letter altogether, Gen. Taylor is evidently opposed to Executive interference with the legislative functions of Congress, and in favor of leaving to that Department its just powers unobscured. His views on the subject of War are noble, manly, humane, Christian. How fifty they come from such a brave old hero! His words deserve to be emblazoned every where in letters of gold. War, says he, is 'a National Calamity'—how true! 'The principles of our Government, as well as its true policy, are opposed to the subjugation of other nations, and the dismemberment of other countries by conquest.' Is that not Whig doctrine? Hence, says he, 'I cannot have more forcibly uttered a sublime truth. The great hero of the War has written his condemnation of its authors in those few words, and vindicated the cause of justice and humanity in language that cannot be misapprehended.'"

LOCOFOCO HARMONY.—The Calhounites of South Carolina will not be represented in the National Convention, and have contemptuously and unequivocally turned their back upon it, in spite of all the entreaties of the Government organs. The Charleston Mercury of the 5th, repudiates the appointment of Gen. Comstock as one of the Delegates. The Mercury thinks it is a pity to disturb the State with a matter which is evidently not to its taste, and concludes by saying that "the great body of the people of South Carolina rest quietly on the conviction that they can neither gather grapes from thorns nor figs from thistles."

TILLY'S OWN!—The Baltimore American publishes a letter from one of the members of the company of Volunteers, dated, Toledo, March 15, 1848, in which the writer says—"Much dissatisfaction, and many severe indignations, reigns in the army on account of the proceedings against General Scott. He is the darling—the idol of us, and even this regiment, (Tilly's pets) always distinguished and favored most of any in his division by General P., take up the 'bludgeons' against him in this case, and shout 'Scott forever!'"

UNION CONGRESS.—These words should be inscribed upon every Whig banner that floats in the breeze. They are peculiarly appropriate at this time, and we hope our brethren throughout the Union, will bear them in mind. With union in our ranks we shall be strong, with concordance added thereto stronger, and with harmony superadded irresistible.

At the last accounts from the Court of Inquiry, in Mexico, the Government was trying to hush up a charge against Gen. Scott for attempting to bribe Santa Anna into a treaty, or not to oppose the advance of the American Army upon the Capital. This, we presume, is Polk and Pillsow's last card to blacken up their disgraceful proceedings.

New York Anniversaries.

We have given on the first page several particulars of the anniversary meetings of various Missionary Societies, held in the city of New York. We subjoin several notices of different classes of societies, whose anniversaries came off last week in that city.

The American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society—Arthur Tappan, President, met on Tuesday evening, and presented a series of resolutions, which express gratification at the progress of the cause, throw the blame and responsibility of continuing slavery entirely upon the church, demand of the American Bishops to supply the slaves with the means of speaking for themselves, and of the free people of color to engage in agricultural pursuits, and establish educational societies, denounce the Mexican war and the Whigs who voted supplies, congratulate the French on the freedom of the press, and on the maintenance of a free press in Washington, speak of the progress of emancipation all over the world, turn thanks to Giddings, Hale, Palfrey and Tuck, for their exertions in Congress, approve the nominations and principles of the Liberty party, call on the people to support the candidates, and conclude with the usual assurance that they will not desert their efforts until slavery is abolished. Addresses were delivered by Hon. John P. Hale, (the Liberty party candidate for President) and others.

The American Anti-Slavery Society—(a hostile organization to the Liberty party) met on Tuesday evening. Speeches were made by the Rev. Theo. Parker, of Boston, Lucinda Mott, a Quakeress from Philadelphia, and by Wendell Phillips, one of the wildest fanatical abolitionists in the north. He presented and advocated the proposition that this Society recognize and gratefully acknowledge the progress the cause of anti-slavery has made during the last twenty years; yet, considering the effort that is made to impress the public mind with the idea that the church is able and willing to grasp the subject of slavery, he thought it its duty to express its conviction that there is no excuse for the American slave from his bondage, but over the ruins of the American Church and of the American Union. The character of Mr. Phillips's speech was an appropriate appendage to the above resolutions, and concluding speech was made by Frederick Douglass, a colored man, formerly a slave in Maryland. It was stated in the meeting that funds would be raised, and counsel employed, for the defence of the men recently arrested in Washington, in the escape of the seventy-seven slaves.

The N. Y. State Vigilance Committee—another organization of practical abolition operators—also held a meeting. This Society is composed of both white and colored persons, and it appears was instituted expressly for the management of the underground railroad, by which fugitive slaves are carried off to places of safety. According to the report, the Society has aided in securing freedom and safety to 166 fugitive slaves since October last. A paragraph in the report recites the fact that in Washington, D. C., "while trends and foes were earnestly discussing the propriety of the Society, a fortunate issue of the recent attempt to obtain their rights on the part of a large portion of our brethren and sisters, we would not be discouraged. 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