

Congress and Printing.

The House has passed, and we fear the Senate will concur in, a bill of immeasurable profligacy with regard to the public printing. That bill increases the cost of such printing to at least twice the present amount, and will add at least half a million dollars to the expenditures of each Congress.

The pretext for this plunder is the alleged failure of the contract system. We say that system has never been fairly and honestly tried. If it fails, it is simply because Congress has never heartily wished it to succeed.

The bill now before Congress contains just one good feature—that appointing a superintendent of printing, who shall buy all the paper, watch the execution of the work, &c.

Now, if the public printing were to be done at fair rates, we could show them how to attain their end and save hundreds of thousands of dollars which their bill will squander.

Government should be conducted upon principles of the strictest economy, and revenue sufficient for the expenses thereof, in time of peace, ought to be mainly derived from a duty on imports, and not from direct taxes, &c.

French and German newspapers have a broad line running through them about three-fourths of the way down the page, which separates the news and editorial matter from the feuilleton, comprising criticisms, tales, and other matter.

With the leading editorial article is almost invariably placed under the name of the paper, on the second or inside page. In the German, French, and in some of the English journals, it is literally the "leader," for it is the first thing in the paper, on the first page, occupying the space assigned in the Evening Journal to "Business Cards."

English papers adopt a middle course. Everything is systematic—the Foreign News—the Colonial News—Literary News—Accidents—Courts—each has its separate place.

A French writer breaks his article up into short paragraphs, of two or three lines, sometimes containing only two or three words, or even one. An Englishman marches his sentences up almost in solid column. An American is neither as short as the one nor as long as the other.

Editorials in France partake more of the nature of elaborate criticisms on the topics of which they treat, in Germany of philosophical disquisitions, in England of political or moral essays, suggested by passing events.

The paragraph treatment of subjects is a characteristic feature of American journals. In summing up a few lines, the facts, causes, and tendencies of an event, in stating an opinion, contrasting it, and disposing of it in a brief paragraph, is the manner in which the European manner. Each is in some degree an index of national character.

It is said there are one hundred clothing stores on long wharf, San Francisco. The cholera has entirely disappeared from Mayville. Dog—an inferior animal, who may be taught to beg on two legs, like a man.

Never condemn a friend unheard, or without letting him know his accuser or his crime. Arago, the astronomer, has predicted a storm in Paris, which will last twenty-four days. The sum of \$16,240.92 has been raised in New York city for the Montreal sufferers, and \$15,000 of it is now in their hands.

The Rev. A. D. Gillette, who has been pastor of the Eleventh Baptist Church, Philadelphia, the last fourteen years, has accepted a call from the Broadway Baptist Church, New York. The Houston (Texas) Beacon of the 23d inst. says that Richard Hanson, of that place, was recently killed at Richmond, Fort Bend county, by J. G. Wright, editor of the Brazos Delta.

Mr. James McDonnell, residing near Springfield, Illinois, sheared one of his French merino sheep a few days since, and the fleece was found to weigh 27 1/2 lbs. Of all felicities, how charming is that of a firm and gentle friendship! It sweetens our cares, softens our sorrows, and assists us in extremities: it is a sovereign antidote against calamities.

Two ladies of New Brunswick, N. J., Mrs. S. V. Hoffman and Mrs. R. J. Livingston, have given \$5,000, the whole estimated cost, for enlarging the Episcopal Church in that place. The Louisiana constitutional convention, by a decided majority, refused to strike out the clause in the constitution prohibiting and punishing dueling. The vote on the motion to strike out stood, 26 for and 73 against. Professor Bakofner, of London, is now demonstrating that a lemon contains an electric battery, capable of transmitting messages by the submarine telegraph across the channel—an uninterrupted distance of thirty miles. Never before, within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, was Cape Island, New Jersey, so thronged with the seekers of health and pleasure as at present. The population continues steadily at between five and six thousand visitors. Mr. John R. Harris, formerly of Troy, was on board the Henry Clay, and saved, says the Troy Post, several lives. He was also a passenger on the steamer Swallow when that vessel was wrecked, and on board the Empire when she sank near Newburgh.

THE WHIG PLATFORM.

The Whigs of the United States, in Convention assembled, firmly adhering to the great conservative republican principles by which they are controlled and governed, and now, as ever, relying upon the intelligence of the American people, with an abiding confidence in their capacity for self-government, and in the continued devotion to the constitution of the Union, do proclaim the following as the political sentiments and determinations for the establishment and maintenance of which their national organization as a party is effected:

1. The government of the United States is of a limited character, and it is confined to the exercise of powers expressly granted by the constitution, and such as may be necessary and proper for carrying the granted powers into full execution; and that all powers not thus granted or necessarily implied are expressly reserved to the States, respectively, and to the people.

2. The State governments should be held secure in their reserved rights, and the general government sustained in its constitutional powers, and the Union preserved in its integrity, and the rights of the individual citizen secured.

3. That, while struggling freedom everywhere elicits the warmest sympathy of the Whig party, we still adhere to the doctrine of the Father of his Country, as announced in his Farewell Address, of keeping ourselves free from all entangling alliances with foreign countries, and of never quitting our own to stand upon foreign ground. That our mission as a republic is not to propagate our opinions, or impose on other countries our form of government by artifice or force, but to teach by example, and show, by our success, moderation, and justice, the blessings of self-government and the advantages of free institutions.

4. That where the people make and control the government, they should obey its constitution, laws, and treaties, as they would retain their self-respect and the respect which they claim and will enforce from foreign powers.

5. Government should be conducted upon principles of the strictest economy, and revenue sufficient for the expenses thereof, in time of peace, ought to be mainly derived from a duty on imports, and not from direct taxes, &c. and in levying such duties, sound policy requires a just discrimination, and protection from fraud by specific duties when practicable, whereby suitable encouragement may be assured to American industry, equally to all classes and to all portions of the country.

6. The constitution vests in Congress the power to open and repair harbors, and remove obstructions from navigable rivers; and it is expedient that Congress should exercise that power, whenever such improvements are necessary for the common defense, or for the protection and facility of commerce with foreign nations or among the States; such improvements being, in every instance, national and general in their character.

7. The federal and State governments are parts of one system, alike necessary for the common prosperity, peace, and security, and ought to be regarded alike with a cordial, habitual, and immovable attachment. Respect for the authority of each, and acquiescence in the constitutional measures of each, are duties required by the plainest considerations of national, State, and of individual welfare.

8. The series of acts of the 31st Congress commonly known as the Compromise or Adjustment (the act for the recovery of fugitives from labor included) are received and acquiesced in by the Whigs of the United States as a final settlement, in principle and substance, of the subjects to which they relate; and, so far as these acts are concerned, we will maintain them, and insist on their strict enforcement, until time and experience shall demonstrate the necessity of further legislation, to guard against the evasion of the laws on the one hand, and the abuse of their powers on the other—not impairing their present efficiency to carry out the intent of the constitution; and we deprecate all further agitation of the questions thus settled, as dangerous to our peace, and will discountenance all efforts to continue or renew such agitation, whenever, wherever, or however made; and we will maintain this settlement as essential to the nationality of the Whig party and the integrity of the Union.

J. G. CHAPMAN, of Maryland, President of the Whig National Convention. Vice Presidents—Seth M. Apollon, of Maine; George W. Nesmith, of New Hampshire; Carlos Gooding, of Vermont; Seth Sprague, of Massachusetts; R. W. B. Norton, of Rhode Island; Samuel B. Hubbard, of Connecticut; Edward P. Cowley, of Illinois; Stewart, of New Jersey; John Strohm, of Pennsylvania; Caleb S. Layton, of Delaware; Frank P. Phelps, of Maryland; William E. Wright, of Virginia; A. H. Sheppard, of North Carolina; William Whaley, of South Carolina; Sinton Grantland, of Georgia; Thos. J. Frow, of Alabama; Joseph B. Cobb, of Mississippi; William H. C. Bryant, of Louisiana; James M. Smith, of Ohio; John S. Williams, of Kentucky; William H. Sisk, of Tennessee; Milton Stapp, of Indiana; Benjamin E. Edgerly, of Michigan; George M. H. Sherman, of Florida; J. N. Murray, of Texas; N. McKim, of Iowa; E. Arnold, of California; and R. W. Booth, of Wisconsin.

R. A. UPTON, of Louisiana, Secretary of the Whig National Convention. Assistant Secretaries—James W. Bryan, of North Carolina; S. M. Ballard, of Iowa; W. F. Stewart, of California; S. Colfax, of Indiana; John C. Kunkle, of Pennsylvania; William C. Woodruff, of Virginia; N. S. Perkins, of Connecticut; G. W. Mosier, of Illinois; William Thompson, of Michigan; G. W. Dunlap, of Kentucky; J. Marshall, of Vermont.

The New Gallery! ECONOMY IS THE FOUNDATION OF PROSPERITY! I purchase of DANIELS BROTHERS by calling at THOMPSON'S, where hundreds come and go away well satisfied that they do not pay too much. His long experience in this business, and his excellent location, enable him to satisfy the most fastidious.

WILL OPEN TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1852, THE WASHINGTON EMIGRANT AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, Street, (Island) between 4th and 5th streets, east of the Windmill.

Foreign Emigrants, of whatever class, nation, or creed, in pursuit of employment, are requested to call and see our names, and to be engaged in our agents requiring help, male or female, by calling at the office personally, or by written communication, may have the opportunity of securing the Overseas, Water, Furnish, Economy, Fare, Goods, Clothing, Chamberlains, Households, Nurses, &c., may all find employment. Persons at a distance supplied. All letters must be prepaid to receive answers.

FRESH BUTTER, EGGS, VEGETABLES, NEW MILK, &c. JUST received, and will continue to be received nearly every day during the season. Fresh Butter from one of the best dairies in Fairfax county, together with Vegetables, and a FINE NEW MILK, and a large variety of excellent family Groceries—cheap for cash. For sale by THOMAS M. BRUSH, opposite the Garrison, Garrison street, may 25—tr

GREAT ATTRACTION THIS WEEK! Extensive Sale of Dress Silks, up stairs. CLAQUET, NEWTON, MAY & CO. have reduced the price of their extensive stock of dress silks to about one-half of the original cost, and have removed them to their up-stairs department, each dress costing the number of yards marked on it, and the lowest cash prices. Ladies in want of a silk dress for the present season or for the Fall, may wish upon getting a very great bargain, (this week only, as the store will be closed the last of this month) to take advantage of this opportunity for members of Congress and others who wish to buy a handsome silk to take home, as the prices put on them are much lower than they can be bought in any other city in the Union. CLAQUET, NEWTON, MAY & CO. july 19—td

HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS! WE HAVE on hand an excellent assortment of FURNITURE, such as—Mahogany, maple, and plain Bureau; Mahogany Sofa, Parlor and Bookcase; High and low-post mahogany, maple, and black walnut Bedsteads; Washstands and Stands; Dining and Breakfast Tables; Feather Beds, Mattresses, and Cots; Bedsteads, Trunks, and Trunks; Baskets of every description; Chairs, cane and wood-seat, arm and nurse-rockers; and a large assortment of wood-seat and office Chairs; Children's Furniture, of every description; Also, a well-selected stock of Crochery, with all other articles pertaining to the House-furnishing line. GREEN, 7th st., 6 doors above PENNA. ST. mar 20—eotf

Who is Winfield Scott?

What has he done to merit our Gratitude?

These questions have thus answered: At the age of twenty-one, and in the summer of 1807, he volunteered into a troop of Virginia horse. In 1812 he fought the battle of Queenstown Heights.

In 1813 he was the instrument of saving our Irish citizens, taken in arms against the British, from the savage penalties of the English law of constructive treason. In the same year he fought, as Colonel, in the battle of Fort George.

In 1814 he made a new army and restored the military spirit of the country—took Fort Erie—fought the battle of Chippewa—and fought the good fight of Lundy's Lane. In 1822 he won the proud title of the "Hero of Humanity," by nursing the sick and dying troops of his army, upon which the Asiatic cholera fell blighting, on its march to the field of the Black Hawk war.

In the same year, by negotiation, and not by force of arms, he brought the Black Hawk war to a just and favorable issue. In the same year he soothed the spirit of Southern Nullification, and saved our country from civil discord. In 1836 he served against the Seminole Indians in Florida.

In 1837, with admirable energy and tact, and without troops, he calmed the patriot disturbances upon our extended Northern frontier. In the same year he effected the removal of the Cherokee, in a manner that won the gratitude of the noble tribe and the admiration of his whole country. In 1829 he earned the distinguished title of "The Pacifier of the Northeastern Boundary," and saved his country from a bloody and wasteful war.

In 1847 he opened the splendid military drama of the second conquest of Mexico, by reducing the city of Vera Cruz and the impregnable Castle of San Juan d'Ulloa after an active siege of but four days. April 5th, he fought and won the admirable battle of Cerro Gordo, and opened to the American path to the dominion of the entire Western Continent. On the 19th of April he entered the city of Jalapa. On the 22d of April, he occupied Perote. On the 15th of May, he took Puebla. On the 20th of August, he won the three great victories of Contreras, San Antonio, and Churubusco.

On the 8th of September, he fought and won the brilliant battle of Molino del Rey. On the 13th of September, he carried by storm the terrible Heights and Fortress of Chapultepec—scattered the Mexican army from the gates of Belen and San Cosme, and made a lodgment in the capital of Mexico. On the 14th of September, he marched his army of heroes, scarce six thousand men, into the halls of the Montezumas, and broke the Spanish dominion in America.

Who is Franklin Pierce?—What has he done? Franklin Pierce was born in 1804, at Hillsborough, N. H., and graduated at Bowdoin College, Maine—studied law, and commenced practice in Hillsborough county. He was elected to the legislature of his State, and shortly after chosen speaker of the House. In 1824 he was elected to the lower House of Congress, in which body he served until 1828, at which period he became a Senator of the United States, and served till 1842-3. He resigned his seat in the Senate and returned to the practice of law in 1843. In 1845 he was nominated for governor of the State, but declined. President Polk offered him the Attorney Generalship, which he also declined. In 1848 he was appointed a Colonel in the ten regiments raised for the service of the United States in Mexico. Subsequently, he was made Brigadier General. He performed no achievement of note during the war, nor has he ever done so in any position, civil or military.

TRY THE ENGLISH VERMIN-DESTROYER. IF YOU WANT TO GET RID OF THE REDDUGS, ANTS, AND ROACHES—Price 25 cents a bottle. Daily evidence is given us of the injury in destroying these pests of housekeepers and laborers. WILMERS' Cheap Cash Stationery Store, July 21—tr

GEORGETOWN FEMALE SEMINARY. GEORGETOWN, D. C. THIS SEMINARY, so long known as Miss ESCOFFER'S, will open on the 1st of September next, under the exclusive charge of Rev. W. J. CLARK, who will be assisted by several of the accomplished professors and teachers in every department. Every effort will be used to make the institution a happy home for the young ladies who are admitted. Terms for boarding pupils, including tuition in English and Mathematics, \$200 per annum, payable half-yearly in advance. For particulars, apply to the Principal, or to the Trustees, Messrs. W. J. CLARK, and W. W. HATHORN, of Georgetown, D. C. W. J. CLARK, July 20—tr

D. H. Tebb's Co. NEW DRY GOODS STORE. In the house formerly occupied by Mr. Andrew Ogilby, Four doors east of the Windmill, and next door to Mr. Jean R. Wilson's Grocery Store. WE would announce to our friends that we have opened a large and general stock of Dry Goods, consisting of—Black and colored Cloths, of all kinds; Cottons, of all kinds; heavy yard-wide Cottons at 6 1/2 cents; Lawns at 10 and 12 1/2 cents; worth 20; Cottons from 6 1/2 to 12 1/2 cents; Bedticks, heavy and wide, at 6 1/2 cents; with good assortment of all kinds of goods; Flannels; Irish Linens; Cotton Sheetings, bleached and brown, all prices; Cotton and Linen Table Dishes and Damask, all prices; and many other goods, all at the lowest cash prices. Terms for cash. W. J. CLARK, July 20—tr

FANCY GOODS. We have in Fancy Goods, all styles and prices; Ribbons, Flowers, Wreaths, (Bonnets, Cap, Lace Veils and Hats; Crapes and Tulle, all colors; white and colored; Hosiery; black and colored Swiss Muslins, in white and color; black and colored; Lace and Cotton; Edgings; black Silk Laces, all widths, and very cheap; Nets and Tulle, low priced, in colors, for covering furniture; and many other goods, all at the lowest cash prices. Wholesale and Retail. Cheapest and best. Table Cloths, all grades and sizes; Napkins; Towellings; Russia Diapers; Huckabacks; a good stock of Cloths and Casimeres, in plain and fancy colors, and all kinds of goods pertaining to a well-regulated establishment, and all at the very lowest cash prices. FANCY GOODS. 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