

THE TARIFF. Last week we noticed the probable reduction of duties on many articles by the British Parliament. Already has this been made the pretext by the free trade lococoos to demand a reduction of the Tariff of 1842. This is rank dishonesty: this reduction of the British Tariff is based upon the doctrine of Protection, and for the very object of Protection.

PROSCRIPTION. The guillotine is in full play at Washington, and we are sorry to see that Mr. Polk is first beheading some of the best men in the public service. John S. Skinner, 3d Assistant P. M. General, is a lococo, but nevertheless a worthy man, an excellent officer, and particularly esteemed by the agriculturists of the Union, by whom he has long been well known as an agricultural writer.

THE NEW COURT HOUSE. The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Judge Hayward, Superintendent of the new Court House, find the cost to be \$11,310 13, exclusive of the contributions made by the citizens of this village. The completion of the building and yard will probably make the cost \$12,000 00.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST MAN IN VERMONT. On the 21st ult. Mr. Benjamin Bush died at Greenboro', at the extraordinary age of one hundred and fifteen years. He was a native of Old Swazey, Mass. and formerly resided in this town.

Table with 3 columns: Ages, Males, Females. Rows 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106.

Oppression in Vermont. A few days since an opossum was exhibited here which had been caught in Roxbury. These animals usually confine themselves to the Southern States, and we are at a loss to conjecture how this animal was induced to emigrate.

READ THE ADVERTISEMENTS. A cotemporary gives the following good advice to newspaper readers: "People in every station of life should read the advertisements, not only to ascertain what is going on in the world of life and opportunity presented in its columns for benefiting themselves."

ANNEXATION. The prospect of defeating Annexation seems fairer and fairer—no thanks, however, to the government of this country: it is Texas herself who will reject the proffer of the slavery. Among the friends of Annexation in this country, the voice of the Texas press seems to be generally regarded as a decisive organ against the present project, and they are therefore urging a rally of the Lococoeracy for future, and still stronger efforts, at the next session of Congress.

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Horror Murder in Manchester N. H. It becomes our painful duty to record the details of the horrid murder of one of our fellow citizens, Mr. James L. Parker. Mr. Parker was tall, collected, for the past year, and had a bowling saloon and billiard room in Manchester street.

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CANADA TARIFF. The following is a list of several of the articles, with the duties annexed, according to the schedule comprised in the new Customs Duties Bill, recently passed by the Canada Parliament: Animals, viz:—Cows and heifers, each, 15s; calves, each, 5s; goats, each, 2s 6d; horses, mares, geldings, colts, foals, each, £1; kids, each, 2s 6d; lambs, each, 1s; oxen and bullocks, and steers, each, £1 5s; pigs (suckling), each, 6d; sows and hogs, each, 5s; sheep, each, 2s.

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RAIL ROADS. A magnificent Rail Road Project, hitherto considered visionary, has received the formal sanction of the President of Canada, with favorable prospects of liberal pecuniary aid from the British Government. We have already announced the Royal assent to the Montreal and Portland (Maine) Rail Road Bill. By later advices from Montreal, we learn that the Montreal and Lake Ontario Rail Road, has also received the approval. By the construction of these Rail Roads, England secures admission to the granary of our great North Western States, and opens an avenue to the West which must have a very important influence upon the State of New York, unless counteracted by the construction of works by which the superabundance of our natural produce may be made available.

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THOUGHTS ON SLAVERY. For the Watchman and Journal. No. 2.—NATURAL LIBERTY. It is an easy matter to speak in condemnation of Slavery, for it requires no moral courage, no independence of mind or thought to do so. The modern Abolitionist, the friend of Colonization, and even many of the statesmen of the South, have been eloquent in the denunciation of Slavery. It has been admitted by a talented Virginian, on the floor of the United States Senate, to be "a moral and a political evil." But there are many that condemn without reflection and without thought, and who, in consequence of this want of reflection, entertain very loose and incorrect notions respecting the subject we are discussing.

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TEMPERANCE. Truly the friends of this noble cause witness a crisis. The time has come when we cannot promote this cause by the launching of wondrous novelties, by the rallying of immense assemblies, by impassioned appeals to sympathy, and strong impulsive and periodic spasms—much less by the use of swinging, sledge hammer denunciations and wholesale abuse, which some have been led to indulge in when engaged in their personal convenience, and goaded by formidable opposition. Nor can we depend much on occasional forays, the efforts of transient lecturers and the preparation of pamphlets. We must henceforth take up the Temperance subject in detail, make it an every day business. We must carry it home, in every school district and wholesome association of men, with candor, kindness, fidelity, patience and perseverance, to the understanding, conscience and interest of every individual in the community, who does not absolutely refuse to hear what belongs to his reason. Nor must we be content with making above all exemption by our constant observance of the pledge, in all its range and aspects, our devotion to the cause, "showing our faith by our works." It is time that temperance men take a higher stand in their practice. For surely it is no time to falter in our course, nor let me be understood, when I speak of a "higher stand," that I mean a "higher principle." For otherwise, "Total abstinence from all that can intoxicate," is always to blazon forth upon our banners. But we need not always ring the same changes in our method of teaching and enforcing these principles. "Why do you always keep firing cannon?" said a shrewd judge of human nature, to a minister who for a long time kept preaching upon endless punishment. "Why, to make them raise up to their danger," was the prompt and pious reply. "Yes, but do you not know," rejoined the querist, "that when too often and constantly repeated, even the reports of cannon and thunder will fail to excite much attention, and less alarm." Alas! how true this remark has been made, you have recomplished the objects of these startling and tremendous measures. Firm purpose, resolute determination, steady aim, and "enduring hardness, as good soldiers" of Temperance will accomplish more at this stage of the return than the fierce charge of this following ordinance.

PAIENCE. For the Watchman. NAUVOO, ITS ACQUISITION, PRESENT STATE, PROSPECTS, &C. Under a caption something like the above, I saw, in the Vermont Patriot of the 10th ult., an article from the "Transcript" (what Transcript does not appear) in relation to the acquisition of Nauvoo, as the Ed. Pat. seems indifferent about the correction of those errors, for the benefit of readers, I will correct some of them, especially those in relation to facts.

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