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The Slaveholder's Convention.

As the time is rapidly approaching for the convening of this body, an increased interest on the subject begins to be manifested through out the several counties of the State.

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Foreign News.

Louis Napoleon with the Prince left Paris on the 10th inst., for the seat of war. It is said he expects to be in Milan at the head of his troops before the commencement of June.

The Emperor has been declared regent. The Minister says: "During the absence of the Emperor, the Emperor will be with the army, his Cabinet, maintaining its actual organization, will perform its functions at Paris, as hitherto."

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The correspondent of the London Globe says—"The movements and relative position of the allied armies of independence must be kept in view by the English, French and the writers of strategic articles in London journals (such like the socialist lecturing on the art of war for the benefit of Hannibal) may wait patiently, and put, meanwhile, their trust in McMahon, Clausewitz, Buzard, Vauban and La Marmora. Some younger officers, particularly Bouché, are believed by the troops, (who watched him in the Crimea), to be a man of great talents, and of the most of the whole staff in hardihood and courage. General Bouché, who led the first division over Mount Cenis, is a loss. His death at the top of the Alps was simply due to his not knowing the mountain, and he was stricken down by a shot. He was 45 years of age."

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