

Alas for the clod that is resting now
On those slumbering eyes: on that faded
brow!
On for the cheek that has ceased to bloom:
For the lips, that are dumb in the noisome
tomb;
Their melody broken, their fragrance gone:
Their aspect cold as the Parian stone!
Alas, for the hopes that with thee have died,
O, loved one! would I were by thy side!

Yet the joy of grief it is mine to bear;
I hear thy voice in the twilight air,
Thy smile of sweetness untold I see,
When the visions of evening are borne to me
The kiss on my dreaming lip is warm,—
My arm embraces thy yielding form;
Then I wake in a world that is sad and
dream,
To feel in my bosom: thou art not here!

The morning had already begun to fire
the eastern horizon, beyond the distant
wilderness, and to sparkle on the river,
when I parted with the Snake Eater, and
pursued my journey. On my return
from the great metropolis of the Mississippi
pi, I found that he had died, and gone to
rejoin the lost treasures of his affection, in
a clime where sorrow has no residence, &
where neither reptile nor poison can enter
W.

The writer has now in his possession a
curiosity from the far West, in the shape
of a large prairie-beetle, which is com-
posed, among other ingredients, of paper and wood.
At the end of every claw and leg, where
they are attached to the body, are small
bits of lead, impregnated with leadstone.
This lifeless imitation performs all the
movements of the actual beetle, moves and
extends its limbs, precisely like nature. It
would puzzle the profoundest entomologist,
on a common examination, to wot whether
it that lived, or was dead.

† This "power of face," is not unusual among
the dramatic fraternity. The celebrated
tragedian, Booth can easily flush his face
with the deepest suffusion of guilt or anger
and the next moment cause it to bear the
livid hue of death. This power often adds
a tremendous effect to his personations.

Latest and Interesting from Mexico.

VERA CRUZ TAKEN BY THE FRENCH.

By the subjoined, which we received
last evening in a slip from the New Or-
leans Bee, of the 1st inst., it will be seen
that the Mexicans, refusing to abide by
the treaty made with the French after the
loss of San Juan de Ulloa, have been
again defeated, and have lost the city of
Vera Cruz. This is probably not the end
of the war, nor the contest.—U.S. Gazette.

The brig Kenhawa, which arrived last
evening from Laguna, which she left on
the 16th December, brings interesting
intelligence derived from the British bar-
que Pera, from Sacrificios, then at Lagu-
na. From this source we learn that the
town of Vera Cruz has been taken by the
French, after a bombardment. The Mexi-
can General Arista was taken prisoner by
the French. And General Santa Ana
was so grievously wounded as to render
necessary the amputation of a leg.

The Mexican government, not willing
to recognize the treaty entered into be-
tween Admiral Baudin and General Rinco-
n, and having declared war upon the
French Government, General Santa Ana
placed himself at the head of 5,000 men
and entered Vera Cruz in spite of the
treaty. Admiral Baudin having learned
that Santa Ana was advancing towards
the city, sent a number of boats filled
with troops, with orders to spike the canon
of the batteries at Vera Cruz. While they
were engaged in this labor, the Mexicans
came upon them, and slaughtered a con-
siderable number of officers and soldiers.
The French were compelled to retreat to-
wards the squadron, which opened a heavy
fire upon the town, dislodged the Mexi-
cans, and took possession of Vera Cruz.
We have been unable to ascertain the ex-
act loss on either side. We subjoin an
extract from a letter which a commercial
house has had the kindness to place in our
hands,

(EXTRACT.)
LAGUNA DE TERMINOS Dec, 13, 1838
By the arrival of the British barque
Pera, from Sacrificios, I have learned that
Gen. Santa Ana had arrived at Vera Cruz
with 5,000, and the French that were on
shore spiking the guns of the batteries had
retreat to their boats after losing several
horses and men. It appears the terms
of the capitulation with the commander of
San Juan de Ulloa were, that the French
should keep possession of the castle, and
the Mexicans of Vera Cruz, until the de-
cision of the King of France was learned,
but the blockade was to be raised immedi-
ately, but it is said that the Mexican gov-
ernment has disapproved of the capitula-
tion, and declared war against France.
I believe it, as the garrison of Vera Cruz
was not to exceed 1,000 men, and as soon
as the French learned that Santa Ana
was coming, they landed, on the morning
of the 31 about 3 o'clock, to spike the
guns, and the vessels commenced throw-
ing bombs into the barracks to dislodge
the troops. It is also true that Santa Ana
drove the French into their boats, and
received a severe wound in the engage-
ment, and has since had his leg amputated.
General Arista is a prisoner of the
French.

LATE FROM FLORIDA.

[Private Correspondence.]
St Augusta, Dec. 19, 1838
"Gen. Taylor has done nothing yet
since the opening of the campaign, and I
fear the spring will come upon him before
his army will have captured even an Indi-

an woman. The policy of the Govern-
ment in relation to this war seems to be
entirely changed since the last season.
Then the army moved in large bodies with
effecting nothing but the most wasteful
expenditure of public money that was ever
heard of; now, the troops are in very
small bodies at posts across East Florida,
making roads through the swamps, as it is
said for the purpose of keeping the Indi-
ans south of this line, so that the plan-
ters may be safe on the north of it. How-
ever well this has succeeded thus far, we
can judge from the murders that we al-
luded to a few days since, that are com-
monly of Grady's party, on within a few
miles of the army. Two days
before I was there, on my way here, two
families were murdered within twenty
miles of us.—The change, also, in the ex-
penditures is very great. What they call
economy now is as improper as their former
extravagance; for at present, sufficient
is allowed to command what is abso-
lutely necessary for the successful opera-
tions of the war. My own opinion is,
that if this war is ever ended, it will be by
rmitting the Indians to occupy the south
part of East Florida, as Jessup proposed.

TEXAS.

By an arrival at New Orleans, Texas
dated to the 20th ult. has been received.
E. H. Bee has been appointed Secretary
of State, and Gen. Johnson Secretary of
War. Gen. Rusk will be nominated to
the Senate for Chief Justice. The death
of the Hon. John A. Wharton is announ-
ced. Several of the most respectable and
influential Mexican citizens living near
the borders of Texas, had arrived at Ber-
ar, and expressed the desire of the resi-
dents of Coahuila and Tamaulipas to con-
tract friendly relations with the Texians
and of joining them in an expedition
against the Camanches. The Mexican
troops have all been withdrawn from the
boundary of Texas, and some of the offi-
cers becoming disgusted with the Mexi-
can government, have determined to quit
the country.

We learn, says the New York Star,
that Gen. Henderson, the Texian repre-
sentative to the French Government,
has closed a commercial arrangement,
whereby the ports of Texas and France
are open to the vessels and products of
each other. This fact may be considered
as a favorable indication of the policy and
views of France as regards our new
Republic, and following the example of
Great Britain, (who entered into a simi-
lar arrangement some time since,) it may
be considered as furnishing good evidence
of the speedy and more formal recognition
of the Independence of Texas, on the
part of both England and France. Tex-
as will not then want the means, either to
pay off her debt, (which is but small,) or
to develop her vast resources.

JUST THE DIFFERENCE.

In New York State, the Whigs have
the ascendancy for the first time for many
years, and every office is filled with men
of the Van Buren creed. Aware of the
likelihood of changes, a writer in the New
York Evening Post, (a real Van Buren pa-
per,) thus talks:
"The Whigs have it in their power to
do a great good in this State, to set a high
example, and thus dispose many of their
opponents to think very differently of their
policy from what they do at present. But
there is no reason to believe that they will
do it. Their motto is "a clean sweep!"
Nothing but this will satisfy their aveng-
ing spirit, and cormorant appetite for office."

All this because the Whigs have the
power and the Van Buren men the offices.
In Maryland, a Van Buren Governor
has recently been elected, while most of
the appointed officers are of course Whigs
—and the Baltimore Republican, an out-
and out Van Buren paper, holds the fol-
lowing language:

"We would volunteer a word of com-
fort, to certain office holders, who under
the late regimen, have enjoyed for years
the cream of the state. And that is, so
long as the leopard retains his spots, the
Ethiopian, the color of his skin, and his
whiggery its vile and destructive charac-
ter, even so long will it be, before you are
permitted to thrust your genteel paws in-
to the public purse. The people have sat
in judgment, and require the dismissal of
the entire troop of these vile cormorants;
and out they must go. Although some of
these cringing, whining scoundrels, are
praying forgiveness, and promising a
penitence in order to be continued in
place.—If they stay dismiss them to a man."

All this because the Van Buren men
have the power, and the whigs the offices.
We do not know that we could present
a prettier view of the party movements,
than is obtained through the pair of spec-
tacles above.—U.S. Gazette.

BANK ROBBERIES.—A most daring at-
tempt was on Friday night, made to rob
the Union Bank of Charleston, S. C. We
learn from the Patriot of Saturday last,
that the robber got admittance during the
day, into the cellar, in which he conceal-
ed himself in a part of it used to deposit
coal, by surrounding his body with so
large a mass of this substance as effectually
to elude the observation of two of the
officers of the Bank who make a nightly ex-
amination of the cellar. An officer of the
Bank was engaged writing therein, until
11 o'clock. Subsequently to this, the
thief bored auger holes in the floor from

his position in the cellar, and made a
space in the flooring large enough to ad-
mit his body. He then broke open nearly
all the desks and drawers, abstracted
from seventy to eighty dollars in money,
besides several articles of clothing, but
not being able to penetrate the vaults, he
then made a hole in the wall, and he-
reupon he deliberately opened on the
officers of the Bank, looking into the
street, and made his escape, closing the
shutters after him, and leaving his light
extinguished on one of the desks.

ALMOST AN ACCIDENT.

The city of N. Y. was thrown into a
great ferment on Thursday, by a report
that Captain Swainson, of the Royal Wil-
liam steamer, had been drowned by being
backed off the deck at the foot of Pike st.
in a hackney coach. After making proper
inquiries, the following were ascertained
to be the state of facts connected with
this direful disaster. A coachman named
James Welsh driving hack No. 134,
was engaged to take two gentlemen from
one of the Theatres, to the foot of Pike st.
When he arrived there, his passengers re-
quested him to turn the carriage around
where they got out, and cleared off with-
out his knowledge.

By some mismanagement, [he being ful-
lled at this time,] his horses, carriage and
himself backed off the dock, and he was
very near being drowned before he was re-
covered by some watchmen. As it was
he lost one of his horses, and after soak-
ing in the cold water about 15 minutes,
he was taken out and marched off to the
watch house, where he was kept all night.
As soon as he was fairly recovered, he
mentioned that there were two persons in
the carriage, and accordingly, prompt
measures were taken to get it from the
water, but on raising it, it was found to be
empty, and both doors were closed and
fast, thus proving that no one had been
drowned. As it was, he was most dread-
fully frightened, and probably will not
venture near the river again at night, for
some time, more especially, when he has
been sacrificing to Bacchus.—Courier.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—

On Tuesday evening last, Mr. John Worley, a respec-
table farmer of Antrim township in this
county, suddenly lost his life by the acci-
dental discharge of a gun in his own hands
—by which accident, a wife and a family
of children have been bereaved of an af-
fectionate and provident husband and pa-
rent, and the community, of a worthy
useful citizen.—Chambersburg Repub.

MORE LAWLESS PATRIOTISM.

A letter of the 2nd inst. from Oswego,
received in this city, states that on the
previous day, the Collector having heard
of two brass field pieces being concealed
near the bridge, notified the fact to Captain
Gwynn, commanding the United States
force there. He detached a file of men to
seize them. A mob, however, interfered
to prevent this, when the whole company
were called out to execute the business.
Even they, however, were unable to effect
it. The mob, amounting to several hun-
dred, prevented their taking the cannon,
which, after the soldiers had returned to
their barracks, the mob paraded and re-
peatedly fired, as if in derision, and finish-
ed by burning the United States Marshal
in effigy. Such is the story as related to
us.

Investigation Demanded.

We have not a doubt but it can be
shown by an honest investigation that the
Keystone has swindled the State out of
TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
within the last two years, and yet it has
the audacity to charge others of "defraud-
ing" the Treasury. We have often called
for an investigation, but the Loco Foco
has sternly resisted it.

One fact alone, of which the proof can
be found in the Commissioner's Office of
every county in the Commonwealth, goes
conclusively to establish the swindling.
In 1835-6, we received for printing the
Journal of the House of Representatives,
less than \$6,000, although there was an
extra session, and more business done
than has ever been done by any other Leg-
islature. In 1837-8, the Keystone received
upwards of \$10,000, for printing the
Journal. An increase of \$10,000, on a
short session!!!

In the other printing done by the Key-
stone, we have no doubt but the same
swindling scheme has been carried on to
its full extent. When the day of reckon-
ing comes we presume that they will
follow the example of the Sub-Treasuries
in giving "leg bail."

Penn'a. Telegraph.

Public Plundering on the Loco Foco System.

Within the last year it has been discov-
ered that the United States Treasury has
been robbed of upwards of THREE
MILLIONS by the officeholders of the
General Government—and the Pennsyl-
vania leeches are yet to satisfy.
The Loco Focos are about to obtain rule
in Pennsylvania, when the pockets of the
Farmers and Mechanics may be expected
to sweat.
The estimated expenses of the General
Government for the present year, are
\$40,427,219 08! Under the "profligate
and extravagant" Administration of John
Quincy Adams it never amounted to \$12,
000,000. Since it got into the hands of

the Loco Foco or plunder party, it has
more than trebled. Such a result may
be expected in Pennsylvania.
Penn'a. Telegraph.

Extract from Washington's Farewell Address.

We commend the following extract
from the address of the Father of his
Country to the perusal of the advocates of
the late lawless proceedings at Harris-
burg.—P. Morning Star.

"The very idea of the power and the
right of the people to establish a govern-
ment, presupposes the duty of every indi-
vidual to obey the established government.
All obstructions to the execution of the
laws, all combinations and associations,
under whatever plausible character, with
a real design to direct, control, counter-
act or awe the regular deliberation or ac-
tion of the constituted authorities, are de-
structive of this fundamental principle,
and of fatal tendency. They serve to or-
ganize a faction, to give it an artificial
and extraordinary force, to put in the place
of the delegated will of the nation the will
of a party, often a small but artful and
enterprising minority of the community,
and according to the alternate triumphs of
different parties, to make the public ad-
ministration the mirror of the ill-concer-
ted and incongruous projects of faction
rather than the organ of consistent and
wholesome plans digested by common
councils and modified by mutual inter-
ests. However combinations or associa-
tions of the above description may now
and then answer popular ends, they are
likely in the course of time, and things,
to become potent engines, by which con-
curing, ambitious and unprincipled men
will be enabled to subvert the power of the
people, and to usurp to themselves the
reins of government, destroying after-
wards the very engines which have lifted
them to unjust dominion.



THE JOURNAL.

One country, one constitution, one destiny

Huntingdon Jan. 16, 1839.

Democratic Antimasonic
CANDIDATES.
FOR PRESIDENT,
GEN. WM. H. HARRISON
FOR VICE PRESIDENT
DANIEL WEBSTER.

FLAG OF THE PEOPLE!

Of a single term for the Presidency, and
the office administered for the whole PEOP-
LE, and not for a PARTY.
A sound, uniform and convenient Na-
tional CURRENCY, adapted to the wants
of the whole COUNTRY, instead of the SHIN-
ING PLASTERS brought about by our present
RULES.
ECONOMY, RETRENCHMENT, and RE-
FORM in the administration of public affairs,
Tired of Experiments and Experi-
menters, Republican gratitude will reward
unobtrusive merit, by elevating the sub-
altern of WASHINGTON and the disciple of
JEFFERSON, and thus resuming the safe and
beaten track of our Fathers.—L. Gazette.

Governor Ritner has appointed James
Steel Esq. Prothonotary in the place of
R. Campbell resigned, according to the
concluding clause of the third section of
the sixth article, all the appointments
made since the 1st of January 1839, must
continue till the next election.

The election to fill the vacancy occa-
sioned by the death of Mr. Cassat in the
Senate, took place yesterday. Jno. F.
McFarlane, is the candidate of the Demo-
crats, and Thos. G. Miller of the Loco
Focos. Miller was, we believe, one of
the revolutionary "committee of safety."
The result of the election, we deem some-
what doubtful.

Betting on Elections.

Soon after the late election, we gave
our opinion upon the criminality of bet-
ting on elections. We however, will re-
cur again to the subject, having our at-
tention called to the subject by the con-
cluding part of Judge Burnside's charge
to the grand jury. The Judge in a few
words expressed his horror of this iniqui-
tous practice. He considered it the cause
of all the strife, ill feeling, fraud, and riot
committed on the election ground. It
was the fruitful mother of all corruptions
and crime that disgraced the day which
should be held sacred by every freeman.
The Freedom of election he considered
the fountain of our nappy institutions—
corrupt that, and every stream that flows
from it will become polluted.
Nothing can be more true, and we
trust that the jury will present the evil

to the Legislature as one of fearful mag-
nitude, and we hope that every good citi-
zen will lift his voice in favor of the pas-
sage of a law, the penalty of which shall
stop in all after time, the wicked and dan-
gerous practice.

The Five Senators.

We have been waiting anxiously, ex-
pecting to get some reasons, given by the
five Senators, who supported the resolu-
tion recognizing the Hopkin's House, al-
though had previously declared it was
not constitutionally organized. Nothing
however, has appeared, which in any way
satisfies our mind, or relieves them of the
charge of inconsistency. Jno. Strohm
has addressed a letter to his constituents,
but to us it is a very lame affair. We re-
gret his conduct more than any other man.
His name has often been mentioned to us
in conversation with the next gubernator-
ial contest, in such a manner, that we
could not misunderstand. Since his
"conversion," we have heard the same
person say they would not support a man
who had not more firmness.

A few weeks since we noticed the suite
of Gov. Porter, when he went on his fool-
ish errand to Harrisburg. The Advocate
got quite cross about it, and in its usual
spirited manner, sighed "over the widows
and the orphans tears." We have not
had time nor room to notice it before; we
dislike to be in debt, in such matters; we
will close the account now. The "Advo-
cate" said none of the party ever "robbed
the poor widows." We doubt very much
whether widow Summerville will say that
is true, but admitting none of them ever
did—was there none in the company who
had lied like a knave and "licked the tea-
ther," to prove it? Answer me that mas-
ter Brook,

The Governor's Message.

Never was there a public document
which called forth more the denunciations
of its opponents, than the last mes-
sage of Governor Ritner; and never was
there one which required more unremit-
ting party condemnation to draw the at-
tention of the honest people from its plain
statement of facts.
The preface, part, describing the
conduct of the ruthless and unprincipled
mob, and its more unprincipled leaders,
makes the advocates of the rebel power
write in agony.
Our former Whig friend of the Lewis-
town Republican, is particularly zealous
to show that Gov. Ritner "pronounced a
withering satire" upon the conduct of
"Stevens, Burrows & Co." in his allu-
sions to the usurpations of the mob.—
Our neighbor shows that he feels the lash
properly applied, and in order to save
his party says "taint I." The caustic,
applied by our young Loco friend seems to
strike us as being lunar, for his commen-
taries have no bearing at all upon the
message; and cannot affect either one party
or the other, as are shown by the fact
that it was written during the last quarter
of the moon.
Next we have the effervescence of some
of the editors of the "Advocate and
Sentinel." As might be supposed it is a
spirited comment, and entirely worthy of
its source.
The commencement of this strange
production shows, that if not written by
pious David himself, he has dictated its
character, and it is a beggarly attempt,
to ensure a public document by burying
it in a pile of falsehoods. From its com-
mencement to the end there is hardly a
sentence without a falsehood, in the whole
article. It charges falsehood upon Gov.
Ritner in his message, yet does not aduce
one single case that its falsehood can
transform it into any thing but the truth.
"The Governor is a sworn officer," an
oath will be a useful article hereafter eh!
He says (the writer in the Advocate)
"it is useless to begin to expose this doc-
ument." Exactly so, but still you try
your ingenuity to distort into something
astonishingly bad, a number of sentences,
which the most ignorant will at once say,
are as plain as the sun. The message
says "certain members were admitted in
accordance with the known laws of the
state"—this the Advocate denies, and
says "where never was a law to admit mem-
bers when overwhelmed defeated." If
that is true, why did you and your party
send your supple, as well as miserable
dupes Frow and Eyer, on to claim their
seats. Your paper counseled them to
do so—did you counsel them to break
the law? Did you try to make your read-
ers, and your senators believe that Bell
and McClay could not take their seats,
although you knew your men to be "over-
whelmingly defeated." Do you not
know that Bell of Chester, your loco foco

bell wether in the senate, holds his seat
at this moment, although "defeated" yet
you pretend such holy horror of such con-
duct in our friends.

The Advocate says "the Governor AD-
MITS that he borrowed money from the
President of the U. S. Bank to pay for re-
pairs, and to reward his partisans and to
PURCHASE VOTES to re-elect him." A
plain, direct, and willful falsehood, and
we defy the writer to his proof, where any
such disgraceful admission is made.

In another paragraph, in commenting
upon the repairs, on the canal, an allusion
is made to the defect in the Dam above
town. That our readers may understand
something of this case, we will inform
them, the dam above town, is the one,
where the notorious Gibbons, figured as
boss, until he was discharged for his inat-
tention to his business, and we have since
its occurrence, heard this "saint" in the
Porter ranks, boast that he did boss that
job. Even the "Advocate" will not deny
that one of their own friends tossed that
job.

Again it says "the whole is worse than
not repaired at all." Now we desire ev-
ery man who has one spark of honesty re-
maining, to say if they do not know the
above to be false? we ask every boatman
who passed up the canal last fall if it is
not untrue.

The writer does not like Gov. Ritner's
censure upon the wicked extravagance of
the Loco Foco Legislature last fall which
squandered all the public treasure. The
people must well remember the mammoth
Bill, and the Governor's Veto—any allu-
sion to the extravagance of that party
makes them very "wrothy." Neither
does he like the Governor's statement that
a part of the permanent State Debt has
been paid off. And goes on and enu-
merates the temporary loans made since
Ritner's administration has been in power,
but entirely forgets to notice the tempo-
rary loans which had to be paid by him, al-
though contracted by Geo. Wolf. He
forgets to notice the item in Daniel Star-
guson's Report of "MITCHELL SCRIP"
—he does not think of that. Do our read-
ers know what "mitchell scrip" means?
It means money paid for debts contracted
by one Wm. Mitchell, a supervisor or su-
perintendent on the Columbia Rail Road,
who kept the money he drew from the
Treasury, for his own use, and issued
"scrip" to such as he owed, pretending he
had no public funds; and then when he
had about TWENTY THOUSAND
DOLLARS of Plunder, he made tracks
"westward ho!" and now the State are
paying his "scrip"—yet not one of these
things are thought of, by the voracious
writer. We ask our readers to read the
message carefully, and the paltry misrep-
resentations of the pensioned villifier
cannot mislead them.

Thaddeus Stevens Esq., has addressed
a letter to his constituents, declaring his
intention to return home, and to stay
with them, unless they instruct him other-
wise. We trust that they will do so, for
we can ill brook the loss of his eminent ser-
vices in the Legislature. True he can a-
vail but little there, against overwhelming
members, yet when any gross and
glaring assault is made upon any of our
institutions, his arm alone can stay the
assault until the sovereigns themselves
can have time to be heard: His fearless,
bold and energetic manners, and his tow-
ering eloquence, would astonish, if not
frighten the marauders from their work
of destruction. We shall rejoice to here
that Mr. Stevens has taken his seat again
in the Hall.

It is also said, that Mr. Cox of Somers-
et also has signified his intention not to re-
sume his place in the house of Representa-
tives. We earnestly hope that the in-
jured feelings of that Gentleman, will
not make him yield his whole county into
the hands of the Goths and Vandals.
They would exult in the fact. They
would glory in the uncontrolled command
that they had over our institutions, and
our treasure.

Go back we say to every democrat, &
if you cannot triumph over scarce the val-
tures from their prey. Once they have
succeeded in their disregard of the laws,
and if allowed to go on unchecked, ere a
not a year is passed they will run riot
over every thing we hold dear. Go back,
sacrifice your individual feeling upon the
altar of your country, and devote your un-
ceasing energies to secure us from another
like disgrace; and our country and her in-
stitutions from the outbreaking of any mob
hereafter.

Yesterday was the day appointed by the
New Constitution for the Governor to be
Inaugurated,