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Wednesday Morning, Feb. 13, 1850.

We publish to-day a document of considerable interest—the Report of the Board of Administrators of the University of Louisiana. It will repay perusal.

In the absorbing interest which attaches to the Slavery question now before Congress, the ordinary polemics of party politicians appear to be tacitly discontinued. The controversies of partizans have lost all relish, and become flat, stale and unprofitable, when contrasted with the portentous magnitude of the subject that is now agitating the country. The press, generally, seems to understand and appreciate this fact, and is marked by an unusual abstinence from those current topics of crimination and recrimination by which political journals are on ordinary occasions distinguished.

The Washington *Union* presents an almost solitary exception to this statement. That delectable sheet—the organ of the "Bitter Enders"—is unwilling or unable for an instant to soar above the murky atmosphere of political slanders in which it lives, moves and has its being. No matter how stupendous the crisis that overhangs the country—no matter what unspeakably grave results may depend upon the disposal of the issues at stake—the *Union*, faithful to its vocation and its propensities, continues indefatigably to delve in the filth and mire of party politics. Every day's edition is but the reproduction of the offensive work of the preceding day. Attacks upon the President and his Cabinet, impeachment of their motives and patriotism, violence of language and vehemence of invective, scurrilous correspondence, the pointless malignity of ejected office-holders, the undying spite and malice of mousing cliques and coteries—these constitute the prominent and unvarying features of the ex officio journal. It never deviates or forgets its identity. It is never diverted from its fixed purpose of making assaults at all seasons and with all weapons upon the noble old soldier at the head of the Government. No new issues, involving though they may the stability, and very existence of our Union, and the future progress and welfare of our institutions, are deemed by the *Union* of sufficient consequence to make it suspend its miserable partizan warfare. Day after day, and week succeeding week, does it adhere manfully to its dark and dirty vocation, unmindful of those questions which dwarf and overshadow its puny diatribes, and seemingly insensible to the mortification and disgust inspired by its course, even in the bosoms of thousands who agree with it on subjects of general politics.

The tactics of the ex-official are sadly deficient, and its policy is the blundering and stumbling effort of a blindfolded person to rush at every body. The virulence of the *Union* is disregarded at seasons when something far more important excites public attention, while its perseverance in cramming the ears of the people with political slang, against the stomach of its sense, is revolting and oppressive even to its own party. But nothing further can be expected from a sheet, under the management of two individuals—one of whom has been a pettifogging office-seeker, while the other is reputed with all the gall and fury of a dismissed hireling, and fancies that the world has nothing farther to engage its attention and must listen eternally to his venomous effusions.

THE WEATHER.—Early yesterday morning, the wind commenced blowing strongly from the East-ward, and continued. It veered, at intervals, to a most violent gale. About 12 o'clock, rain began to fall in torrents, and continued without intermission until 6 o'clock. Fortunately the wind moderated towards night fall, as otherwise probably the river would have overflowed its banks. As it is, there was a sensible increase in the volume of water caused by the extreme force of the storm, which must have had the effect of backing up the tides in the Gulf.

NEW WORKS.—Our thanks are due J. C. Morgan, of the Literary Depot, for the following new publications:

The Nun, or the inheritor of a Monastery, by Spindler. This is a work of power. Spindler is at the head of German novelists. His stories are admirable, and are marked by profound interest, and very skilful delineation of character.

New York by Gas Light. This is a series of lively and piquant sketches of New York life, originally prepared for the *Tribune*, —one of the contributors to that journal, and now collected together in a single volume. They are original and racy.

Kate in Search of a Husband, by Lady Chrysalis.—The popularity of this novel has induced the publishers to issue a new edition. The work was put forth several years ago, and then attracted considerable attention.

VALENTINES.—To morrow will be Valentines Day, and of course the time honored custom by displaying curious little missives by the lexus to their sweethearts, will be duly observed. We have examined some of these tokens at STRAUSS'S, on Camp street, and to say that they are beautiful, is to pay a feeble praise on the *ne plus ultra* of choice collections. Some of them are truly superb, and as a specimen we should not object to receive one ourselves.

MARDI GRAS presented yesterday none of the peculiar features connected with its observance in former years. If even the best intentions had existed to signalize the day by mummeries and masks, the weather would have effectually dampened, even the most inveterate representative of the Saracen or the Crusader—the Jackass or the Chicken-cock. We caught a glimpse of one mask on board, and he had gathered over his head the ample folds of his domino, to protect him from the pelting storm, presenting merely, to the astonished gaze of a few urchins, a not very clean pair of corduroy leggings Bootsey and alone, like Don Quixote, he encountered both wind and water-mill at the same time. In consequence of the extreme inclemency of the weather, the balls in the evening were but thinly attended.

THE SLAVERY QUESTION.—In relation to the adjustment of this question by Congress, the correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says:

> The probability of a compromise is increasing from day to day; Northern members becoming more reasonable, and the South a little more moderate. The compromise will be something resembling—a line—on paper corresponding to a parallel of latitude, and not an abstraction or a declaration of principles. These abstract declarations are enormous humbugs in legislation; exciting the passions by sweeping denunciations and effecting no practical good. Lord deliver us from evil.

THE HALF CENTURY QUESTION.—We have seen no clearer elucidation of the half century question than one which appears in the English papers. A correspondent of one of these papers says: "Let a hundred apples represent the century, and let twelve bites to each apple represent the months. It is clear that when the twelfth or last bite has been made of the fiftieth apple, the apples are half gone, and thus that the twelfth month of the fiftieth year of a hundred completes the half century."

FROM BERMUDA.—By an arrival at Charleston, the *Courier* of that city has received intelligence from Bermuda to the 17th ult. The only information is the following:

TOTAL LOSS OF THE SHIP L. Z. AND BARQUE MARIETTA.—Captain Hosmer informs us that the ship L. Z., of and from New York, for Liverpool, with a full cargo of flour, corn, &c., and some passengers, was abandoned at sea on the 16th January, in lat. about 36, long. 67 30—she having become water logged. The passengers and crew were taken off by the barque Mafietta, Vinard, of and from Bath, (Me.) for Havana. In endeavoring to place the passengers and crew on board the Marietta, one of the boats got swamped, and the third officer of the L. Z., Thomas Bailey, with two passengers, were drowned. The Marietta, being short of water, made sail for the Bermudas. When nearing them, she ran ashore on the Southwestern reef, and became a total loss. The Brothers brought in two of the passengers of the L. Z. The Rev. J. O. Wright, of Buffalo, (N. Y.) and Mr. W. Conant; also Captain J. G. Means, the chief officer and crew remain of the same ship.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

[Transmitted to the N. O. Bee.]

MORE OF THE EUROPA'S NEWS.

BALTIMORE, February 10th.

COMMERCIAL.

Good New Beef is selling at 7½c. @., and New Mess Pork at 35c. The sales of Tobacco since the commencement of the year have amounted to 1,954 hhds at very full prices.

POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.

The projected expedition of the French Government to Buenos Ayres, has been abandoned.

A dissolution of the Prussian Cabinet is threatened.

The Austrian Diet has been convoked.

The Chamber of Deputies in Hanover refuses to recognize the Central Commission of Austria and Prussia.

The Government of Sardinia has approved the treaty of peace between Piedmont and Austria.

Negotiations for peace between Denmark and Prussia have been renewed at Berlin.

Prussia has resumed diplomatic intercourse with Austria.

The Pope has not yet returned to Rome.

The political affairs of England and Ireland present no new feature.

The steamship *Ohio* has arrived at New York.

CONGRESS.

By way of Louisville we have received a telegraphic summary of the proceedings of Congress on the 4th inst. In the SENATE, after the presentation of petitions, the census bill was taken up and considered. Mr. Davis spoke in explanation and favor of the bill, and the debate was continued till the hour of adjournment.

In the HOUSE, Mr. Root offered a resolution prohibiting slavery in California. The resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 109 to 79.—Mr. Root then offered another, that the duty of Congress is to secure equal rights to the people of all colors, laid on the table—101 to 89.

Mr. Dosney offered a series of resolutions declaring that the people of every separate community have an inherent right to frame their own domestic laws, to establish their own local governments, in all cases where provisions of such laws do not conflict with the provisions of the Constitution, and that the Judiciary Committee prepare an amendment to the Constitution to this effect: that the will of the people of the District of Columbia of right ought to govern the action of Congress in relation to the existence of slavery within its limits; laid on the table.

A discussion followed on the relative duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper.

☞ An ineffectual attempt was made to choose a door-keeper.

Mr. Gorman gave notice that he would introduce a resolution instructing the Territory Committee to enquire into the expediency of admitting California with her present constitution.

Mr Thompson, of Miss., introduced a bill repealing the law establishing the Home Department; referred.

Mr. Cobb, of Ala., offered a resolution that the Senate appoint twelve members, six from the north and six from the south, and that the House appoint twenty members, ten from the north and ten from the south, to devise a plan predicated on constitutional principles, to settle all difficulties; that they submit the plan to the two houses, in order that the harmony of the two sections may be perpetuated.

Mr. Ingo offered a resolution that the interference of the President, through the agency, Thos Butler King, in California, was unauthorized by the Constitution, and is in flagrant violence of the province of Congress. He called the previous question, which not being seconded, it lies over. He then gave notice of his intention to debate it when he obtained the floor.

The House then adjourned.

FOREIGN IMMIGRATION.—The number of foreign immigrants into the port of New York during the year 1849, was 220,603; of which 20,000 were from England, 25,321; Scotland, 8,890 Norway, 3,300; France, 2,563; Holland, 2,417 Wales, 1,742; Switzerland, 1,405; Sweden, 1,097; Italy, 692; West Indies, 449; Portugal, 287; Spain 211; Sardinia, 172; Denmark, 159; Nova Scotia, 151; Poland, 133; Belgium, 118; Canada, 59; Russia, 34; East Indies, 21; South America, 33; Mexico, 23; Sicily, 20; China, 9; Arabia, 8; Greece, 6; Turkey, 6.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 3, 6 P. M.

Commodore Daniel Turner, in charge of the Navy Yard at Philadelphia, died suddenly today. The weather is very cold.

☞ The Virginia House of Delegates have adopted a resolution making provision for the laying of the corner-stone of the Washington Monument on the 22d inst.; and directing the Governor to invite the President of the United States to be present on the occasion.

☞ The Washington *Union* says there is no truth in the report that Mr. Bodisco, the Russian Minister, has been recalled. A Washington letter to the North American makes the same denial, and adds

> Letters of a recent date have been received from him by members of his household, announcing that the reports of his exile to Siberia had created no little merriment with the court at St. Petersburg. His return to the United States is anticipated in March.

Treasury Notes Outstanding Feb. 1, 1850.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, }
Register's Office, February 1, 1850. }

Amount outstanding of the several issues prior to 22d July, 1846, as per records of this office, ... $142,589 31

Amount outstanding of the issue of 22d July, 1846, as per records of this office, ... 52,800 00

Amount outstanding of the issue of the 28th January, 1847, as per records of this office, ... 2,171,950 00

2,367,339 31

Deduct cancelled notes in the hands of the accounting officers, of which $150 is under acts prior to 22d July, 1846; $4,700 under acts of 28th January, 1847, ... 8,850 00

$2,358,489 31

M. NOURSE, Register ad interim.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, February 1, 1850.

SIR,—The Secretary of the Treasury acknowledges the receipt of *Twenty Dollars*, "justly due the United States," which have been paid into the United States Treasury.

FROM HAYTI.—The N. Y. Herald of the 3d inst., publishes the following:

> I have only time by this opportunity to send you the intelligence, that on Monday, the 28th ult., under date of 10th January, received from the capital this morning, which abolishes the last one of 16th December. At the date of my letter I thought I had seen the worst of it, but this new law puts the finishing touch to our commercial miseries. On examination, you will at once see the bearing of the law; the imposts is removed on coffee, which we are now told we can ship to France, and find it, and at whatever price we please; but at the same time the tariff is diminished, and we are forced to sell our goods at the fixed prices, which leave a little more than the result. Already coffee has advanced from 9 to 60 per 100 pounds at Port-au-Prince, and will doubtless go still higher, as those who have engagements to fulfil must have it at any price.
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> Can you not get the subject of our trade with this island brought up through some influential member of Congress, at the present session? I think a little discussion on it might be attended with some good.
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> My time will not permit me to write any more by this vessel, which is about to sail.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.—The U. S. steam frigate Saranac, now lying at the navy yard, Portsmouth, N. H., is nearly ready for sea. Her length from stem to stern, is 214 feet 9 inches; length between perpendiculars, 210 feet; length of keel, 203 feet; breadth of beam, 37 feet; depth of hold, 23 feet 3 inches. She is built of live oak, in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and is said to be a beautiful specimen of naval architecture. Her armament consists of two long pivot guns of eight inch calibre, weighing eleven thousand eight hundred and ninety pounds each, and four broadside guns of eight inch calibre; weighing six thousand two hundred and sixty-nine pounds each. She is furnished with two inclined engines of 350 horse power each; cylinder 60 inches diameter, 9 feet stroke; air pumps, 494 inches diameter, 40 inches stroke; connecting rod, 18 feet long, 6½ inches diameter at the neck; water wheel shafting 18 feet long; journals, 154 inches diameter, 18 inches long, weighing 16,000 pounds each; centre shaft, 10 feet 4 inches long, weighing 8,000 pounds; cranks, wrought iron, weighing 3,500 pounds each. The engine frames are built of wrought iron plates 3-8 of an inch thick, riveted together, with angle iron to form the corners. The diameter of the water wheels is 28 feet, width 9 feet, with double buckets. The boilers (three) are of copper, double return flues, 17 feet long, 13 feet wide, 9 feet high, and have 1600 square feet of grate surface. The weight of the boilers is 180,000 pounds. The rest of the engines and boilers is 670,000.—*N. Y. Herald.*

TRIAL OF PROFESSOR WEBSTER.

Further Particulars of the Murder of Dr. Parkman—Full Report of the Proceedings of the Court—The Testimony of Witnesses, &c.

The trial of Professor Webster, for the murder of Dr. Parkman, which has already been the occasion of so much excitement in Boston, commenced on the 19th ult., and has occupied the attention of the court from that time to the present. The following report of the proceedings, which we have condensed from the Boston papers, will be found interesting:

The Court House was filled to overflowing, at an early hour, by persons anxious to witness the proceedings. Judge Metcalf, being a witness in the case on the part of the prosecution. Messrs. J. B. Gray, J. P. Benjamin, Franklin Dexter, R. M. Choate and B. R. Lee, appeared for Mr. Carter; Mr. Alexander Graihie for Mr. Upton, and Mr. Field, for Amos Hough. The Attorney General conducted the prosecution for the State. Before the Jury was empannelled, Mr. Choate moved to have each party separately tried—the case was not one of conspiracy or combination, and nothing in the nature of the charge required that the parties should be tried collectively. Mr. Choate did not wish to put in the plea of prescription inasmuch as his client desired to test the case on its own merits. That plea, however, was perfectly valid, as the statute of limitations only extended over one year, whilst the offence with which the parties are charged is alleged to have been committed upwards of two years ago. To be sure, the Attorney General, in the indictment, had endeavored to overcome this objection, by setting forth that the defacing of the records had only come to the knowledge of one of the officers of the Court a few months since. But this could not affect the case in point. He did not, however, propose to bring forward this plea, as his client desired a full investigation which would clearly prove that no fraud had ever been intended. The other parties might perhaps wish to introduce the plea in question, and for that reason he would ask for a severance of the case.

The Attorney General answered at some length, and cited several authorities to disprove the assertion of Counsel that the case was debarred by the statute of limitations. He contended also that no good cause had been shown why the parties accused should be separated on their trial.

Mr. Grymes remarked that the observations of his colleague were addressed to the discretion of the Court, and not claimed as a right. He was quite aware that the authorities were against the right. After reading the law on the subject of altering, falsifying and embezzling a record, the learned advocate contended that only one party could be a principal in the matter, though others might have aided and abetted in the transaction. If all three were then to be tried together, great injustice might be done to one or other of the parties. They might be subjected collectively to the influence of testimony which, properly speaking, could only affect one of the parties. He considered, therefore, that the circumstance presented a strong appeal to the discretion of the court.

His Honor decided that no good cause had been shown for a severance of the parties on trial. The reasoning put forth that the evidence on trial might unjustly affect one on other of the parties, was insufficient to satisfy his Honor's mind. Had the request been addressed to the private discretion he would willingly comply, but it was a matter for the exercise of his legal discretion, and the authorities were against the admission.

The following jury was then empannelled: J. C. Reed, T. Meyer, J. H. Shepherd, A. Latouche, J. Bacon, S. S. Rice, W. R. Brashman, F. Arnold, H. Legendre, H. B. Perry, A. McArthur, F. Wood.

The Attorney General then cited the law under which the present prosecution was framed. The act of May 4th, 1805, section 30 provides that any person convicted of defacing, altering and falsifying a record of the courts, with intent to defraud, shall be punished by a fine of $1,000, and not less than two years' imprisonment at hard labor. The indictment having been read,

R. H. Dana was sworn for the prosecution. The Attorney General handed witness a document, with request to examine it. I saw it for the first time a year ago—was then called upon by a young man named Chandler, to investigate the succession of his mother.

Mr Benjamin here objected to the document as evidence, on the ground that the *allegata* and *probata* ought to correspond both in civil and criminal jurisprudence, but more especially in the latter. In this case the parties were called upon to answer the charge of defacing a record—now the true question is to fix that the defacement consists of leaving blanks in the record, whereas the original document shows that a portion has been erased and torn away. The accused were charged with defacing, &c., by omission—a mode in the nature of the offence required that the parties should be tried collectively. Mr. Cohen did not wish to put in the plea of prescription inasmuch as his client desired to test the case on its own merits. That plea, however, was perfectly valid, as the statute of limitations only extended over one year, whilst the offence with which the parties are charged is alleged to have been committed upwards of two years ago. To be sure, the Attorney General, in the indictment, had endeavored to overcome this objection, by setting forth that the defacing of the records had only come to the knowledge of one of the officers of the Court a few months since. But this could not affect the case in point. He did not, however, propose to bring forward this plea, as his client desired a full investigation which would clearly prove that no fraud had ever been intended. The other parties might perhaps wish to introduce the plea in question, and for that reason he would ask for a severance of the case.

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