The Middlebury Register.

Middlebury, August 27, 1850.

Election, Tuesday, Sept. 3d.
WHIG NOMINATIONS.

State Ticket.

For Governor,
CHARLES K. WILLIAMS.

For Lieut. Governor,
JULIUS CONVERSE.

For Treasurer,
GEORGE HOWES.

Addison County.

For Senators,
JOEL RICE, Bridport,
EDWARD SEYMOUR, Vergennes.

For Ass't Judges of the County Court,
CALVIN G. TILDEN, Cornwall,
NATHAN L. KEESE, Ferrisburgh.

For Sheriff,
DAVID S. CHURCH, Middlebury.

For High Bailiff,
WILLIAM JOSLIN, Vergennes.

For State's Attorney,
JOHN PROUT, Salisbury.

For Judge of Probate, District of Addison,
HORATIO SEYMOUR, Middlebury.

For Judge of Probate, District of N. Haven,
HARVEY MUNSILL, Bristol.

For Representative in Congress, 3d District,
JAMES MEACHAM, of Middlebury.

Semi-Centennial Anniversary of Middlebury College.

In accordance with a plan that had been under contemplation for two years past, and definitely settled at the last Commencement, the Associated Alumni of Middlebury College this year welcomed the return of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of their Alma Mater, with special exercises and festivities in honor of the occasion. Early in the season, circulars were sent, on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements for the Jubilee, to all living graduates of the College whose residences were known, inviting them to be present at this anniversary. The response to these invitations was hearty, and almost unanimous, and the past week will hereafter be remembered as a continued series of "red letter days" in the calendar of our venerated institution.

For several days previous to the time of Commencement, old familiar faces, unseen here before for years, again began to appear in our streets, and a constantly increasing tide of visitors—mostly of those who had temporarily resided with us in other days—came in through every channel of public conveyance until Wednesday last, the day of the Annual Commencement. The number in attendance exceeded all expectations. The public houses were filled to overflowing, notwithstanding the hospitality of our citizens had provided for all their private residences could accommodate.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by President Labaree on Sunday, the 18th inst., and was pronounced, by all who heard it, a discourse of marked ability, fitness, and force, such as has been very rarely if ever equalled on such an occasion. As a specimen of pulpit eloquence, it is mentioned in the highest terms of approbation and admiration, by those who are entitled to give a final judgment in such matters.

The Anniversary of the Philomathesian Society was held on Tuesday afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock. The procession of acting and honorary members, which moved from the College to the Congregational Church—where the anniversary was held—was long and imposing. The Annual Address was delivered by Rev. Truman M. Post, on the subject of "Genius," which was illustrated with a power and originality of discourse that taught by *example*, while only aiming at precept. To give an adequate account of this production, or even to describe the interest and effect which attended its delivery, is more than we shall attempt, trusting that—as a classic composition which the most devoted champion of American literature need not be ashamed to produce as showing what men of letters among us can do—it will soon be given to the public in a complete and permanent form.

At 4 o'clock, on the same day, Rev. Edwin P. Hatfield, D. D., of New York City, addressed the Philadelphian Society, in his usual impressive manner. The address was religious in its character, and its lessons of benevolence and devotion were suited to the objects of the Society.

In the evening, the usual Prize Speaking took place—four speakers from each of the three lower classes competing for the Prizes proposed by the late Mr. Parker, (of Paris,) paid from the income of a fund with which the College was endowed by him for that purpose. In the Freshman Class, the first prize was awarded to D. G. Hooker, the second to B. D. Ames; in the Sophomore Class, first to B. M. Moore, second to C. M. May; in the Junior Class, first to P. F. Churchill, second to A. P. Northrup. The orations of the Juniors were original.

On Wednesday morning, the procession, consisting of the Corporation, the Alumni in the order of their classes, & the undergraduates, formed in front of the College, at 9 1-2 o'clock, and marched to the Congregational Church. It was probably by far the longest procession of the kind ever seen in Vermont—numbering several hundreds. On arriving at the meeting-house, the following order of exercises was observed:

I. *Prayer by the President.* II. *Oratio Salutatoria.* Daniel W. Mandell, *Hardwick, Mass.* III. Obstacles as a means of Success. * James H. Barter, *Ogdensburgh, N. Y.* IV. *The Influence of Silent Causes.* Edward M. Dewey, *Moriah, N. Y.* V. *Moral Culture.* Charles E. Everest, *Moriah, N. Y.* VI. *Natural Science.* Albert Hurd, *Augusta, C. W.* VII. *The Importance of well-directed Mental Effort.* Hiram Mead, *Cornwall.* VIII. *Life,—False and True.* Henry M. Slade, *Middlebury.* IX. *Labor,—its Rewards.* Edward Y. Swift, *Middlebury.* X. *Progress the Law of Nature.* Sylvester S. Willard, *Vergennes.* XI. *Oration.* George N. Boardman, A. B., *Cambden.* XII. *Degrees Conferred.* XIII. *Prayer by the President.* XIV. *Benediction.* [*Excused.

The orations of the graduating class were listened to with much attention by the largest audience we have ever seen on such an occasion, and were highly praised by men whose approbation is not lightly bestowed, and whose judgment will hardly be disputed by any who were present through the exercises of the forenoon sitting. The Master's Oration was pronounced by George N. Boardman, A. B., on the subject of History, and was a rare and striking production of a contemplative spirit destined one day, we predict, to be known in the world of letters and philosophy. Sentences of remarkable force and beauty were thickly interspersed throughout the entire essay.

Degrees Conferred.—*A. B.*, on the members of the graduating class above named. *A. M.*—George N. Boardman, Ira D. Barwell, Asa E. Everest, John W. Hunt, Levi P. Sawyer, Richard R. Patton, Edwin F. Hatfield, and C. T. Holbrook, alumni of the College; Rev. James Mulchahey, of Middlebury, a graduate of Trinity College, *ad eundem*. The honorary degree of A. M. was conferred on the following persons:

Hon. Amasa Walker, North Brookfield, Mass.; Rev. Preston Taylor, Sheldon; Rev. B. O. Meeker, Middlebury; Benj. F. Mason, Boston.

The degree of D. D. on the following: Rev. Geo. C. Beckwith, Boston; Rev. Lyman Gilbert, West Newton, Mass.

The degree of LL D. on Rev. Albert Barnes, Philadelphia, and Hon. John Willard, Saratoga Springs.

At 3 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, the Associated Alumni were addressed by Hon. Alexander W. Buel, member of Congress from Michigan.—His address was handsomely written, and contained strong and brilliant points. His subject was the relation between past and present civilization, from which were deduced bright hopes for the future. The closing part of the address was a truly eloquent and patriotic appeal in behalf of the Union, on which he deemed the future of our race so intimately to depend. We hope this address will be published.

In the evening, the President's Levee was attended by great numbers of the Alumni and of the citizens of our village, and others, forming a happy "reunion," for a brief while, that will not, doubtless, soon be forgotten.

Anniversary of the Associated Alumni.

The special exercises of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary—the Jubilee proper—were held on Thursday. The procession moved from the Colleges at about 10 o'clock and on reaching the Congregational Church—which was speedily filled in every part (including the porch) to its utmost capacity—the exercises commenced with prayer by the Rev. Francsway R. Cossitt, D. D., President of Cumberland College, Kentucky.

A Salutatory address, by Rev. Benjamin Labaree, D. D., President of the College, followed. Of the propriety, grace, and eloquence of this introductory oration, it is impossible to give an adequate idea by any mere synopsis. Its effect was electric, and, for the first time within our knowledge, at a literary festival within the walls of that house, called forth spontaneous and deafening applause. The first manifestation of this sort was elicited by a very happy allusion to Professor Hough, who sat upon the stage; and it was renewed, with equal heartiness, by a similar reference to the venerable Dr. Bates, the former president, who was also present.

An address, on the Relations of the College to the Religious Interests of Society, was then delivered by Rev. Joshua Bates, D. D., occupying something more than an hour. It was an able, systematic, and beautifully written discourse, strongly marked by the intellectual vigor for which its author is celebrated. It contained many touching and pleasing reminiscences of former days, and particularly of the twenty one years during which the venerable speaker was at the head of the college. The closing *farewell* was a strain of pathetic eloquence such as we never heard, on any other occasion. There was scarcely a dry eye in the whole assembly, during that parting apostrophe to the "winding Otter," to the valleys, the mountains, the walls of the church, where he had so often stood, the college halls, to the living in our streets, and to the sacred ones sleeping in the "city of the dead." We hope the sad presentiment in those closing remarks may prove false, and that many years may yet be added to a life so useful and honored.

Rev. John Hough, D. D., next pronounced a Eulogy on Deceased Alumni of the College, occupying three hours, and, by the eloquence and richness of his discourse, keeping up an intense interest to the last. Of the *Clergymen* eulogised, were Walter Chapin, Timothy Harris, Chester Wright, Caleb Burge, Joseph W. Clary, Edward Warren, Sylvester Larned, Carlos Wilcox, Thomas Charlton Henry, Reuel Keith, Joseph Brown, Alijah Crane, and others; of *Missionaries*, Pliny Fisk, Levi Parsons, Samuel Mosely, Ephraim Spaulding, Jesse Caswell, and others: *College Professors and Teachers*, Olivet Halbard, Eleazer S. Barrows, James K. Platt, Solomon Metcalf Allen; *Men in Public Life*, Rollin C. Mallary, D. Azro A. Buck, Titus Brown, Charles G. Haines, and Silas Wright. Of the great good taste, propriety, and candor of all these eulogies, it is useless to speak, no less to those who heard them, than to those who, though absent, know their author. Without anything exaggerated or fulsome, each portrait was made to stand out on the canvass in its true individual proportions and lineaments—none of the good omitted, and little of the opposite untouched—the light and shade justly mingled. The array of talent and genius thus presented would alone suffice—to say nothing of the more numerous band still living—to make their Alma Mater rightfully proud, and remembered for ages to come.

Measures have been taken to secure the publication of all these Addresses, together with the entire proceedings of the day—hence we the more readily yield to the necessity imposed on us, of passing this part of the exercises without fuller notice, and of speaking with like brevity of the many shorter, but brilliant and memorable speeches which followed. Most, if not all, of these, we hope, will be gathered up in the history of the day.

At 4 o'clock, the Alumni and invited guests sat down to dinner, in a booth near the Vermont Hotel, on the grounds of Joseph Warner, Esq. The entertainment was handsomely provided by Mr. S. P. Damon, and the number seated at the table was upwards of three hundred. A large crowd assembled outside and within, not included in this estimate. Hon. Alexander W. Buel presided, assisted by E. D. Barber, Esq., and other Vice Presidents. The "feast of reason" commenced with a short introductory speech from Mr. Buel, after which Philip Battell, Esq. announced the regular toasts. We simply designate the responses by subjoining the names of the speakers, after each toast—more than this, at present, being out of the question:

Regular Toasts.

1. *The occasion we celebrate:*
Rapiamus amici
Occasionem de die; dumque virent genua
Et decet, obducta solvamur fronte senectus.

2. *Alma Mater:*
Non si male nunc et olim sic erit.
Non semper idem floribus est honor
Vernis, neque uno Luna rubens nitet
Vultu
Responded to by Dr. STEPHEN OLIN.

3. *The Founders of Middlebury College:*
While preparing the wilderness for a free home, they did not neglect to lay the foundation for the acquisition of that knowledge, without which Liberty is unattainable, or, if attainable, cannot be preserved
Hon. D. P. THOMPSON.

4. *The early settlers of Vermont:*
Encompassed by enemies they were never conquered; beset by evils, they were always undaunted; forsaken by friends, they forsook not themselves; the State, whose independence they secured, is the monument of their labors, and the children to whom they left it, rise up and call them blessed.
Ex Gov. Wm. SLADE.

5. *Our Benefactors:*
May our College be perpetuated in a manner worthy the sacrifices by which it was originated, and commensurate with the generosity and confidence of those who have endowed it.
President LABAREE.

6. *Our Ex-Presidents:*
The position which the college attained during their respective administrations is undeniable evidence of the faithfulness with which they administered.
Rev. Dr. BATES.

7. *Our Ex-Professors:*
We have laid them on the shelf—but we have them by heart.
Prof JOHN HOUGH.

8. *The Corporation:*
We honor them for their labors and their worth.
Hon PETER STARR.

9. *The Faculty:*
Our respect commends them to the love of our successors.
Prof W. H. PARKER.

10. *The oldest graduates:*
Like the children whom the Spartan mother sent forth to the contest, they have come back with their shields.
Dr. SALEM TOWN.

11. *Our Statesmen, living and dead:*
While mother's love endures, let nature own
The jewels of her casket and her zone.
Hon. A. W. BUEL.

12. *The Jurist:*
It was study that dimmed the eyes of Justice, that reflection might enlighten her heart. Her balance tests the interests of the man by the safety of society.
[Neither Hon. SAMUEL NELSON, Hon. STEPHEN ROYCE, nor Hon. JOHN WILLARD, one of whom was expected to respond, was present.]

13. *Trochais:*
Lampadia echantes diadiozousin allelois.
J. BATES, Jr., Prof. WINES.

14. *The Scholar:*
As civilization advances, the pupil of Learning is the master of Art.
Prof. JAMES D. BUTLER.

15. *Our Orators:*
The dead speak for us, the living for society.
D. ROBERTS, Jr., Esq.

16. *Our Poets:*
When Wilcox died, Melpomene, in pain,
Sigh'd "I'll not look upon his like again!"
Euphrosyne, that never falls for smiles,
Though grief becomes her and though care beguiles,
Flew to Apollo, and her suit did gain,
As good a Poet in another vein.
JOHN G. SAXE, Esq., here responded with a Poem prepared for the occasion.

The following song was then sung:

Song for the Jubilee.

Oh! brothers met once more,
Too soon to part again;
Before we go let's pour,
To our mother's love, one strain.

Brothers, where'er we've been,
Thy fame was with us there;
As the nurse of noble men,
The guide to truth and prayer.

In the Senate Hall their voice
Hath filled the nation's ear;
And made the free rejoice,
And the tyrant quake with fear.

Where justice holds her scale,
And blindly hears each prayer;
Within her highest pale,
Thy sons sit honored there.

Where the angel of the grave,
His shaft points at the heart,
They show their power to save,
And turn aside the dart.

Where'er the Poet's hand
Hath swept the trancing lyre,
Thy sons have graced the band,
And touched its chords with fire.

Where the cross its triumphs wins,
And love to God and man,
Redeems the world from sin;
Thy sons still lead the van:

They lift that banner high
In the Islands of the sea;
And 'neath the Indian sky,
They plant the Gospel tree.

Then honor to thy name,
Our mother loved and dear;
We cherish still thy fame;
We leave thee with a tear.

And still where each may go,
In city or the wild;
He'll never blush to know
Thou fallest him thy child.

17. *The Clergy:*
Learning and liberty claim them as advocates, Religion and Charity as exponents, the Church and the College as ornaments. Those that are first among us are our ministers.
Dr. N. S. S. BEMAN.

17. *The Lawyer:*
Unselfish, though everywhere spoken against—always speaking, but never for himself. The Bar of the Alumni retained for the college, we expect to get our case.
EDGAR L. ORMSBEE, E. J. PHELPS.

18. *The Physicians among the Alumni:*
Good for the cure of any case not immediable. Their mother will never die under their treatment.
Dr. N. CUTTER, Dr. BRADFORD L WALES.

19. *The Merchant:*
He endows all the liberal arts with liberality.
JOS. STEDMAN CLARKE.

20 *The Farmer:*
Lord of mother earth; the true Husbandman. The culture of his children is the pride of their sire.
Hon. JOHN S. PETTIBONE.

21. *Vermont:*
Our pride—our pride unblimmed before a patron; our love—love without regret or apprehension; the peerless one, where all are peers that honor her.
Ex-Gov. HORACE EATON.

22. *The Empire State:*
Her patronage of the college is illustrated in her appreciation of its sons.
J. M. PARKER, Esq.

23. *Rutland County:*
From her beautiful landscape were derived the choicest plants of our educational garden.
E. J. HALLOCK, J. D. BUTLER.

24. *Addison County:*
Named from the love of letters, though founded in the train of war. Refined by learning and guided by civic courage, may she dwell in all the blessings of peace.

25. *The Ladies:*
Angels to the college—unerring for themselves, never without sympathy for the mother, or love for the sons.
Rev. J. MATTOCKS.

26. *The Press:*
The doom of the old regime. By it the single free city becomes the limitless Republic.
S. M. CONANT,
J. H. BARRETT.

27. *The West:*
Her morning beams, glancing from the east, gather in richer splendor for the glories of her zenith above the centre of the Republic at its noon.
H. W. STARR, Esq., Prof. T. M. POST.

28. *The Union:*
The electric circuit of national life, unending if unbroken.
C. P. HULBURD, Esq., of New York.
HENRY LEWIS, Esq., of Alabama.

The shades of night gathered thickly around, before this ever memorable interview was brought to a close, and at length, after joining "with one voice" in "Old Hundred," the scenes of the day were reluctantly terminated.

The whole number of Alumni present was between two and three hundred—including representatives of nearly every class from that of 1805 down to the present year. We cannot now give a complete list of their names—We hope they may be published hereafter.

Of the Class of 1805, Rev. Ames Bingham, Rev. Luther P. Blodgett, Rev. Joel Davis, Daniel Hall, Esq., and Salem Town, LL. D., were present.

Several letters were received from absent Alumni. We have only room for the following:

Washington, Aug. 16, 1850.

Gentlemen:

I regret that I am not able to meet with you in the coming anniversary of Midd. Coll. and speak on the noble theme assigned me, the characters of Rollin C. Mallary and Silas Wright. Ill health—I trust temporary—forbids my travelling at this season; besides this, I should not feel warranted in risking the loss of a vote, *at this point of time*, unless demanded by some overriding necessity.

I have looked forward to this Meeting of our Alumni in anticipation of great pleasure. I wish to march again under the banner of my class; to hold communion once more with those who passed together through our Collegiate course; to see the remnant of our venerated Instructors; to meet the members of the Faculty with whom I have been associated, and the young men whom I have aided to instruct. I wish to see in one gathering my literary ancestors and posterity. I wish also to take part in welcoming to the jubilee of Middlebury College those generous members of our community who, without personal obligations, have proved themselves Friends of our Institution. Let not that class of men be forgotten. Could I be present in your meeting I should give my toast, "wet or dry:"

"*The benefactors of Middlebury College:* May their names and deeds be honored, and may the mee be multiplied and replenish the earth."

Truly Yours, J. MEACHAM.

At a meeting of the Committee of Arrangements for the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of Middlebury College, on Saturday, 24th inst., the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee and of the Alumni be presented to J. Warner, Esq., for the hospitable tender of his grounds for the late celebration.

Resolved, That the Committee and the Alumni entertain a high appreciation of the grace and efficiency with which the duties of the Marshalship were conducted at the Celebration, and that this testimonial, and the thanks of the Committee, be presented to Gen F. W. Hopkins, Marshal, and Maj E. R. Wright, Capt. Sam'l. Everts, Messrs. A. S. Jones, E. Y. Swift, and H. M. Slade, his assistants.

Resolved, That the Associated Alumni wish to express their deep indebtedness to Rev. President Labaree, Rev President Bates, Rev. Professor Hough, and John G. Saxe, Esq., for their assistance at the late Celebration, and that Messrs. E. D. Barber, J. A. Beckwith, and E. R. Wright be a Committee to solicit of these gentlemen copies of the addresses and poem delivered by them, and to take suitable measures for the publication of the same, together with the accompanying proceedings of the Jubilee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Music be requested to express to Mr. D. C. Hall, leader of the Lowell Brass Band, a testimonial of the sense entertained by the Committee of Arrangements of the superior excellence of their musical execution, and the liberal and polite spirit in which all their duties, both regular and gratuitous, as a band, were fulfilled.

The Lowell Brass Band.

This superior Band, whose services we have had during Commencement Week, performed in a manner almost beyond the reach of exaggerated praise—certainly they left no occasion whatever for their warmest friends to wish anything said of them other than the strictest truth. It is not our own individual opinion merely, but that of all we have heard speak of the matter, that they will compare, not at all to their disadvantage, with the most accomplished bands in the country. Their concert on Monday evening was numerously attended, (without including *outside tickets* so profusely taken even by some who appeared to be gentlemen and ladies, as well as "the boys,") and was received with deserved applause. Their regular and gratuitous performances were always appropriate, finished, and excellent. May the highest success attend them wherever they go—and may the Gold Bugle ever ring out as clearly as it has here for the past week.

☞ **Another week** is to decide many important questions in the politics of this State. Let not a single Whig be absent from the polls on Tuesday next. Let not a single Whig waver in the support of the excellent tickets we have nominated. Do not throw away a solitary vote, from merely personal considerations. See to it that *no Whig stays at home*. Be active, be vigilant, be *promptly on hand*.

U. S. Senator.—Remember that on the Legislature chosen next Tuesday devolves the election of a United States Senator. *A single vote*, in a *single town*, may possibly determine the result of that election. Whigs! remember this in season. By all means, where it can fairly and honorably be done, make sure of a Whig Representative, be your town large or small. Addison County did nobly last year—but now she can send at least *two more* Whig Representatives. Bristol and Whiting, we mean you! We rely upon you to do this duty.

☞ Gen. John E. Wool arrived in town last evening, and stays at Hon. H. Seymour's. Hon. Martin Van Buren is expected by the cars this morning.

☞ Remember the Whig meeting this evening. A full attendance of all Whigs is extremely desirable.

To Town Committees.—Printed votes will be sent at once to the chairmen of the several Town Committees in this Probate District, from this office—in the New Haven District, by G. W. Grandey, Esq., of Vergennes. Towns wishing *Justice* tickets, can be supplied by sending in their orders at once.

Congress.—The Senate has passed the Fugitive Slave bill, with some modifications from its original form. The House has been engaged on the Appropriation bills, and in general discussions. This is the sum of the Congressional business done the last week.

Pocket Picked.—At the levee at President Labaree's, on Wednesday evening last, Edward J. Phelps, Esq., had his pocket-book, containing valuable papers and $20 in money, stolen from his pocket. A person was noticed in the crowd by several at the time, who appeared to be an intruder, and a warrant was subsequently issued against him, but no sufficient proof being discovered, and none of the papers or money being found in his possession, he was not arrested. He was, however, followed up so closely that he probably dropped the pocket-book, containing all but the money, where it was found on Friday, near one of the barns of the Hotel. He was evidently an old and experienced pick-pocket.

Another.—Rev. Mr. White, of Ferrisburgh, found his pocket-book, with $70 in money, missing on Wednesday. He took it out in the cars that morning to pay his fare, when coming to this place, and not long after arriving here, he discovered that it was gone.

Still Another.—We understand that a lady, whose name we did not learn, met with a similar loss at the President's levee. A singular place for pick-pockets, truly!

The Silas Wright Monument—The exercises at Weybridge, *to day*, at the completion of this monument, commence at 3 o'clock, P. M. A train of cars leaves Burlington at 12 M., for this place, to return in the evening. Fare, half price. As strangers will be obliged to dine here, for want of sufficient accommodations at Weybridge, means must be provided for transporting passengers from here to that place.

☞ We understand the Catholic Bishop of Boston will be in this village on the first of September, and that he will be accompanied by a few of the Catholic clergy of that city.

Associated Alumni.

The annual meeting was held at the College Chapel on the morning of Commencement, Aug. 21.

The officers of the Association for the ensuing year were elected as follows, viz.—

President.
Hon. SOLOMON FOOT, of Rutland.

Vice President.
Hon. A. W. BUEL, of Detroit.
Cor. Sec. J. H. Barrett, Esq.
Rec. Sec. Dugald Stewart.
Treas. J. S. Bushnell, Esq.

Central Committee.
J. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Prof. W. H. Parker.
Geo. S. Swift, Esq.

The appointments for the next anniversary are—

Orator, David B. Tower, Esq., of Boston.
Substitute, H. W. Starr, Esq., of Iowa.
Poet, Rev. J. D. Butler, of Wells River.
Substitute, E. S. Sayres, of Montgomery Ala.

The following resolution, introduced by E. L. Ormsbee, Esq., was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we pledge to the Corporation and Faculty of this College our hearty sympathy and co-operation in future efforts to promote the prosperity of our Alma Mater.

The anniversary exercises were held at the Congregational Meeting House in the afternoon, when the Society was addressed by Hon. A. W. Buel, M. C. of Mich.

Hon Willis A. Gorman of Ill., was nominated by the orator, honorary member of the Association, and was duly elected.

Dugald Stewart, *Sec'y.*

☞ Latest advices from Texas state that the Legislature had met in special session, and the Governor had sent in an inflammatory message. The Texans manifest much indignation as to the positions of President Fillmore.

☞ Don't forget that Chas. K. Williams, your candidate for Governor, *offered himself to the Free Democracy at Montpelier, on the 31st of May, last year, as their candidate for Governor.*—*Burlington Sentinel.*

The Sentinel is most decidedly mistaken.—We were among the lookers on at the Coalition of May 31, 1849, and took notes of the sayings and doings on that memorable occasion—not omitting what was said in reference to Judge Williams. The facts are these:

On coming to the business of a State ticket, Mr. Barber announced that the old candidates had declined and the coast was clear for a new ticket.

Mr. Henry inquired whether Judge Williams had been consulted?

Mr. Barber said *he had been, but that* he declined.

Mr. Poland (Joseph) said he had seen a letter from which he inferred that Judge W. would not decline if nominated.

Mr. Kasson (Charles, of Burlington,) said that this could not possibly be true; he had seen a letter from the Judge, *in which he (Judge Williams) said* positively he could not consent to run as a candidate of the party.

Mr. Poland explained that the letter he alluded to *was* not *from Judge Williams.*

—Such were the facts, as brought out in the coalition convention. They put the stopper on the Sentinel story, and as far as they go, confirm the view given by the Watchman last week.—*Vermont Watchman.*

The California Protest was laid on the table in the Senate by the following vote:—

Yeas—Messrs. Badger, Benton, Bradbury, Bright, Chase, Cooper, Davis of Mass., Dodge of Wis., Greene, Hamlin, Houston, Miller, Norris, Phelps, Pratt, Smith, Underwood, Upham, Wales, Walker and Winthrop—22.

Nays—Messrs. Atchison, Barnwell, Berrien, Butler, Cass, Davis of Miss. Dawson, Dickinson, Dodge of Iowa, Hunter, Mason, Morton, Rusk, Sebastian, Shields, Soule, Sturgeon, Tursey, and Yulee—19.

It will be seen that a number of Senators did not vote at all on the question

The Legislature: A word of Caution.

In another place we have spoken confidently of an election of the whig state ticket by the people. We believe our opponents count upon the success of the whigs in the popular vote, and *stake their hope for the U. S. Senatorship, the Supreme Court, and the other appointments in Joint Assembly*, on an anti-whig majority *in the Senate and House.* Thus you see an effort to strengthen themselves in the Senate by a new coalition, of coalitionists and old liners, in Chittenden county. And tricks of this kind will also be attempted in towns; indeed we have been apprized that efforts were commenced even last autumn, and have been continued with more or less activity up to this time, to secure anti-whig representatives in the close towns. Now all we have to say is, let the whigs do their whole duty, promptly and efficiently in respect to the legislature. Certainly there can be no whig who would not blush to see the U. S. Senatorship and the bench of the Supreme Court filled by intriguers such as those who brought about the coalition of '49.—*Vermont Watchman.*

From the Pacific News, July 13.

Affairs in California.

Since our last edition for the States the overland immigration has commenced arriving, and some hundreds are already in our midst who left the Missouri river this spring. It is expected that much suffering will be experienced on the route among the rear parties, but no serious disasters can be very reasonably apprehended, if assistance is sent this fall to the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada, as was done last year.

The earliest arrivals were pack companies, who came through in about two months; and experience has demonstrated that for parties who are not bringing families, packing is the safest and surest mode of reaching California. The immigrants of last year (and we suppose will the present season,) suffered greatly from their vehicles being too heavy and cumberseme for such long journeys. The very lightest carriages have proved the best means of conveyance in every train where they have been used.

New York, Aug. 21.

The Crescent City made the outward passage in nine days. She left Chagres on the 12th. She brings no gold on her manifest, but the passengers have a considerable amount.

On Sunday, the 18th, lat. 24, lon 72, the Crescent City passed the steamer Empire City, from New York for Chagres.

From the Isthmus.—Steamer Falcon, with California mails, left Chagres for Havana on the 12th inst. at 4 o'clock A. M.

The steamship Isthmus, from San Francisco 15 h July, arrived at Panama on the 8th. She brought 60 passengers and about $100,000 in gold dust.

The steamer Eudora arrived at Panama on the 2d inst. The Northerner left there for San Francisco on the 27th July, and the Sarah Sands on the 21st. The steamer Harvey Gleason was on her first trip up the Chagres river when the Crescent City left for Chagres. Parties who had seen her on the way were confident of her success.

From California the dates are to the 17th, two days later.

Gov. Burnett has refused to call an extra session of the Legislature. He was expected in San Francisco, on his way to Sacramento city.

The Pacific News gives the following as the financial condition of California: Recapitulation: Revenues from poll tax, $250,000; from half of one per cent. tax on two million dollars property, 1,000,000; from foreign miners' tax, 250,000; from auction sales, 25,000—total, one million five hundred twenty-five thousand.

Liabilities and expenditures of the State from its organization to the 31st day of Dec., 1850, inclusive of every kind, total, $700,000; leaving a balance in the State treasury at the meeting of the next legislature of $825,000.

The above calculation does not embrace one million of dollars collected by officers of the port, on import duties, which, it is considered, belong to California.

The News says: In view of the financial resources of this State, indicated by these facts, we feel authorized in saying to the world, come weal come wo, every dollar of her indebtedness, to the last farthing of principle and interest, will be promptly redeemed, and there is no such word in her vocabulary as repudiation.

Information has been received at Stockton, that a party numbering about twelve have been found dead in a ravine near the Double Springs where they had been digging. From their appearance, death was caused by the clubs they had received; and from the scarcity of any article of value upon their persons, the supposition is, that the poor fellows had been robbed of what they possessed.

In relation to the general state of affairs at these Southern mines, the Stockton Journal of July 13th, remarks: A most alarming state of things exists on a portion of the southern mines around Sonora. Scarcely a night passes without a murder.

When the miner retires to his repose, he knows not but that the morrow's sun will find him the victim of the assassin's knife. It is thought that within the two last weeks, twenty men have been murdered in that neighborhood.

So great is the terror that wagons passing the mines and Stockton go in companies of four and four together.

Not long since a stage was fired into and four passengers wounded; one of them has since died of his wounds. A party of Mexicans were arrested in the vicinity of Sonora in the act of burning the bodies of two Americans.

The schr. Commodore Shubrick was sold at auction at San Francisco, on the 16th of July, for $625.

The San Francisco Herald of July 16th says: There has been considerable excitement to-day on account of the exposition of the fact that one of our largest mercantile operators suspended payment yesterday, and assigned their property.

Some gentlemen who had been members of the party engaged in the exploration of the interior country in the vicinity of Trinidad Bay, had returned to San Francisco. They say the proper name for the Trinity main stream is Clamath. The news brought down from the mines in that region is quite unexpected.

Owing to the high stage of the water, which rendered it impossible to mine with any considerable degree of success, very many persons started north in the direction of the Sparti, some two months since. It is presumed, however, that they have struck upon a spot which promises to pay.

Most of those who were left behind upon the Trinity, excepting such as had claims in the shape of damming operations, had left and gone over to the Clamath, where they are now laboring with fair success.

The fact that gold had been found on both the Trinity and Clamath rivers, in almost directly opposite directions, is evidence that a large extent of country in that section contains more or less of the precious metal; but how much will doubtless be determined as soon as the falling of the water shall afford an opportunity to test the matter thoroughly.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The efforts to remove the Florida Indians from their hammocks and homes have proved unavailing, a few only consenting to go. They consent however to occupy whatever land the Government may assign to them, and promise to be peaceful. We hope this is the last of all our Florida wars.

The Bishop of Jamaica, and Lady Elgin and suite, with 125 other travellers, took lodgings, on Monday evening, at Congress Hall, Saratoga.

The remains of the Florida army (now ordered to Texas) consist of twenty-two companies. The change will be a relief to most of them, inasmuch as those stationed in the interior have suffered severely from diarrhœa.

Prefer solid sense to wit; never study to be diverting with out being useful; let no jest intrude upon good manners, nor say anything that may offend modesty.

Secretary Webster has proposed Louis Napoleon as arbitrator of the claims on Portugal.

The nomination of Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, and Pleasanton as Auditor of the Treasury, it is said, will be withdrawn. Anderson, Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department, has been removed.

The Custom House officers of Vera Cruz seized a cargo of dry goods, powder, &c., valued at 70,000, which were smuggled ashore near Taspan, by an American schooner.

Bristol Bill has been lately flogged twice by the Warden of the State's Prison for making attempts to escape and for insubordination. A key fitting the door of his cell was found upon him. He seems to think it hard that he should be obliged to labor there for ten years.

☞ The only daughter and eldest child of Mr. Bancroft, late U. S. Minister at the Court of St. James, died at Springfield, Mass., on the 9th inst. She was a lovely, interesting young lady of 17 years, and had been visiting in the family of her uncle, Mr. Bliss, in that town, for some weeks.—She was in robust health until within a few days of her death.

☞ Jenny Lind wants "a kind of national song" in which to make her first appearance in America, and Jules Benedict wants to make the music for it. So Mr. Barnum has offered to give $200, for the best song which shall be furnished by the first of September.

Invitation to a Hanging.—Sheriff Eveleth has issued his invitations to those designated to attend "the execution of John W. Webster, on Friday, the thirtieth instant, at 8 o'clock, A. M., at the Jail in Leverett St. in Boston."—*Bee.*

☞ A society, called the "American League of Colored Laborers," has been formed in New York. Its object is to induce colored men in the United States to get into more profitable employment—in other words a practical effort of colored men for their elevation in life. That talented fellow, Rev. S. R. Ward, is President of it. We hope they may prosper in their work.

☞ Isaac de Costa, a learned Jew of Amsterdam, estimates the whole number of Jews now in the world, at from five to seven millions. He allots only 50,000 to the United States, where, he tells us, they are treated better than in any country in the world, except perhaps Turkey, which is more liberal to them than any European government.

A New Platform.—An aspirant for a county office in this county being asked yesterday what his political principles were, announced his platform thus: "I am, sir, in favor of the *next* war—opposed to the cholera—in favor of high salaries—opposed to uncurrent funds and poor brandy.—*Detroit Free Press.*

☞ The vacancy recently created in the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, for this Congressional District, has been filled by the appointment of Henry W. Closson, son of Henry Closson, Esq., of Springfield.

☞ Rev. Dr. Sprague, of Albany, in his address at Dartmouth College Commencement, pronounced a splendid eulogy upon Daniel Webster.

☞ Miss Charlotte Ann Moores formerly of Plattsburgh, was killed by lightning at Green Bay, Wisconsin, on the 1st inst. She is spoken of as a young lady endowed with every charm that intelligence and virtue impart to woman. When struck by the electric bolt she was singing one part, her sister, Mrs. Lathrop, sustaining another part, in "Good Bye."

Energy and Perseverence.—Col. Monroe, the Military Governor of New Mexico, is a Scotchman, who entered the service of the United States during the war of 1812 as a private. He has risen to his present position by reason of the performance of distinguishing feats of valor on many a bloody field. It is said that, at the time of the original enlistment, he was exceedingly illiterate, but has become an accomplished gentleman and able soldier, by dint of hard study, coupled with native talent and indomitable courage.—*Buffalo Adv.*

Plattsburgh Volunteers who are wishing to receive any compensation for their services in the Battle of Plattsburgh would do well to look at a resolution of the Legislature of Vermont passed in 1849, and published with the Laws of that session and govern themselves accordingly. After the first of September will be a little too late. D.

☞ At the late meeting of the Corporation of Middlebury College, the following persons were elected as members of that body:

Rev. John Mattocks, of Keeseville, N. Y., Hon. B. L. Wales, of Randolph Mass., Joshua Bates, Jr., Esq., of Boston, and Calvin T. Hulburd, Esq., of Brasher Falls, N. Y.

The Texas Bill.—If there is no mistake in the following, the New York *Evening Post* does not go with the balance of the "Free Soil" press in denouncing the Texas bill, but earnestly hopes it will not fail in the House. We cut the extract from the editorial columns of that paper of Friday:

The only way in which the House can treat the Texas bill, consistently with regard to its own character, is to lay out of sight the menaces of Texas, and to consider the question precisely as if no bluster had been uttered; that is to say, deliberately, at its own leisure, and with a single view to what is just between New Mexico and Texas. Whatever the decision of the House may be, we may be sure that it will be peacefully acquiesced in. We do not know what the chances of the bill may be in the House, but we *earnestly hope that it will not fail in its present shape.*

We trust too, the menaces of Texas will be totally disregarded, as well as the menaces of the whole blustering, disunion crew at the South. But these menaces should not prevent Congress from doing right, from adopting and pursuing a course of conciliation and compromise. We observe that the President's message meets with the same species of opposition, that did Gen. Jackson's from the nullifiers. In fact it is the same school of politicians in the one case as in the other, that are engaged in the crusade against the Union, and we rejoice that they have been met, as they have been by President Fillmore, in a spirit of conciliation, but with a firm and determined purpose to faithfully execute the laws, and to preserve the rights of the United States inviolate.—*Buffalo Com. Adv.*

Professor Webster.—The Post of this morning says—"About 11 o'clock yesterday an unfounded rumor, that Dr. Webster had committed suicide, obtained rapid circulation, and although the City Marshal promptly took active measures to have the report contradicted, it had numerous believers till the close of the day.—Dr. Webster was visited by Sheriff Eveleth and E. D. Sohier, Esq., one of his counsel, yesterday forenoon, who found him to be in his usual frame of mind, professing entire resignation to his fate, submission to the law, and good will towards all men."

Important Seizures—40 Vessels tied up!—The Chicago Journal of the 1st inst., gives the