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The Slavery Question.

Our own opinion, as our readers well know, has been from the beginning, that the only plan for the early and satisfactory adjustment of the Slavery question, is that recommended by the patriot and wisdom of President TAYLOR.

We desire, once more, to call the attention of the readers of this paper to that plan. We quote President TAYLOR'S own words:— "No civil government having been provided by Congress for California, the people of that territory, impelled by the necessities of their political condition, recently met in convention, for the purpose of forming a constitution and State government, which, in all respects, is in conformity with the principles of the Union."

"The people of New Mexico will also be believed at this early date, to have formed a constitution and State government, which, in all respects, is in conformity with the principles of the Union."

"We consider just, honorable, fair, conciliatory, and the suggestion of the warmest and highest patriotism. It is entirely satisfactory to the Wages of the North, and we believe, to the whole North. It leaves New Mexico under the existing laws of Mexico, which contain an affirmative prohibition of Slavery, and which Gen. TAYLOR will sustain, if necessary, while New Mexico remains a Territory, with the power of the Government. This satisfies, and ought to satisfy, the North. It leaves, also, the people of New Mexico with the power to establish Slavery, if they think proper to do so, when they can establish a State. This ought to satisfy the South."

"Leave the Territories with no power to introduce Slavery, till they come to organize a State, and there is no more likelihood that they will legalize that 'institution,' than there is that a boy will put on woman's clothes when he comes to be a man. The North is willing to concede this much to the South, and not a feather's weight more. If Governments are adopted for the Territories, they must contain the Slavery prohibition of the Ordinance of '87. This we understand to be precisely the ground occupied by the Whig Party. Mr. WEBSTER has utterly failed to convince them that Slavery is impossible in New Mexico. They don't believe it. The argument of which the assertion is founded is weak and fallacious. Ten thousand living facts disprove it! THE TERRITORIES AS THEY ARE, therefore, is the only alternative. This is the plan of President TAYLOR and the administration. It is the plan of the great conservative Whig Party of the North, and we might almost say, of the Union. Mr. CALHOUN, the embodiment of the ultra-Slavery propagandists of the South, says of it: 'The plan of the administration, in fact, but a modification of the Wilmot Proviso—there is no difference between it and the Wilmot, except in the mode of effecting the object, and in that respect, it is as good as the Wilmot Proviso.' 'LEAST OBJECTIONABLE.'"

"Give us, then, the President's Proviso, and the Wilmot may go back to the great fountain of Barabara lumbergony from which it sprang—and the Dred Scott and Preston Kings, who originated it for the lowest of political purposes, may return to the dead level of obscure mediocrity to which, as Statesmen or philanthropists, they belong!"

"And it is, in our judgment, in not coming square up to the plan proposed by the President, and supporting it as the plan of the Administration and the People, that the leading Whigs in Congress have made a great mistake. They have not treated the President fairly, nor generously. Each one has had great thoughts of his own on the existing topic, while the President alone has proposed a course of action, plain, simple, practical, and such as the country would approve, and as fanaticism cannot successfully attack."

"—And we believe the course he has recommended will ultimately be adopted, and no other. If Mr. WEBSTER, with his commanding intellect and character, had simply established himself, in the outset, on the President's plan, we religiously believe that the whole subject would have been settled weeks ago. He would have saved his friends, and the Whig Party, of the North from the unpleasant duty of repeating and combating his doctrines. He would have saved them the mortification of reading, from his lips, the assertion that he would not vote for prohibiting Slavery in New Mexico, because God and geology had prohibited it already! He would have been spared an unnecessary, premature and gratuitous recognition of the far-off right of Texas to be subdivided into four slave States. On Wednesday last, eight days after his great speech, he avowed his determination to vote for the admission of California, exactly as she presents herself, with her boundaries precisely as they are."

"—And in the course of the same observations he adds: 'In short, I incline to think that legislation—quite apart from the question of Slavery—would be the best way to proceed in this course of legislation, which the President has suggested, in his message transmitting the constitution of California.'"

"We rejoice to record it! If he had made the same declaration eight days previously he would have done more to tranquilize the public mind, and to settle the great controversy, far more, than he has done!"

The 'Will of God' in New Mexico and Oregon.

Mr. WEBSTER, in his recent great speech, which is so universally the topic of remark and criticism, bases his emphatic opposition to the legislative exclusion of slavery from New Mexico, upon the ground that nature and geology have already shut out that 'institution' from that territory. He says:—

'Now as to California and New Mexico, I hold slavery to be excluded from those territories by a law even superior to that which admits and sanctions it in Texas. I mean the law of nature—or, if you will, the law of the foundation of the earth—That law settles forever, with a strength beyond all power of human enactment, that Slavery cannot exist in California or New Mexico.'

'I look upon it, therefore, as a fixed fact, to use an expression current at this day, that both California and New Mexico are destined to be free, so far as they are settled at all, which I believe, especially in regard to New Mexico, will be very little for a great length of time; free by the arrangement of things by the Power above us. I have, therefore, to say, in respect also, that this country is free to freedom, to as many persons as shall ever live there, by an irrevocable and more irrevocable law, than the law that stretches to the right of holding slaves in Texas; and I will say further, that if a resolution, or a law, were now before us to provide a territorial government for New Mexico, I would not vote to put any prohibition on it whatever.'

Mr. WEBSTER also says:— 'California and New Mexico are Asiatic, in their formation and scenery. They are composed of vast ridges and mountains of enormous height, with broken ridges and deep valleys. The sides of these mountains are barren, their tops capped by perpetual snows.'

'Now all this is very well, but, as Mr. WEBSTER says above, 'to use an expression current at this day,' we suppose that 'what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.' We take it that Oregon is quite as 'Asiatic' in its formation as California and New Mexico. We suppose its 'broken ridges and deep valleys' are quite as numerous and formidable, and that its mountain sides are quite as 'barren' and its mountain tops are capped with quite as 'perennial snow.' Besides all this, Oregon is entirely north of both California and New Mexico, and is, therefore, a fortiori, (in view of Mr. WEBSTER'S Natural and Geological laws) a 'silly' location for the application of the Wilmot Proviso. But Mr. WEBSTER, nevertheless, in his place in the Senate, voted for the Wilmot Proviso clause in the Oregon Bill;—thereby most unnecessarily 're-enacting the will of God!'

Now Mr. WEBSTER'S vote convinced his constituents, and the North, that it was right and necessary to prohibit Slavery in Oregon, and it is, therefore, not wonderful that his speech has failed to convince them that such a prohibition is 'idle' as applied to New Mexico. New England is inhibited by a remarkably straight-forward class of people!

MR. SEWARD'S SPEECH ON THE SLAVERY QUESTION.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD has made his first speech in the Senate of the United States. The occasion was one to test severely the ability which is so widely conceded to him, and he has triumphantly encountered it. We have read his speech with entire satisfaction. We read it without fear. We had complete confidence in the man. We have always had confidence in him. We know him to be a true man, 'with-out fear and without reproach,' whether engaged in defending in a County Court, a miserable negro against the injustice of a furious and reckless popular clamor, or in discussing in the United States Senate, great questions of National policy and Humanity.

Mr. SEWARD'S great speech argues, with consummate ability, the whole question now agitating the Union,—the admission of California, and the further extension of Human Slavery. We thank him for that from the bottom of our hearts. He is the true exponent and champion of Northern Sentiment and Principle. He States and advocates the position of the North with unanswerable force—absolutely dispersing to the four winds the elaborate sophistries of Mr. CALHOUN, and firmly opposing the more plausible, and more dangerous, propositions of Mr. WEBSTER. On the vital questions of the application of the Ordinance of '87 to New Mexico, the obligation of the States to cooperate in restoring fugitive Slaves, and what we regard as the unfounded right of Texas to be divided into five slave States independently of the will of the People as represented in Congress,—which constitute the spinal column of Mr. WEBSTER'S argument, he widely disagrees with that distinguished gentleman. The North, and the world, with scarcely a dissenting opinion, will say that Mr. SEWARD is right. He adheres to the Constitution—asks nothing that instrument does not allow—and concedes nothing against Freedom and Humanity, that that instrument does not require.—This, in our judgment, is the true position of the North. Concessions and compromises, for the sake of peace and harmony, are always desirable—unless such concessions and compromises prove to give a further license to injustice and wrong. No man has a right to concede anything to Slavery. Slavery has, in this government, certain Constitutional rights and guarantees, and to this extent it is entitled to be considered. But not a fraction further! Where Constitutional rights cease, wrong and injury commence.

—But we have no time for further comment. Mr. SEWARD'S speech admirably unites 'the north and the east.' It is earnest, logical, frank, fearless and true. We shall publish it entire. It is commenced in our columns this evening. We need not ask the attention of our readers to it.

One of the sweetest musical voices in the country, dwelling in the throat of Mr. H. B. SQUIRES, of Bennington, received, in Troy, on Thursday evening last, the merited compliment of a "Complimentary Concert." The Whig says "the audience was large and respectable, and the entertainment in all respects worthy of it" and that "no one can hear Mr. SQUIRES without delight."

Our readers will remember Mr. SQUIRES.—Our own opinion is that, with the cultivation that he doubtless bestows upon the rare powers of his voice, and with the acquisition, not difficult, of a more thoroughly correct reading of his volcans, he will soon rank among the best vocalists—may as the *recy* best blind-singer—in America. We hope he will visit Burlington again.

When the *Scout* finally makes up its mind what we did say on any given point, and then has any observations to make concerning it that amount to anything if they are true, or that are true if they amount to anything,—by, old fellow! Send the *Vol. Patriot* a hark at you later, now and then!

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THE WESTERN VERMONT RAILROAD.

Our readers will be glad to learn that active and spirited efforts are making to secure the speedy completion of this important line of Road from Rutland southwards, through Bennington County, to the Valley of the Hudson. The large business resources of the region of Country to be intersected by this road, though but partially developed, are well known. Bennington County is one of the most fertile sections, in valuable mineral and agricultural wealth, in New England—and no portion of New England is inhabited by a more active and enterprising population. We believe a greater variety of manufactures is carried on in that County than any where else—in cloth, marble, iron, wood, krolin or porcelain clay, &c., &c. These manufactures need only the stimulus of an easily accessible market to be indefinitely increased—the means of increase being equal to any reasonable commercial demand. Hitherto the iron and earthen manufactures of Vermont—the produce of her Soil—as well as her Agricultural wealth, have labored under the depressing embarrassments of distant markets and expensive and slow methods of transportation. Take from them this weight, and their active prosperity will illustrate the enterprise and productive industry of our population. Give Yankee enterprise a "fair chance," and it will "ask no odds." We venture to predict that within a very few years, Bennington County, for the extent and variety of its Manufactures, will be widely and justly renowned. Her citizens are quite well aware of the extent of her resources, and will not be long without the advantage of an expeditious and available method of bringing them into market.

A large and spirited meeting of the Stockholders of the Western Vermont Railroad, as we learn from a private letter, was held in Manchester, a few days ago, and the following officers were elected:—

- DIRECTORS. MYRON CLARK, Manchester, President. A. R. VAIL, Danby, Vice President. ROBT. PIERPOINT, Rutland. ROBINSON HALL, Wallingford. M. C. COCHRAN, Dorset. IRAC DEERING, Arlington. ASHIEL HERR, St. Albans. LEMUEL BOTTOM, Shaftsbury. A. P. IVMAN, Bennington. DANIEL ROBERTS, Jr., Treasurer. SASKA SMITH, Clerk.

'Old Bennington' is wide awake to the importance of this public work, and we venture to say she will not "close her eyes" till she has carried it through. The gentlemen who have it in hand are well known as energetic business men. They have secured the services of Wm. B. GILBERT, Esq., as Chief Engineer, of whose thorough practical ability in railroad engineering, and acquaintance with details of construction, the "Rutland Road" stands as a proud testimonial. We understand that Mr. GILBERT has tendered his resignation to the Rutland Board, and that it has been accepted with the understanding that he is to "keep an eye" on his old favorite, as circumstances may require. We very cordially congratulate our friends of the Western Vermont Road on their having at the head of their enterprise an Engineer who is work and estimates, *pace* *pace* *pace*!

It is a fact, as unusual in the history of Railroads as it is decisive of the careful judgment and skill of Mr. GILBERT, that the Rutland Road has been constructed at an expense within 5 per cent of his original estimate. "May he live a thousand years!"

Mr. Doty of Wisconsin.

Our readers may remember that, a few days ago, we took occasion to doubt the truth of the newspaper rumors of a pretended "arrangement," by which the Hon. Mr. DOTY of Wisconsin was to "sell" his resolution instructing the Committee on Territories, to report a bill providing for the admission of California with her present Constitution, limits and boundaries. It was this resolution that Southern members so frantically and factiously opposed, and "staved off" by calling the axes and nays on frivolous motions, till after twelve o'clock at night. It was the tendency of this Resolution that led Mr. Senator FOOTE to predict the speedy dissolution of the Union—giving Congress only about six days grace to "pack up and be off!"

We expressed our disbelief in the rumor, because it had been our good fortune to meet Mr. DOTY, and we were firmly of opinion that he is a gentleman whose loyalty to his country would never be induced to consent to any "arrangement" involving a relinquishment of the *principe*, or the *action*, embraced by his resolution. We felt entire confidence in the *ability* of that gentleman's determinations when they had been made to assume the shape of a legislative proposition. And we were not mistaken. Those who have noticed the rather barren record of the proceedings of Congress, have doubtless observed that, in Committee of the Whole, a few days ago, Mr. DOTY presented a Bill providing for the admission of California as she is, and moved that it be reported by the Committee as the result of its action on the President's message communicating the Constitution of California. This, it will be perceived, presents the question in a BETTER form than it was under the obnoxious resolution, besides fully accomplishing the object designed.

We allude to the matter because it affords us pleasure to be able to vindicate, thus completely, the correctness of our estimate of him, which Mr. DOTY'S frank and manly bearing impressed upon us, during a brief and casual acquaintance which he has doubtless long since forgotten.

If California is to be deserted, or treated treacherously, we do not look for it from the WEST—the free, limitless, generous WEST.—The North has established her claim to a monopoly of "dough-faces!"

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The Washington Union on Mr. Webster's Speech.

We are indebted to Mr. MERRIAM for a copy of the Washington Union, containing a full report of Mr. WEBSTER'S Speech. We refer to it for the purpose of quoting the highly laudatory remarks of the Union upon Mr. WEBSTER personally, and its brief synopsis of the main points of his Speech. Well may we be astonished when the views of DANIEL WEBSTER, on the Slavery question, call down upon him the dishonoring tribute of the foul praise of the Washington Union! That paper says:—

'We were not present for several minutes after he commenced, but the first positions which he argued after we entered the Senate, and for some time afterwards, were so decidedly opposed to slavery and the Southern aspect of the question, that we despaired of any conciliatory, or anything compromising, or anything calculated to settle this dangerous and agitating question, from his lips. We are bound, however, to state that we had done Mr. Webster great injustice, and that the last part of his speech amply redeemed what we thought the errors of the first. From this time, we were all united in our opinion on the matter from Massachusetts, that we aimed to state to you it upon the present occasion. We presume that he will set little value upon anything such as may fall from our pens; but we feel bound to state freely our impressions of his speech. We had expected very little from Mr. Webster. 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