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SPECULATIONS.

We have a shrewd suspicion that in the recent Presidential election an exceedingly meagre vote has been every-where cast. Thus far full returns have been received only from some of the Parishes in our own State, from Mobile, and from one or two counties in Mississippi—As far as they go, they tend strongly to confirm this opinion. Take for instance, the city of New Orleans. Four years ago the vote was over ten thousand, two years ago it was ten thousand five hundred; at the election on Tuesday it did not exceed 9,200. We may estimate the natural increase of voters since 1846 at from 1,500 to 2,000. A tolerably full vote would have surely come beyond 11,000. The vote is therefore at least 1,700 short. The Democratic vote is not less than was cast by the same party at the presidential election in 1848. The Whig vote exhibits a still further reduction. It is evident then that while many Democrats did not vote for PIERCE, a very large number of Whigs refused to sustain SCOTT. We believe that the details of the vote in the country parishes will tend to confirm this view, and will prove that, while the nomination of Gen SCOTT failed to unite the Whig party, that of Gen. PIERCE did not elicit the unanimous and enthusiastic support of the Democrats.

There can be no doubt that the candidature of Gen. SCOTT was a disastrous political error; but his friends and admirers were grossly mistaken in their estimate of his strength, and still more at in their conviction of his ability to reconcile and bring into cordial co-operation, the conflicting elements evoked into activity by the action of the Whig National Convention. Gen. SCOTT was the favorite of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Where the Whigs of the South discovered that they could not muster votes enough in Convention to nominate either FILLMORE or WEBSTER, they were persuaded to accept heartily and cheerfully the Hero of Chippewa, under the assurance that he would, beyond all doubt, carry two, if not all three of the border slave States. There is no reason to question the sincerity of those who held forth these promises to the South. They believed what they asserted, and indeed, under other and more favorable circumstances—with a harmonious and united and enthusiastic party—Gen. SCOTT might have accomplished all that his warmest partisans claimed for him. But his nomination was followed by dissension, jealousy and desertion. The Webster and Fillmore men could not be brought to regard Gen. SCOTT with favor. Prejudices had arisen against him, and taken possession of the public mind—prejudices which we ourselves were not free from, and which were only dispelled by the cogent testimony elicited in his behalf. It was in vain that the Whigs strove earnestly and unceasingly to set the public mind right. The effort was but partially successful—at best, its only effect was to prevent the major part of the bolters from sustaining PIERCE, but it did not induce them to take sides with SCOTT. Accordingly, they stood as they from the gulf, and remained nowhere to have suffered the election to go by default.

While the conservative or national Whigs stood aloof from Gen. SCOTT, the special friends of Mr WEBSTER and Mr FILLMORE took a very active part against him. Look at Boston, giving over a thousand votes for the corpse of Mr WEBSTER! Look at New York where Webster men refused to abandon their organization, and doubtless cast a heavy vote against SCOTT. Look throughout the North, and the influence of this adverse element are seen in the diminished Whig vote, and in the comparatively large vote taken from SCOTT and given to PIERCE.

It is not by any means certain that we could have elected Gen. SCOTT, had the Whig party been a complete unit—for the Democracy, when united, are formidable indeed, and it is beyond dispute that the nomination of Mr. PIERCE occasioned nearly a thorough fusion of all the factions into which the Democratic party had been divided. Yet, among the Democrats, there lingered a feeling of indifference which the leaders could not wholly overcome, for the vote proves that the Democracy did not display their entire strength, though they rallied around their standard with far more ardor and unanimity than the Whigs. The nomination of Mr. PIERCE was received distastefully, but the Democracy are more manageable than the Whigs, and cling to party ties with a more powerful cohesion. Hence they suffered but little from defection, and gave to their candidate the material part of their effective strength.

We think the result of this contest will put an end for some time at least, to the aspirations of our great men. The people seem disposed to honor obscurity, and to draw mediocrity from retirement, and confer on it the highest honors. So be it. The people are sovereign, and we acknowledge their decree, while we mourn the error of judgment that dictates it.

FEMALE ORPHAN ASYLUM.—We are requested to state that Sister RYAN gratefully acknowledges the receipt of $173 45, from the Portuguese Benevolent Society, collected at their balls in the Old Cemetery, No. 1 Basin Street, on Saturday morning, in the First Baptist Church, New York, for the purpose of striking out a course of action in which conflicting materials and opinions, should be hammered and together unite, respecting the prominent opinions of the English Scripture, a question which had caused much divisions and quarrels in the Baptist churches. The following resolution was unanimously passed to consider the questions in dispute: "Resolved, That the Bible—Old Testament, Old Covenant, of Pa. A. Whedbeck, of New York, Prof M E Andrews, Rev H Fowler and Rev M Parks. Rings say to expect to a subsequent meeting. A spirit of harmony, prevailed among the persons who participated in the discussion, and it is quite probable that the existing causes of difficulty may be amicably adjusted.

☞ The attention of buyers is called to the sale of tea, hundred and fifty packages and lots of fresh imported Foreign and American Dry Goods, this day, at 10 o'clock, by Thomas J. Cox, at store, No. 1 Exchange Place, 40 Exchange street, which will be sold 100 pieces 4-4 and 5-4 sheeting.

VOTE OF LOUISIANA.

	SCOTT.	PIERCE.
Orleans,	4730	4843
Jefferson,	914	923
St Charles,	83	
St John,	29	
Ascension,		62
Iberville,		108
St Tammany,	46	
Livingston,		182
Plaquemine,		233
St Bernard,	13	
Carroll,	261	219
St James,	163	
	6318	6570

"One precinct to be heard from which usually gives 10 or 15 Whig majority.

In the above parishes PIERCE has 352 majority. In 1849 WALKER beat DECLOUET in the same parishes 278. Whig loss 74. We think PIERCE has carried the State by from 800 to 1,000.

AVOYELLES.—This parish is reported to have given 92 majority to PIERCE, and 40 against the new constitution. This is a Whig gain of 46 since 1849.

RAPIDES gives some 250 to PIERCE—about her usual vote. We hear that the vote on the new constitution is a tie.

WEST BATON ROUGE.—We understand that the Parish of West Baton Rouge gives SCOTT 56 majority, being a Whig loss of 23 votes.

BATON ROUGE.—The complete returns from East Baton Rouge exhibit a majority of ONE vote for PIERCE. The Whig gain is 77. Add Baton Rouge to the other Parishes from which returns have been received, and we stand just about the same as in 1849, when WALKER, (D.) was elected Governor by a thousand majority: East Baton Rouge has given a small majority in favor of the adoption of the Constitution.

TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY.—From the following scattering returns which we find in the Natchez papers, we feel almost certain that Tennessee has gone for SCOTT, and think it probable that Kentucky has done the same:

Tennessee.

Nashville—Scott's majority 423—over 190 Whig gain. In 10 districts, a Whig majority.

Scott's gain in Memphis 354 over Taylor's vote. In two precincts reported gain of 43 for Scott.

Clarksville—Gone for Scott by Taylor's majority.

Kentucky.

Smithland—Scott 101, Pierce 71. Scott's gain 32 over Powell's vote of 1851.

Hopkinsville at close of polls—First District, Scott 207—Pierce 91, showing gain for Scott of 5 on vote of 1851.

Princeton—Official vote stands, Scott 190, Pierce 131. Whig gain of 12 on vote of '51.

Eddyville, Caldwell county, (Sixth District) Vote, Scott 82, Pierce 154.

Louisville City gives Pierce 80 majority, Vote stands Pierce Scott, Layville 91 for Scott (Glasgow 141, Bardstown 224, both majorities for Scott.

Fayette 500 majority for Scott, Nelson, Scott's majority upwards of 500. Returns, as far as received, show steady Whig gain over Governor's election. Kentucky has gone for Scott.

PRESIDENT FILLMORE.—We learn that as an appropriate mark of respect for the President of the United States, a number of gentlemen—Senators of Congress, Judges of the Supreme Court, and citizens of both political parties—have employed Mr. D. Stone to execute a bust, pure Italian marble, of Mr Fillmore, with the design of having it placed permanently in the Presidential Mansion, as an appropriate testimonial of the character of one who has so greatly adorned and dignified his high position. It is to be regretted that likenesses of all the Presidents have not been preserved in the same manner. In this circular we learn that Mr. Stone, we are informed, has just completed busts of Chief Justice Taney and of Justice Wayne, which are pronounced perfect chef d'oeuvre.

We have been furnished with a copy of the subscription paper, to which we shall be pleased to add the names of any of our citizens who may in the mean time be inclined to express appreciation of one who has been justly styled "the model President." *Baltimore American.*

SCRAPS FROM THE N. Y. TIMES.—*Merry Andrew*—The name bestowed upon clowns and jesters has been derived from Mr. Andrew Borde, a very facetious physician of the time of Henry VIII. He talked and wrote in the broad bulls style of old English humor, and his sayings then, used to be repeated like Miller's in our own times. He writes thus, in the character of a Welsh harper:—

I am a gentleman, and some of Brute's blood,
My name is AP RICE AP DAVY AP HUGH,
My kindred is AP HOWL, AP JENKIN AP GOFFER;
Because I am barelegged, I do catch de colds!
My song, and my harp, I do play do agree.
Much like the buzzing of a bumble-bee.

He wrote the "History of the Mad Men of Gotam." Gotam was a town of Lincolnshire, the municipal and other tenures of which were held by the practice of some of these group, gay numerous in which were—vassals and fools—land in past times. Lincolnshire, it will be remembered, contained the cradle of our early Bastonians as well as of the *Gothamites*—of whom we hear such funny things at the present day.

Word Catcher—It is Hazlitt, we believe, who laughs fiercely at those pettifogging *litterateurs*, who hack at a man's words, and mangle the bowels of his meaning, and bring an imperfect quotation with the air of a strict citizen taking a pickpocket. They are annoying, to be sure. But we contend they have their uses. Though "extreme exactness is the sublime of folia," yet exactness is a good thing, and if a fool obliges a man to be exact, it is good for him. Rats, weasels, ravens, sparrows, and such small deer are railed at domestically and agriculturally, but they are in God's economy, and perform their parts. In the same way, the word critics are serviceable. They *do* correct many mistakes, consistently, with their powers and habits, and should be so scouted because they do not act in a different way. If rats and mice go scuttling about the house, don't swear, remember its because there's something in the larder.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE A KING.—The foreign advices recently stated that a desperate attempt had been made to assassinate the monarch of Persia. The Kurds and other mountain tribes had heard the rumor of the Shah's death, and were in open insurrection.

The punishment inflicted on the chief of the assassins is as follows. It is terrible in its cruelty.

Hajee Suleiman Khan, accused as the instigator of the crime, was seized, his body carefully stilled with a knife in parts which would not affect the mortal wounds, then covered with candles were then introduced into the holes, and, thus illuminated, carried in procession through the bazaar, and finalled conveyed to the town gate, and there left to twine, like a fat ram. The Kurret-ul-ain, better known as Baha's Lieutenant, or the Fair Prophetess of Kazoom, who, since the late religious outbreak has been left a close prisoner at the capital, has been executed, with some dozen others. His Majesty received from the Prince royal on the shoulders, but all of a very slight nature.

THE REAL AND IDEAL.—Fanny Fern finds in *The N. Y. Dutchman*, with a laughable picture the way Mrs Adolphus Smith mixed up literary and domestic matters:

"Well, says Mrs. S., 'I think I'll finish that story to the Editor of *The Dutchman*. Let me see, where did I leave off?' The setting sun was just eclipsed in with its last ray—Mr. S. was some bread and molasses—(type dear), gilding with his last ray the church spire—Wife, where is my Sunday pantaloons?' *Wife (the lady fair)* the church spire of Inverness, when sa—'There's nothing under the bed dear, but your boots'—(Perhaps they are in the coal hod in the closet,) when a horseman was approaching—Ma'am, the *pertaters* is out; and not one to bile for dinner'—(Take some turnips) approaching and covered with dust and—'Will the boy has swallowed a button—*Reverse him, dear*—(take him by the heels,) and waving in his hand a banner on which was written—Ma! I've torn my pantaloons!'—liberty or death! The inhabitants rushed *en masse*—'Wife! will you leave off scribbling?'—(Dear! he disagrees, Smith, I'm just getting inspired) to the public square, where do Begnis, who had secretly—Butcher wants to see you ma'am—secretly incensed of the traitor—(Forgot which you said sausages or mutton chop,)—movements gave orders to fire; not less than twenty—'My precious! Smith, you have been observing that child all this time: he's as black as you can' and that boy of yours has torn up his first sheet of my manuscript.' 'There? it's so as for a sacrificed woman to cultivate her intellect. I must wait till I'm a widow, Smith, hand me those *terns*.

SOURCES OF THE THAMES.—After a long ascent, you come to some solitary grassy hills; on the top of these, under the shade of two or three elders, is a little grove of pleasy springs, which trickle away, bursting, as far as the eye can follow them, an insignificant brook. Such is the modest infancy of the proud Thames. I felt a tide of poetry came over my mind, as I thought how, last a few miles hence, I had seen those same waters covered with a thousand vessels; but this glorious stream in its short course, bears on its bosom more ships, more treasure, and more human beings than any of its celebrated brothers; how the capital of the world lies on its banks, and by its omnipotent commerce, may be almost said to rule the four quarters of the globe. With reverential feeling then, I looked down on the gushing drops, and compared them, first, to Napoleon, who, obscurely born in Ajaccio, in a few years made all the thrones of the earth tremble; then with the avalanche which, loosened from its bed under the foot of a sparrow, is for five minutes hurled in ruins; then with Mahomet, whose father died rich, and without whose assistance no power in Europe seems now able to carry on war.—*Tour of a Foreign*.

PRESENCE OF MIND.—It is recorded of the learned Parr, that he was assigned to an early and a night in his carriage, by a highwayman, who, running a pistol through the window exclaimed in a tone of the highest bravery, demanded his money, exclaiming, at the conclusion that he had heard that his lordship had obtained thus by a lucky hit, which he robbed by a chief ale highwayman, but that he was determined to be the bravery. His lordship, putting his hand to his pocket, replied: "Blunder would I be ashamed if I was not for the chief ale highwayman, who is a gentleman, and a man of honor, and a man of honor, and a man of honor