

GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT.

BY A SOUTHERN WING.

[From the Baltimore Patriot.]

Where is Cass? Where Buchanan? Where Butler? Where Marcy? They are in the list of rejected aspirants—discarded suitors of that fickle jade, partisan popularity.

Winfield Scott was born near Petersburg, in Virginia, on the 13th of June, in the year 1786. He finished his studies at the College of William and Mary, and was admitted to the bar in 1806.

So, we conclude that "Young America" has killed some five or six of the most inveterate "Fogies," and buried his dead.

The accounts from Mexico confirm the report that the government of that republic was about to grant the right of way for a canal or railroad across the Isthmus of Tehuacan to Col. A. G. Sloc.

A fresh, young, budding girl, trembling with emotion, evidently laboring under great distress of mind, was once introduced by the servant into the study of Madame Lenormand.

"Oh! Madam," exclaimed the young girl, "you who read the future, come to my help!"

On the 10th and 11th of November, 1813, Scott defeated the enemy in two actions—one at Fort Matilda, the other at Hooploole Creek.

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War was not actually declared until June, 1812. The interval between 1808 and the declaration of war was one of great political excitement.

In July, 1812, Scott was commissioned lieutenant-colonel in the 2d artillery, and proceeded to the Niagara frontier.

A few days after was fought the memorable battle of Queenstown Heights. Scott was the hero of the day, and covered himself with glory.

Scott was carried a prisoner to Quebec. While he was there, an incident occurred which had the most important bearing upon the future conduct of the war.

At the time Great Britain denied the right of expatriation; in other words, she denied the right of any of her subjects to become citizens of another country.

While Scott was a prisoner at Quebec, the British attempted to enforce their doctrine of perpetual allegiance in regard to certain Irish prisoners found in the ranks of the American army at Queenstown.

On the 20th of January, 1816, Gen. Scott was ordered to take command in the Florida war. There he did all that the greatest military talent could accomplish.

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enemy. The British had been beaten with their own boasted weapon—the bayonet.

General Brown, in his official report of this battle, says: "Brigadier General Scott is entitled to the highest praise our country can bestow.

For his gallantry in these actions, Scott was soon after promoted to the rank of major general.

On the 8th of July, while on the voyage, the cholera broke out among the troops with fearful violence.

After the termination of the Black Hawk war, Gen. Scott and Gov. Reynolds were appointed by the United States government commissioners to treat with the Northern Indians in reference to all pending difficulties.

After the termination of the Black Hawk war, and of the treaty with the Indians, Gen. Cass, then Secretary of War, wrote, in reply to Scott's official report, as follows:

Allow me to congratulate you upon this fortunate consummation of your arduous duties, and to express my entire approbation of the whole course of your proceedings.

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The leading journals of the day were filled with encomiums upon the conduct of Scott in these services. The National Intelligencer of September 27th, 1838, says: "The manner in which this gallant officer has acquitted himself in the last year upon our Canada frontier, and lately among the Cherokees, has excited the universal admiration and gratitude of the whole nation."

On the 10th of March, 1847, Gen. Scott arrived before Vera Cruz. On the 14th of September, 1847, he planted the stars and stripes over the national palace in the city of Mexico.

Much abuse has recently been heaped upon this gallant patriot because he declines giving written pledges upon the various questions which may be involved in the approaching Presidential election.

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