



The South-Western.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1859.

The river is still receding at this point. Since our last the Joseph Holden, Lucy Holcombe, B. L. Hodge, Sallie Robinson, Lecomte, W. A. Andrew and Telegram have arrived from New Orleans, and several boats from Jefferson.

STEAMBOAT SUNK.—Last Wednesday morning, the steamboat Joseph Holden, bound for Jefferson, struck a stump in the lake, near Albany, and sank. The boat will prove a total loss; she is partially insured in New Orleans.

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.—Mr. A. Marx has received and opened his stock of spring and summer goods, embracing every description of fancy and staple dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, &c., which he invites the ladies and gentlemen to call and examine.

Thanks to the officers of the Lucy Holcombe, B. L. Hodge, Sallie Robinson, Lecomte, W. A. Andrew and Telegram, for files of late papers.

THEATRE.—This evening, Mr. H. Wilson takes his benefit, on which occasion will be presented the drama of the Two Friends and the comedy of Sudden Thoughts.

HARDWARE.—The attention of our merchants, planters and others, is solicited to the card of Messrs. Stark, Stauffer & Co., New Orleans. They have the largest assortment of hardware, cutlery, &c., to be found in the city, and offer great inducements to purchasers.

Many thanks to Mrs. N. E. Wright, for her present. The potatoes were the finest and largest of the season.

FOR NEW ORLEANS.—The regular packet Judith Touro, captain Butler, will leave on Thursday evening, at 6 o'clock.

The fine passenger packet R. W. Powell, capt. Jos. D. Clark, will leave on Saturday evening, at 5 o'clock.

Many thanks to Mr. M. Baer, for files of late papers.

Negro slavery is fully recognized and property in slaves fully protected by a recent act of the New Mexican legislature. This act passed unanimously in one branch, and without a dissenting voice in the other. The act defines such as are slaves of African descent, and is not to be construed so as to include the peons and their descendants.

The Houma Ceres says that nearly all the stable cane in the parish of Terrebonne is either killed or badly injured—not more than one-third of it will make cane.

The late Clarksville Standard says the river at Rowland is nearly at low water mark. The same paper says, the small pox is spreading in various directions throughout the Texas.

Thirty thousand dollars have been subscribed for the establishment of a cotton factory in Vicksburg, and those engaged in the enterprise have no fears of being able to raise the sum of \$60,000, the amount of cash with which it is proposed to commence operations.

The methodists of Delaware have released the aid which the legislature granted them, of four thousand dollars, towards the building of a new church, because that money was raised by lottery.

We see it stated in our foreign extracts, that in view of the many fatal mistakes made by druggists and others, the English apothecaries are about adopting for use a hexagonal bottle with deep fittings, to put poisons in which are sold by retail. This is to prevent persons making mistakes by getting hold of the wrong bottle. As an additional security, the neck of the bottle is so constructed that but a drop at a time can be poured out. The very deliberate and cautious action thus produced will, it is believed, deter any one from taking overdoses of medicine; while it is difficult to imagine a case in which a person could pour out and take the whole contents of one of these bottles in mistake for something else. We hope to see the practice introduced into the United States.

On the 9th inst., Mr. Lewis, an elderly man, living in the lower part of Shelby county, Tenn., was murdered by runaway negroes. He had gone out to hunt turkeys about daylight, and, not returning, search was made for him, and next day his body was found with the neck broken, the skull crushed and otherwise mutilated. It is supposed that he attempted to arrest several runaway negroes who were in the neighborhood, when he set upon him and murdered him.

On the same day, Mr. N. R. Shaw was fatally stabbed near Brownsville, Tenn., by two runaway negroes, whom he was endeavoring to arrest.

The Linden (Texas) Times says: Just before going to press we were called upon by Messrs. H. A. Rannels and Robert Moss, of Bowie county, who informed us that one of their citizens, a man by the name of Tinkle, was murdered on the night of the 6th inst., while in bed. It is supposed that he was murdered by one of his own negroes. He was shot. The particulars had not been ascertained.

The New York Courier's monthly table of marine losses for the past month shows an aggregate of 44 vessels, of which 7 were ships, 5 were barkes, 5 were brigs, and 22 were schooners, 1 a propeller, and 1 a smack. The total value of property lost was \$350,000. This is the value of the property totally lost, exclusive of damage to vessels not amounting to total loss.

We understand that the city of Natchez has at length been fully successful in the high court of errors and appeals, in its suit with the bishop of the Roman catholic church of that diocese. The suit involved the title to about a quarter of an acre, fronting on Main and Rankin streets, in Natchez, and is generally known as the old burying ground.

We are indebted to the hon. S. A. Douglas for a copy of a pamphlet of thirty-two closely printed pages, which he has compiled since the adjournment of congress. It contains in the first part his discussion of the doctrine of squatter sovereignty in southern senators, on the 23d of February, in which he stoutly maintained and they so feebly and confusedly combated that heresy. This discussion fills but ten pages of the pamphlet, and the balance is an industrious and formidable compilation of high democratic authority sustaining Douglas's views. He makes extracts—elucidated by expressive italics, showy capitals, and bold black type—from writings and speeches of democratic presidents, cabinet officers, senators and representatives, all assuring the people of the north that in accordance with the democratic idea of non-intervention the people of a territory may exclude slavery from their limits. Among the leading democrats whose opinions are thus paraded, are president Buchanan, vice-president Breckenridge, secretaries Cass, Cobb and Toucey, senators Toombs, Mason, Hunter, Brown, of Mississippi, Bigler and Clingman, representatives Stephens and Lumpkin, of Georgia, Orr, English, &c.

Senator Douglas proves, beyond all controversy, that these leading politicians, for the purpose of passing the Kansas-Nebraska bill in 1854, did assure the democracy of the north that they might exclude slavery by acts of the territorial legislatures. Whatever position they may take now, there is no denying the proofs which he brings forward to convict them of squatter sovereignty in 1854 and 1856.

The object of this pamphlet is as plain as its contents. It bears the crafty and quibbling title, "opinion to the passage of a code of laws by congress to protect slavery in the territories, and in favor of banishing from the halls of congress all questions touching domestic slavery in the territories, and extending them to the people of the territories," &c.

No southern man has ever proposed any 'code of laws' by congress to protect slavery in the territories—the south simply asks that congress shall not undertake to delegate to the people of the territories a right which congress itself does not possess—a right to exclude from the common domain of all the States, while it is under the guardian care of congress, the citizens and property of one-half of the States. And it further demands that if the squatters in a territory should undertake by territorial laws to exclude slavery and slaveholders, congress, in the exercise of its undoubted prerogative, shall declare such laws null and void. But Judge Douglas is getting up a sensation pamphlet—he knows the current of northern sentiment, and he is determined to take the direction and lead of it. This pamphlet convinces us, more than ever, that he is determined to place himself at the head of a northern sectional movement which will bear down with overwhelming power any democratic effort to stem it in that region. He has exclusively proved that all the southern democrats, whose name we have mentioned above, have sustained his position in times past, and they cannot avoid complying in the movement by which he assumes the championship and lead of the northern democratic masses. The goal and the consequences remain for the development of the future.

The New Orleans Courier, the oldest paper in the State, and the organ of the democratic party for the last forty years, presents the following as its view of the causes of the present discussions in the democracy of that city: "We fancy the solution of the problem lies in this—the life-long democrats of the city—those who have stood by the party through civil and through good report—have become distrustful, not only of our central State committee, but also of our federal government. They have recently seen a whig elected to the senate of the United States by a democratic legislature. They see that the chairman of the central committee is so recent a democrat that he has barely had time to take his place in the ranks. They have been appalled by the recommendation from the president to re-establish specific duties; and last, and we hope least, they have seen the federal officers nearly all bestowed on gentlemen who, however meritorious in themselves, deserved reward not from the party, but only from the distinguished and adroit politician whose personal fortunes they have been attached. All these causes have made some of them lead or coax others into expressions alike unwise and unbecoming to themselves."

"What think ye democrats of the above?" "The life-long democrats" of New Orleans "have become distrustful not only of the central State committee, but also of the federal government." Well may the people at large, become "distrustful" after perusing the mass of evidence which has been spread before them, sustaining the charge against the present administration of the grossest corruption.

A very large and enthusiastic State convention of the opponents of the present federal administration was held in Nashville on the 29th ultimo—ex-governor Neill S. Brown, president. Among the speakers during the day were ex-governor Foote of Miss., and hon. Jere. Clemens, formerly of Ala. The convention, by acclamation, nominated hon. John Netherland for governor, and adopted a platform.

It is with much pleasure that we copy this explicit declaration of sound principles by the opposition party of Tennessee. It is just such a platform as all southern men—all conservative and constitutional men everywhere—ought now to stand upon. Whilst deprecating further attempts to agitate the question of slavery, it announces distinctly the constitutional doctrine in reference to the territories, which alone can maintain the rights of the south. No congressional intervention and no squatter sovereignty! Let us see if the democratic party of the south even—with all its boasts of peculiar devotion to southern rights—will as clearly announce to the heresy of Douglas and Cass! The Tennessee resolutions also point out the reforms in the administration of the government, now imperatively demanded to preserve it from hopeless bankruptcy and unparalleled corruption. The first step to be taken in this work of reform is the removal of the democratic party from power; and we rejoice in the belief that the Tennessee opposition will in August next make a strong and effective demonstration towards that end.

The Grenada (Miss.) Republican says that several persons are represented to have died in the southwestern portion of Calhoun county, recently, of a disease resembling the black plague.

The progress of manufactures in the south is so rapid that it requires a frequent allusion to the subject to keep the public well posted in regard to the growth. Capitalists begin to appreciate the safety of investment in these home enterprises, and in every State new establishments are yearly put in operation. The circle of manufacturing industry is also increasing, and it can no longer be said that the people of the cotton States are dependent for every article of utility or luxury upon the industry of free communities.

A new factory was established last year in the neighborhood of Savannah, and the result has been so favorable that the Republican, of a very late date, says, forcibly enough, that we might as well drive our hogs to Cincinnati to be there slaughtered and then bring back the pork, as to send cotton to the north to be manufactured and then bring the cloth back to be used where the cotton originally grew.

But three years since a cotton factory was erected in Prattville, Alabama, by Mr. Daniel Pratt, who gives the name to the village in which the factory was erected. The last year the total amount of business done in that place was five hundred and eighty-seven thousand two hundred and ninety-one dollars, of which four hundred and twenty-three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars were in cotton manufactures.

But it is not only in the establishment of cotton, woolen and other factories, that the south shows real progress. Her planters begin to produce what they consume. Fifteen years since it was generally believed that the meat for plantation use could not be cured in the south, and every planter depended for a supply upon the west. Now a large amount is cured at home. For stock we all looked to Kentucky and the Ohio valley; now we raise a fair proportion of what is demanded.

The change has mainly been the result of facts spread abroad among our planters by the agricultural associations. The communication of the knowledge and experience of hundreds of enlightened men to the public, has commenced a revolution in southern industry, and gives impetus to a movement that will ultimately make the south self-reliant and dependent only on herself.

Agricultural associations, not commercial conventions, have proved the means of southern development. Without a single idea of influencing the political condition of the slave States, these unions have done, and are doing, more to give the south a concert of action to produce commercial independence than all the gatherings of politicians in annual conventions ever dreamed of accomplishing. Could we gather and present the statistics of the increase in cotton manufactures alone, in the present year, in the south, the result would encourage us and startle the manufacturers in other sections. With the production, the south is sure to hold an important influence as a manufacturing people. Her position—her labor—her accumulation of capital—the solvency of her merchants—the steadiness of her markets—and the regularity of prices of labor—concur to make manufactures as natural to the south as the raising of the raw product.

There is no place in the whole country possessing the advantages of Shreveport, for the establishment of both cotton and woolen manufactures. We are in the midst of a cotton growing country—exporting annually between 70 and 100,000 bales of cotton, and our neighbors in Texas, have largely embarked in raising sheep, of the finest fleece. And moreover, we have a back country of more than 1000 miles in extent, (the inhabitants of which most wear domestic goods) to supply. We hope some enterprising manufacturers will turn their attention to this thriving town.

The general land office has issued the following decision: 1. That the bounty land warrants issued by the United States are declared, by the act of congress approved June 3, 1833, to be personal property.

2. That such warrants cannot be sold by an administrator of the estate of the deceased warrantee for the payment of debts contracted by such warrants.

3. That such warrants, when issued during the lifetime of such warrantee, and not disposed of by him, become, if he die intestate, the property of his heirs at law, in accordance with the law of domicile, and cannot be attached and sold for his debts. [If he die intestate, see fifth paragraph following.]

4. Warrants issued after the death of the warrantee, but upon proof filed during his lifetime, become the property of the widow, if there be one, and if no widow, then the property of his heirs at law, without regard to their age.

5. The proceeds of the sale of a warrant, made by an administrator, is the absolute property of the widow herself, or legatee, without regard to any debt contracted by the warrantee; but the practice of this office has been to recognize assignments properly made by an administrator for distribution of the proceeds among the heirs at law, after payment of the funeral and proper court expenses. (Attorney's and administrator's fees, not taxed by the court, are not regarded as proper court expenses.)

6. The rules of this office require, in all cases when a warrant has been sold by the executor, that a duly certified copy of the will, with letters testamentary, shall be attached to the warrant; and in cases where a sale is made by an administrator or guardian, due certified copies of the letters of administration or guardianship shall be attached; and that the sale has been made for the use of the heirs only, must be shown either in the assignment or in the papers submitted with each case.

On Saturday last the quiet of our usually peaceable village was thrown into utter commotion by one of those disgraceful affairs which have so often disturbed the good order, and outraged the moral sense of this community in the same family. It seems that some slight misunderstanding occurred between Mr. Horace Morse and his son Frank, which resulted in a passage at arms with pitforks and clubs, without serious injury to either party. Both parties then armed themselves with loaded shot-guns, and after parleying and threatening each other for a while, Morse took deliberate aim, and discharged his gun directly in the face of his son, being not more than fifteen feet from him at the time of firing. The shot took effect in the face and middle of the son, but fortunately did not prove fatal. We are not apprised that any steps have been taken to bring parties to deserved punishment, but certainly so great an outrage upon common humanity, and against the peace of the community and the dignity of the law, should not go unpunished. [Lockport (Ill.) Telegraph.]

In consequence of the disposition of the legislature to encroach upon the rights of the citizens of the city of New York to manage their own affairs in their own way, a division of the State has been suggested, and the feeling is gaining ground.

The board of police for Jasper county, Miss., has raised the license to retail ardent spirits in Paulding, to \$600.

The elections lately held in the free States, north, east and west, afford a fair criterion whereby to test the popularity, the personal and political influence of the president in these States. Buchanan is as isolated as if he were the president of a remote island, and the people of the States north and east of him, are as alien to him as if he were a stranger. The people of the States north and east of him, are as alien to him as if he were a stranger. The people of the States north and east of him, are as alien to him as if he were a stranger.

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