

THE DEMOCRAT

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FOR PRESIDENT, JAMES BUCHANAN, Subject to decision of the National Convention.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONERS, ISRAEL PAINTER, Of Westmoreland County.

The heavy draw upon our advertising columns this week has compelled us to curtail our usual quantity of reading matter...

New Trouble in the Wigwag. The President has just thrown a new bone into Congress for the Whig and Slavery bulldogs to snarl and quarrel over.

A Liberty Cap for France. The citizens of New York city presented a magnificent Cap of Liberty to the city of Paris, through the French Vice-Consul, Louis Borg...

Whiggery in Maryland. The Whigs of Maryland may be set down as unanimous for Taylor. A State Convention was held in Baltimore on Wednesday week...

A tremendous Mass Meeting of the Democracy of Northern Illinois was held at Chicago a few days ago, in which among other Democratic measures, the Wilmot Proviso...

Virginia Election. An election for members of the Legislature of Virginia took place on the 26th of April. So far as the returns have been received, they indicate a full Democratic triumph.

South-Timer. The Senate has ordered the discharge of Mr. Nugent, the correspondent of the N. Y. Herald, who was arrested by its edict because he refused to tell who furnished him with a copy of the treaty with Mexico.

We cut the following from the Albany Knickerbocker, a paper neutral in politics, for the especial benefit of "creaking Federalism."

From the way some of our political men creak over the destinies of this country, one would swear that its ruin was as easily effected as a woman's. The war debt that we have contracted to bring Mexico to justice and common sense, fills them as full of lamentations as the book of Jeremiah.

At all events, the subject is likely to be a very exciting one in Congress, and call forth a good deal of warm controversy.

The Democratic members of the New York Legislature met in Caucus just previous to the adjournment, according to the usual custom in that State, and among other acts, put forth a very elaborate and excellent address to the people of the State...

SENATOR ASHLEY DEAD. The southern papers of Monday bring intelligence of the death of Chester Ashley, U. S. Senator from Arkansas. He expired at the Capital on Saturday, after a short illness of two days.

Mexico. -Advices from Mexico to the 14th ult., by last night's mail, speaks of the prospects of peace as rather dubious. No quorum had yet been obtained in the Mexican Congress, and many seriously suspect that the Mexicans have again abused the good faith of the American Government.

Hear Casibus M. Clay. Listen to the candid avowal of this talented and thorough-going Whig—who has gallantly borne his part in the war—relative to Mr. Polk and our Mexican difficulties.

The Flight of Queen Victoria. Not the least among the many significant occurrences that have marked the recent convulsions in Europe, is the departure of England's Queen to the Isle of Wight.

PARSONY OF JOHN JACOB ASTOR. The Cleveland Herald relates the following anecdote of Mr. Astor, which certainly exhibits him in a light not very favorable for the wealthy and influential.

THE SLAVE ABDUCTION CASE. The National Intelligencer of Saturday morning last, has the following paragraph in relation to the exciting case mentioned in our last.

COLONEL WELLER. This gentleman, the Democratic candidate for Governor, in Ohio, is routing the enemies of the Mexican war wherever he goes.

RUNAWAY SLAVES. The slaves in Cecil county, Md., are running away in droves. The Wilmington Chicken says: "A week or two since eight made their escape from Mr. George Kidd, in that county, and a week or so before five ran away from Messrs. Gales and Chamberlain."

A TRIBUTE TO SILAS WRIGHT. The idea has been started of erecting a novel Monument to the memory of the late Silas Wright by founding, in Middlebury College, Vt., (wherein he was instructed, and near which is the home of his kindred) a "Silas Wright Professorship of Moral and Political Philosophy and History."

The Tables Turned. A most extraordinary development has signalized some of the more recent examinations before the Court of Inquiry in Mexico, touching the everlasting subject of the Leonidas letter—the original and the interlineations.

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The Liverpool Mail, a highly tempered Government organ, published the following bitter tirade against the movements of the Chartists on the 15th.

Chief Events and Topics of the Week. Following the example of the nations on the Continent, we on this side the Straits of Dover have had our demonstrations.

Any agitation for reform in the government or representative system of this country must be based upon the general conviction, not only that the proposed alterations are requisite, but that they are certain to prove beneficial to the common weal.

The greatest blusterer of all became a very craven when tackled. First, he declared in the House of Commons, that he would cross Westminster Bridge at the head of the multitude, in spite of any opposition that could be offered by the Government.

They have frequently met since Monday, but talk with the humbleness of detected felons. They are full of lamentations that they were led into a trap by the Government; but they forget that they wretchedly thrust themselves into it.

There was a sad exposure of the humbug of the Chartist agitation in the House of Commons, on Thursday evening. The great petition, which was said to contain nearly six millions of signatures appended, had been unceremoniously examined, and Mr. O'Connor's constituents dwindled down to less than two millions.

It was shown that, even to make out this number, from ten to twenty names had evidently been written in various places by one hand, and that among the signatures were many forgeries, and an equal number which were altogether fictitious.

Fergus remarked that he could obtain a petition upon the same subject, signed by fifteen millions, or double, or treble that number, which is not improbable, if they were to be all of the same quality; but in the event of its being necessary that they should be the bona fide signatures of living souls, he would have to make a journey to India or China in search of them; for, according to the late census, the entire population of the British Empire, including women and children, does not exceed twenty millions.

Mr. Smith O'Brien has been talking a little treason in Parliament, but the reception which his speech had there would scarcely encourage him to a repetition of such an harangue. The bill for placing Ireland on an equality with England as regards reasonable meetings and speeches, is rapidly passing through the stages necessary to its being promulgated as the law of the United Empire, and has met with very few dissentients.

The Case of O'Brien, Mitchell and Meagher. DUBLIN, April 12. Easter term commences on Saturday next. The bills of indictment against Messrs. Smith O'Brien, Mitchell and Meagher are prepared. It is stated that the trial will not take place until the sittings after term, which commence on the 12th of May. On Saturday next the bills of indictment will be sent before the grand jury.

DECREASE OF THE EXCITEMENT.—There is a most manifest and decided decrease in the excitement and apprehension here, caused by the result of the chartist demonstration in London. The Government Securities continue to advance. This day there was a further rise of one per cent. in Consols and Three and a Quarter per Cent.

THE MINT DEVALUATION.—The motion for a new trial and in arrest of judgment, in the case of Randall Hutchinson, convicted on the 6th inst. of embezzling \$23,238.81 from the U. S. Mint in this city, was argued on Saturday in the U. S. Circuit Court, by D. P. Brown in favor of the motion, and Mr. District Attorney Pettit against it, and concluded on Monday by Mr. Sergeant, also in favor of the motion.