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The Past and the Future.

Although we never endorsed its principles, we believe that the death of the Whig Party was an inauspicious event for our country. It differed, widely differed, from the Democratic Party with regard to certain principles affecting the Administration of the General Government, but it was a thoroughly National party.

At his birth a star, Unseen before in Heaven, proclaims him come. And guides the Eastern Sages, who inquire His place, to offer incense, myrrh, and gold: His place of birth a solemn angel tells: They gladly thither haste, and by a choir Of seraphim'd angels bear his carol sung.

and Hale. The fate of the country for well or wo, depends on the issue. The past history of our country is brilliant. But with a sectional organization the predominant party of the country, it is impossible now, to predict what of good or evil the future has in store for us.

In town.—Our friend James Dougherty, James is one of "ye friends of ancient days," that we are always glad to see. He is still in the tobacco business, and we hope our merchant friends will patronize him.

Democratic National Convention. Pursuant to a call regularly made the Democratic National Committee appointed by the Democratic National Convention of 1856, for the purpose, among other things, of designating the time for holding the next Convention at Charleston, South Carolina, met at Willard's Hotel, in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, the 7th of December, 1859, and, after a full interchange of opinions, Resolved, That, Tuesday, the 23d day of April, 1860, at 12 o'clock, p. m., be designated as the time of holding the next Democratic National Convention.

The Execution at Charlestown. CHARLESTOWN, VA., Dec 16.—The negroes, Shields Green and John Copeland, have just paid the forfeit of their lives. The crowd in the town is very great, and the execution was witnessed by sixteen hundred persons.

en ray, and they now looked at the prospect of their fate with the full conviction of the full certainty. They were reserved and quiet, but joining with fervor in the religious exercises, conducted by the Rev. Messrs. North, Lehr and Waugh. When called upon by the Sheriff, they stood calm and, after bidding farewell to the guards in the jail, were helped into the wagon, and took seats on their coffins.