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## The Laws, Journals, &c.

Frequent inquiry is made as to "what time the Laws and Journals will be printed." To answer them all at once, and to satisfy the public generally, we would state, that the Journals will undoubtedly be finished within the time allowed by law. Also the Documentary Journal. As to the laws, we cannot answer. If the apology for a Secretary of State is as smart as usual, (with his salary nearly doubled) we may be able to get them out by the time the next Legislature meets; in which body we shall explain the reasons. It has been hinted that he is in no hurry to assist us, as brother Deffen, (a royal whig) supercedes us on the 1st of August, and, may be, he supposes this work would help his party to more of "the sinners." That is a question yet to be tried by the people through their representatives.

Mr. Duggins, the successor of Mr. Gurnea, upon the tripod of that brilliant luminary yelp "the Indiana Courier," cracks over the fact, that in speaking of the qualifications of Thomas L. Smith for the duties of the Supreme Bench, we specified *politics* among other branches of knowledge in which he was proficient. Duggins puts this word in capitals, and tries to convey the impression, that our idea of the science of politics or the abstract principles of government are similar to his own, and are necessarily confined to partisan clatter and the elevation of men to office through the dirty processes of party clamor and hubbub. Perhaps in the course of a quarter of a century, if he should live so long, Duggins may learn that there is some difference between our ideas and his on this subject, and perhaps, when he learns so much as that, he may be able to appreciate the importance of such knowledge in a Supreme Judge, who is liable at all times to be called upon to decide upon the political, as well as the pecuniary or personal rights of citizens.

Duggins further attempts to be witty on account of the fact that Mr. Smith is proficient also in medical knowledge. The State Journal has also alluded to the same subject in a sneering manner. It is true, that in alluding to Mr. Smith's qualifications, we did not think of this. If he had, we should certainly have specified it most emphatically; for perhaps there is no branch of legal science more important, nor is there one upon which lawyers are generally less proficient, than that of *medical jurisprudence*. In this particular therefore, we consider it very fortunate indeed, both for the credit of the Supreme Bench and the rights and interests of those who are to be affected by its decisions, that in Mr. Smith we have a judge who is not only eminently proficient, as we have here said, in his "diversified knowledge in general literature, politics and business, as well as law," but who also has had the advantages of a thorough education in the science of medicine. It is indeed a new thing under the sun, that a man should be ridiculed, and held to be incompetent for office, because he possesses extraordinary and varied knowledge! Yet this is the predicament in which the Deffens and Duggins of the whig press are ineffectually putting themselves.

The Editor of the State Sentinel is howling piteously over the loss of the State printing—*Legislative Telegraph*.

The fellow who utters the above Mundaneism is the same chap who six weeks ago "howled" like a sick dog because Mr. Fisher, the Canal Superintendent, gave a small job of advertising to his competitor, the editor of the "Pianos," and who, not being able to obtain relief by "howling" *sub voce*, gathered together a meeting of whig "innocentnesses," for the purpose of reading Mr. Fisher out of the whig party. He "howled" with equal vociferation, if we recollect right, over the loss of a delinquent list, about the same time, and even intimated very loudly that if he was to be subjected to many more such monstrous losses of cipher and five, he would withdraw his powerful support from the federal party! He is a pretty fellow, indeed, to talk of our "howling." But this is in exact accordance with that meanness attribute of real humanity, which leads men to suspect all others guilty of all peculiar baseness for which they themselves are most remarkable.

Senators, the abolition-whig, of the Tippecanoe (Lafayette) Journal, is dealing very largely in diffident denunciations of those who did not choose to go the "whole hog" for the new Butler bill; and this before it is possible for him to know any thing about its merits or demerits. His tone is very different from that assumed by him last year in relation to the first bill. What is the reason of this? Who pays for it? We were told by some who ought to know, that certain gentlemen in Lafayette would be largely benefited in pocket through the appreciation of certain scrip consequent upon the passage of this bill. Is this the source of Sena's wonderful and sudden zeal? Perhaps so; but we will take the liberty of gratuitously advising him, that the *note of a new convert* is not always the best evidence to wise heads of sincerity and honesty.

In the present war we have two republics beltering one another for no other reason, than because a President had not sense enough to avoid it. And although we are willing to admit that the Mexican institutions are not equal or as perfect as ours, yet it cannot be denied that the Government of Mexico was modeled after our own, and its institutions with all its imperfections bear a nearer resemblance to those of the United States, than those of any other government in the world.—*Legislative Telegraph, Jan. 30.*

If the writer of the above believes what he says, he would probably feel himself justified in joining the Mexicans, and giving them "aid and comfort," by acts as well as words. As to what he says about the perfection of Mexican institutions, if he were a citizen of that republic, and exhibited as traitorous a spirit towards it as he now does towards this, he would soon find some of them *perfect* enough to put a halter about his neck for his treason.

We have read Mr. Pettit's speech, in the House of Representatives, on the subject of slavery and slave territory, with pleasure, though we regret the events which brought it out. It contains more sound sense than most speeches on the same subject. We shall publish it if we can find room.

SAMUEL C. WILLSON, Esq., of Crawfordsville, has announced himself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for Congress in the 8th district.

"Old Johnny Vanter," the "notion maker," announces himself for nomination as the whig anti-slavery candidate for Congress in the 24th district.

Senator HANCOCK will accept our especial thanks for very valuable documents.

## Improvements in Indianapolis.

Since a former notice of improvements in our city, we have others then not remarked upon, and occurring since. Among the first of those now called to mind, we would name the fact that the Catholic Bishop, (now a resident of Vincennes) has purchased valuable property to considerable extent; and we understand that it is in contemplation to proceed immediately to erect a splendid Cathedral, such as will be an honor to our State and its capital. We suppose that this will then necessarily be the location of the Bishop and head of the diocese. In consequence, other property must be had, and other improvements made.

In addition to this, the President and Holy Brothers of the Notre Dame du Lac Seminary at South Bend, we understand, will move the principal branch of said institution to this city. Already his brother Joseph, deputed for that purpose, made arrangements for purchasing one of the most eligible sites in this vicinity, being just on the outskirts of the city, on high and commanding ground, and embracing 27 acres of ground, with very considerable improvements, such as buildings, 15 acres cleared, with orchards, &c.—This location is one of the very best, in our opinion, in the country. Near enough to town to enable the Brothers to attend their various schools in it, (such as we understand they intend to establish) it is yet far enough for the necessary accommodation of the students, in a quiet and respectable neighborhood, a healthy situation, and retired for study and contemplation; while the extent and beauty of the grounds give ample scope for amusement, recreation, industry, and the sublime study of nature itself. It is understood that appropriate new buildings will be put under contract as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

We learn, that if suitable encouragement is given, a day school for children will be shortly established, for notices of which will be given. Also, a school for adults, desirous of learning or perfecting themselves in the German and French languages, &c.

These improvements made and to be made, together with others which circumstances compel us to pass by just now, and the contemplated completion of the railroad, which we are assured will be made in the coming summer, will give our city an impetus which it ought to have had long since, and which now already begins to manifest itself by an influx of strangers, increase of value of property, and a greater foreign inquiry as to our resources for business generally. It will, it must, come.

NEW PLAN FOR CONDUCTING THE WAR.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post says that Gen. Perry thinks that a plan like this would be more advantageous:

"Abandon all expensive, sanguinary and doubtful projects of further invasion. So far as regards the interior of Mexico, let us be content with the occupation of the provinces already conquered, or so much of them as we may intend to keep as 'indemnities' for the war. On the other hand, let us take immediate possession of all her ports, both on the Gulf and on the Pacific, and occupy them as conquered territory, till she shall come to just and honorable terms of peace. Open them all to a free commerce, first placing in them collections of our own, and establishing a suitable tariff of specific duties, by means of which we shall levy, from the Mexican nation itself, a revenue fully adequate to cover all the expenses, naval and military, of such occupation. In regard to Yucatan, which is constantly howling hot and cold between Mexico and ourselves, compel that province at once to its election between the two. If it shall abide by the fate of the former, include its ports likewise in the system, and in either case, extend a system of military occupation across the isthmus which connects it with Mexico, so as to cut off the Mexicans from the supplies (chiefly of the indispensable article of salt) which they now derive from the cunning and double dealing Yucatecs. When we have our enemy thus shut in on all sides, let us hold him so, like a fox in a trap, till he comes to his senses, begs pardon, and promises to be good.

The beauty of this plan is that *Mexico herself* will have to pay its *own* expenses, while at the same time our own people and commerce will be greatly benefited by it. It will be idle for her to prohibit the further diffusion throughout the country of the goods thus introduced into her ports. They will circulate as certainly and almost as freely as though they had passed regularly through Mexican instead of American custom houses. The government naturally of tobacco, from which they now derive a considerable portion of their revenue, would be broken up by the competition of the cheaper and better supplies with which the country would be flooded. The cottons for which they now pay fifty cents a yard, they will buy freely at ten. Their own poor manufactures, already sustained by a 'protection tariff,' will fall like so many straws in a river, while the people will be taught a practical lesson in the philosophy of free trade, which, after the termination of the war, they will not so forget."

In publishing the above, steps Gen. Perry of any claim to originality in making the suggestions. The Post itself made the same suggestions, as long ago as last November; and the Spirit of the Times made similar ones in October. These have since that time been discussed and talked of by editors and politicians. Com. Perry goes to Washington, is consulted by members of the Cabinet as to the feasibility of a particular plan. He hears it discussed in the circles of Mr. C. He thinks well of it, and talks of it, and some little while after gives him the credit of originating the plan.

It was stated last Sunday, by Rev. Mr. Bennett, that there has been raised by the citizens of Indianapolis, for religious, social, and educational purposes, within the ten years last past, the large sum of \$115,000! This is independent of the small private charities of which no record has been kept. It will be remembered that the population has at no time exceeded five thousand inhabitants, and not averaged more than four thousand. The principal objects to which this sum has been applied are the building of churches; for missions, foreign and home; subscriptions for the erection and support of colleges abroad, schools within the city, relief of the poor, &c.

See-saw.—Before the election of State Printer, the State Sentinel supported the "Butler Bill," both a *whig* and a *democrat*, change seems to have come over the spirit of its deers. We live in a strange world, and one ought not to be surprised much, we reckon, if strange things do sometimes happen.—*Tippecanoe Journal.*

The above is barely *false*, as every reader of the State Sentinel must know.

To PRINTERS.—A first rate workman is wanted to take charge of a Job office in Lafayette. Address JOHN ROSSER, Lafayette, Ind.

There seems to be a general want of journeyman printers in this State; perhaps in consequence of the fact that many have "gone to the wars."

Congress has altered the charter of the City of Washington, so as to abolish the property qualification for voters, and to render elective certain offices heretofore filled by Councils. The National Intelligence grows over it like a dog with a sore head.

One of the editors is Mayor of the city, and if the people are permitted to vote, he will probably be voted out of his office, as he ought to be.

## General Taylor's Letter.

The Whig papers of the West, so far as we have seen them, and we see a good many, generally approve of the letter recently published and imputed, as we have no doubt correctly, to General Taylor. They do this for several reasons: Taylor, they think, may possibly be the Whig candidate for the Presidency; therefore they must approve of his conduct whatever it may be; he assails the Administration; and of course this gratifies them; he expects, so far as he is able, the plan of the campaign to the Enemy; and it thus assists them in giving "aid and comfort" to their dear friends the Mexicans. In this traitorous disposition they far exceed their political confidants at the east. We have had occasion to note this fact in other instances. Though in principle the eastern federalists are perhaps even more *peral* than those of the West, they nevertheless have *personal* honor and self-respect enough to restrain them sometimes within the bounds of decency and a show of patriotism at least. While therefore, as we have said, our Whig papers are in ecstasies of delight at Taylor's letter, and bestow upon it unqualified praise, the *Boston Atlas*, the leading whig paper in New England, endorses it in pointed terms. This condemnation is the more remarkable, as the principal editor of the *Atlas*, in his capacity of member of the Massachusetts General Assembly, had but a few days before introduced a resolution highly complimentary to Taylor's generalship.

## From the Boston Atlas (Whig.)

GEN. TAYLOR'S LETTER.—We publish this morning, on our first page, a letter which purports to have been written by Gen. Taylor, to a near friend and relative in the city of New York, on the subject of the war in Mexico. On first reading, we were struck by the directness and plainness of the letter. It was hardly to be believed that Gen. Taylor—who has been so generally and sagaciously in his correspondence, as well as the conduct of the war—would so far forget his duty to his country, in whose service he is still engaged, to depart from his line of correspondence with that government, and devote to an individual citizen his reasons for the course he has hitherto pursued, and his views upon the mode of conducting the war. The letter is certainly a direct appeal from the government, whose officer he is, to the public. Such a course, it appears to us, would be highly immoderate and unbecomingly disrespectful to the government, and to the public, and to the government, which Gen. Taylor has uniformly displayed. We are convinced that either Gen. Taylor did not write the letter, or that his confidence has been grossly abused by the person to whom it was addressed, and who has written under the seal of expected privacy.

The *Atlas* is by no means alone among eastern whig papers in its estimate of Taylor's letter.

The independent press too, occupies similar ground, as the following extract from the Philadelphia Ledger will show:

GEN. TAYLOR'S LETTER.—The New York Herald suggests that Gen. Taylor's letter to somebody or other, recently published, and purporting to be written at Monterey on Nov. 30th, last, is a forgery. We incline to the same opinion. But if it be genuine, it never could have been intended for publication, and therefore the publisher has badly violated private confidence, unless we admit that Gen. Taylor has greatly departed from his usual discretion. He must have known that his publication in our newspapers could soon find its way to Mexico, over which it would be read by the Mexicans, who as we are told, then must be the discretion and tact of a General, who, in an enemy's country, publishes the policy of his own government, and the delays and mistakes of his own government. The letter is a direct appeal from the government, and to the capture of Monterey in September last, and therefore we cannot receive it as genuine, without evidence more authentic than its publication in a newspaper.

But this is not the only fault in the letter. He says that he granted favorable terms to Gen. Ampudia, because he knew that negotiations for peace were pending, that, according to Gen. Ampudia's account, the whole Mexican army had been routed, and that the Mexicans, he said, were willing to stop the effusion of blood. Admitting that he was apprised of these negotiations, he could not know their result, even had it then been known to him. He could not know that he had such negotiations pending, every advantage that he had gained would be important in prosecuting the war. Then as Gen. Ampudia was an enemy, and a man whose veracity was not to be trusted, Gen. Taylor should not have received him as a witness to anything important. The effusion of blood was a question which he had no right to settle on competitors about peace, or on Gen. Ampudia's word. If he were confident of gaining another battle, he would have fought it, and not have been rendering an advantage to save blood. 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