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Athens, Friday, March 17, 1854.

THE GARDINER FRAUD.—Of the Gardiner award $428,750 was fraudulently abstracted from the Treasury; $278,000, of which has been enjoined—to be probably returned into the Treasury. The deceased, Dr. George A. Gardiner, also drew from the Treasury $150,000 on the claim of Dr. H. Meers; $83,000 of which went directly to his own enjoyment. Meers, who is in Mexico, having been indicted, loudly avows that his claim was a shameless fraud and unhesitatingly defies the Government of the United States, there being no extradition convention or treaty between the two governments, under which he can be demanded of Mexico for trial under indictment in this country.

☞ The Native Americans and Know-Nothings, are to start a daily paper, to be called "The N. Y. Daily Badger." Forty thousand members, it is said, subscribe a dollar a-piece for a publishing fund, and also subscribe for the paper. Its motto is to be that command of Washington in an hour of peril—"Let none but Americans on guard to night."

☞ Geo. E. Pugh, Esq., of Cincinnati, has been elected United States Senator from the State of Ohio. Mr. Pugh is a Democrat, and is said to be in favor of the Nebraska Bill, which recently passed the Senate.

☞ The Treasurer of Mississippi, in a report to the Legislature, states that the issue in the Treasury on the 1st of January was $204,524.02, all of which, however, with the exception of $179.33, belonged to various trusts controlled by the State. In order to meet the current drafts on the State Treasury, the Treasurer suggests that the Trust funds be used, to be reimbursed when future taxes are collected. He also proposes a change in the mode of taxing slaves—not, as heretofore, a per capita tax, but an ad valorem tax of one twentieth of one per cent which would yield $125,000.

☞ The Washington Union announces that the paper will hereafter be under the "exclusive control" of Mr. Nicholson, who, it is understood, has bought out the interest of Mr. Hardy, and Gen. Armstrong's candidacy. Washington rumor says that this latter arrangement was made a *sine qua non* by the administration, and further intimates that Mr. Forney will join his forces with that of Mr. Nicholson, and will become one of the editors of the Union. The Union promises to continue to be "thoroughly democratic," and to give to the administration a "hearty and energetic support."

☞ The Postmaster General has decided that "an actual subscriber to a weekly newspaper, resident within the county where the same is printed and published, is entitled to receive such paper free of postage at any office in the adjoining county, provided such is the one at which he usually receives communications by mail."

☞ A despatch from Louisville, dated the 27th ult., says that there is no truth in the report started at Washington, that Senator Crittenden has declared against the Nebraska bill, nor is there any truth in the report that he is about to declare his sentiments upon that subject at Frankfort or elsewhere.

☞ Somebody tells a good story of a boy on a railroad who imitated the whistle of a locomotive so clearly that the engineer had to go down and *switch* him off the track.

☞ The Washington Star says that the Senate is really going to institute inquiry in regard to the publication of the Gadsden treaty and other secret documents, and that a number of newspaper editors and publishers will be summoned to Washington as witnesses.

FUNERAL OF DR. GARDINER.—The funeral of Dr. Gardiner took place on Sunday, and was attended by only a few of his personal friends. His brother, Charles Gardiner, was present, and will be examined before the Coroner's Jury on Friday next, when the letters written by the deceased, immediately before his death, will be produced.

☞ A letter from Lola Montez, at Grass Valley, states that she is repenting and has made overtures to get Hull, her last husband, back again. Mr. H., it is said, is inflexible, and refuses to "try it on," a second time.

The Nebraska resolution against the abrogation of the Missouri Compromise, passed the Senate of Maine on Tuesday, by 24 to 1.

☞ **The General Land Office gives notice that 79 military land warrants were stolen from the land office, in Iowa city.**

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

(FOR THE POST.)

An evil spirit broke custody one night last week. How he effected his escape is entirely unknown. He has been committing serious depredations in various ways in our village—made several attempts at sleeding reputations, and various other little tricks too tedious to mention. In one of his boldest attempts he tried to slander some of our best citizens, speaking of their immodesty, foolishness, &c., and made some sweeping remarks about our quiet, unobtrusive little school; but that was slippery ground, and I guess the old "fellow" got up with his nose rather turned up. I suppose he got into the corporation last night and tore up things like all horror—it looks all superjawed this morning. I don't know whether it can ever be cured of its madness. If not, I shall not wonder at sinners not stopping at the platform—it would frighten a blind horse until he could not stop at the right place. The above named reward will be given for the apprehension and delivery of the old vagabond in some safe prison where he may be compelled to await the punishment of justice according to the enormity of his crimes. And we do hereby forewarn most people may shift in the future to the expiration of the prescribed time, that we are cultivating a spirit of curiosity and friendship, and all work together in all enterprises of general interest—like example, for instance, of our neighbor town. They got up movements there some time since to build a Male Academy, and her citizens set down together, unanimously opposed, and did not begin it at all. We can't keep our folks together long enough will they to do something, and we have so many that will not pull any where only in the load it would take a fire ox long as a school's full to drive them, and we can't get enough together there on one hill. It is utterly impossible to get a good straight enough for all to pull at once. We have an press, lots of enterprise—in summer the hottest in the way—laughing and jeering for if every fellow and the dickens of pay attention enough to pull down every body and every thing, and build another by themselves on the same thoroughfare and the other, forsooth, must be finding fault. Every body and every thing is lame. I think we should do well to have a year of laughing mirth and by exercising that same faculty, we shall soon see the humorous side of the picture and be ready to pull together and build up the place. And if we can't do that, we can laugh at the folly of others, and be happy. The reward will be paid in the coin of the country, or in any other coin current in the place, at the option of the subscriber, when the fellow is caught and the evidence of his guilt is made to appear. The spirit of the age is progressive, and we must be up and doing, or we will be left behind in the race of the country. It is a fact on the subject which concerns us in the most, and the excitement from our immediate locality has so recently emerged. The spirit will be of short duration