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The Smith of Augsburg.

Three hundred years ago there lived at Augsburg a lad named Willibald, apprentice to a smith, whose diligence and industry obtained him the approval and regard of his master.

What is that?

Willibald mustered courage to say to himself, "I am a Christian, and I have a duty to perform."

At the same instant,

Willibald paused an instant, but a flood of wild thoughts came rushing brain, and the passionate desire to snath Ellen from his rival overcame all his prudence.

When his sense returned it was morning.

The sun was shining brightly, and he thought all that had passed a wild dream.

Early this morning,

Willibald started up, and he thought all that had passed a wild dream.

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LETTER FROM AN OLD AND HONORABLE CITIZEN.

Not long since, Mr. Miles Taylor, anti-American candidate for congress from this district, addressed a letter to the hon. Walter Brasher, parish for the purpose of doing all he could to promote the success of the anti-know-nothing ticket at the approaching election.

As will be seen by the subjoined response of Mr. Brasher,

which has been kindly forwarded us, all gentlemanly courtesies have been freely tendered, and have, ere this, no doubt been faithfully performed.

But further than this the venerable Brasher could not go.

Although the frosts of nearly four score years have settled upon his head, his intellect is as clear, and his heart as full of patriotism as they were in the full flush of vigorous manhood.

He would not consent to forego the principles he has so long and so bravely maintained.

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OLD DOCUMENTS.—We commend to the perusal of our democratic friends the following extract, from the United States Magazine and Democratic Review.

It is to be found in the July number of 1850, and furnishes a fine commentary on the proverb, "circumstances alter cases." Read it:

"These European reformers who are flocking hither by thousands, bring with them the pestilential products of the worn out soil of the old world—which, it would seem, whenever it falls into labor, produces nothing but monsters. They bring with them a host of extravagant notions of freedom, or a plenty of crude, undigested theories, which are utterly irreconcilable with the laws of our own making, and from a constitution of our own soil.

They come with their heads full of a topsy-turvy property to a country where it is already divided in a manner most salutary to the general welfare, by existing laws and institutions, allowing every man an equal chance, and placing no artificial obstructions in the way of any. It is not here that idleness, profligacy and extravagance are shielded from their otherwise inevitable consequences—poverty and contempt—by laws and institutions expressly devised for that purpose.

It is not here that property is perpetuated for ages in one family, and that the laboring classes are excluded from their share. But it is here that industry, economy, prudence and enterprise receive their due rewards, and by being left to themselves, produce that general diffusion of comfort, as well as that salutary distribution of property which can never be brought about, or at least perpetuated by any other means.

"The socialists, however, who are come and coming among us, either from not comprehending that they have got into a new world altogether different from the old, or from a wild and reckless spirit of innovation, are silently making an impression on the people of our great cities, and are gathering into one great mass of ignorance and corruption. They are instilling into them principles at war with society, and have attracted the attention of the federal leaders, who begin to nibble at them, and discover evident symptoms of a design to enlist them in their great army of rag-tag and bob-tail, clothed in the many-colored patches of anti-masonry, anti-slavery, abolitionism, socialism, flourism, St. Simonism, and heaven only knows what besides.

"In conjunction with these, the abolitionists will be able to poll votes at a great rate. They will be poor purchasing, at the sacrifice of the church, the state, the laws and constitution. There is no country under heaven where fanaticism can find such fuel for its fires as in the United States, or become so dangerous. We say it with the deepest regret, but it is our firm belief that if a sect of avowed worshippers of the evil spirit were to spring out—as is not unlikely—from the red-hot lava of abolitionism, in sufficient numbers to decide the election of a president, there are politicians and political leaders who would court their support by worshipping at their shrine."

PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE.—By personal independence, we mean a self-reliant spirit which leads one to regulate his conduct by the dictates of his own judgment—that sterling quality which distinguishes the man from the mere automaton. Founded on conscious integrity, and a strong, determined will, it may be regarded one of the surest evidences of true manliness. Let a man be clothed in the garb of his own individuality—let him act always in accordance with the elevated sense of duty—let him hold and feel himself responsible for his acts, and he must deserve, as well as win, the admiration and respect of his fellows. Man, it is true, is a social being, and can find happiness only by communion with his kind, but mentally, each should be for himself—each should think for himself—so that the modified results of action and reaction may be realized. There is, indeed, in personal independence, a dignity and loftiness which make it an adorning characteristic of manhood and youth. We cannot conceive of a grander spectacle than that afforded by him, who amid danger and temptation and scorn, calmly and alone pursues the path of duty, though tough it be, and hedged in by numerous perils.

But if these remarks are applicable to man, considered as a responsible being, they certainly apply, with no less force, to him as a member of the body politic. As the citizen of a republic—as a freeman, it becomes his duty to divest himself of the control of designing demagogues and political bucksters. Having the holy privilege of the elective franchise confided to him, he should guard with vigilance against its corruption, and conscious of the grave responsibility to be incurred by its abuse, he should go to the ballot-box, not like the grilly-slave to a party or its petty office holders, but like a freeman, gloriing in his individuality.

A CASE IN POINT.—The Organ says that the anti-American party in this city, (Washington,) as our readers recollect, made a great uproar for several weeks after the late election, because, as they asserted, naturalized citizens were prohibited from voting. We exposed the falsity of this assertion pretty thoroughly at the time, and the result of the investigation ordered by the council subsequently gave the charge an effectual quietus. And now we have something to record which is worthy of remark. It appears by the investigation of the joint committee of the council, on the eligibility and qualification of the officers-elect, that W. Clampton, who was elected an assessor by the anti-Americans of the second ward, is a non-naturalized foreigner, and, therefore, unqualified for office. Mr. Clampton accordingly returns to the ranks of private life. It seems, therefore, that the administration party are so enamored of foreigners, and so determined to place them in office, to the exclusion of native-born Americans, that they are unwilling to wait even until they are naturalized before they are to share with the power and emolument which office confers. Is such a party entitled to the confidence and respect of native born Americans? (or of naturalized citizens?) Can such a party reasonably complain if its opponents denigrate the foreign party?

According to the N. York Star a decided step has been taken in the direction of a railroad to the Pacific on the Texas route. It is known the State of Texas gave, with the charter of the Western Texas railroad, the munificent grant of 10,400 acres of land for every mile of the road constructed. This amount of land of great fertility and good general advantages, is sufficient of itself to build the road and put it in working order. Under these favorable circumstances the Western Texas company contracted and signed an agreement in Ohio and Texas, for the construction of the first section of the road. It runs in the partly settled country between the Trinity and Red Rivers, and is to be ready for the rails on or before the first of August next. We have had so many reports in regard to the building of this road, that we hope one of these days to hear of the work having been commenced.

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