

General & Composition.

Gen. Taylor & Thomas Jefferson.

THE MONOPOLY OF OFFICE

"I have no friends to reward or enemies to punish." The Volunteer spins out long chapter ofounding popular quotation from Gen. Taylor's Allotment letter, showing it is a solemn pledge on his part, he will remove no man from office. Gen. Taylor might make no removals, or proclaim himself guilty of falsehood, says the Volunteer. Ridiculous! The truth is this expression was made without any view to removals from office—it was made when a strong party among the whigs were endeavoring to "seize his nomination" by the National Convention, and when another formidable portion were working for a distinguished competitor. Gen. Taylor could hardly refer to such words when this struggle was going on, and the above memorable expression occurs in one of his letters. It gave his friends to know that he could make no "rewards" for their services, nor inflict punishment on the enemies of rival candidates. It showed his lofty feeling of disinterestedness. It showed with what calmness he looked upon the struggle, and the singleness of feeling with which he regarded alike the friends of Clay & Scott & Taylor, and now, in power, Gen. Taylor shows no other feeling, as his appointments amply prove. Gen. Taylor never has been known as a bitter political partisan. "I am a Wing" was his unpretending but unfeigned expression through the campaign. None depreciate the fierceness of party spirit more than he. But, yet he was not weak enough to select a mixed Cabinet, as our opponents so disinterestedly advised him. Nor is it probable that, when appointments are to be made he will prefer his political enemies to his friends. He is certainly not pledged to any party, but to the cause of justice.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, having reluctantly put out their seats for one year, now offers to give them to all whom it may concern.

The Committee appointed for that purpose will (provided, permitting) be in the Church on Saturday evening, the 2nd instant, at the same hour, to accommodate those who did not attend the previous day.

In behalf of the Committee, JOHN PHILLIPS, April 4, 1849, Chairman.

THE BAPTIST FEDERATION.—A celebrated party of Federalists will give concert in Carrollton, Friday and Saturday evenings next.

Their performances will afford a rich treat to the lovers of music.

NEWVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY.—The attention of parents is invited to the advantages of this institution. Under the care of its accomplished Principals, Misses Bell and Robertson, who has already attained a high reputation and ranks among the best schools of the country. A communication noticing in detail the examination of the pupils is unavoidably deferred until our next.

Melancholy Disaster.

The courageous Merchant Mill of Mr. John Miller, in the before-mentioned town, within a few minutes of the midnight, caught fire.

The night last, about midnight, and no means of successfully extinguishing the flames being at hand, was soon burnt to the ground, with all in consequence, for want of sufficient re-

course, except to call upon Mr. Hays, but

upon many others in the neighbourhood who had various quantities of flour and grain on storage in the mill. Mr. Hays had an insurance of \$2000, which will not however vindicate him in case of covering the loss, the most melancholy part of the story remains to be told. There were two persons,

Millers, sleeping in the establishment at the time, and of whom James Lindsey, it seems, became so confounded and benighted in the panic caused by the devouring spread of the flames as to be unable to make his escape, and consequently perished before any assistance could be rendered to him. His charred and blackened corpse was recovered from the ruins on Friday. He was, as is well known, a young man of excellent character, and his melancholy death is much lamented.

The news of the fire we have

received, suspended him for a few days,

but he has since returned to his employ.

He is a friend of the Hon.

C. B. Brewster, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and who, owing to the many letters that gentleman receives from his numerous friends in Pennsylvania, it is out of his power to answer them, but they may be assured that it will give him pleasure if practicable to attend to their wishes. The office Mr. Brewster was established in the city of the

intersection of Congress, and is not included in the provision which gives the ranking ex-officer of the service, all letters on business with the Department, should be addressed to the Head of the Department.

On Friday the 16th inst., one of the

members of Congress, Mr. J. F. Hunter,

was a candidate for the Sheriffalty,

as in our column to-day. The Major,

who served in the Mexican war, with great

distinction, will have strong claims on his popularity, he who may offer as a candidate, that last county Convention rec-

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