

From the Raleigh Standard. Discussion in Cherokee.

We have received a full and interesting account from a correspondent in Cherokee, of a discussion on the 8th inst. between Gov. Bragg and Mr. Gilmer. We tender our thanks to our correspondent, and regret that we did not receive his favor in time to insert it in this issue. It shall appear in our next. Meantime we present some of the points of the discussion.

Mr. Gilmer opened the discussion. He endeavored to justify the "Western Address," and defended his votes in the Assembly in favor of the white basis, and the distribution of the School fund among the white people. He argued at some length in favor of a mode of dividing the School Fund. He said if Western men had been true to themselves on this question, Gov. Reil could never have been elected, holding as he did to the present federal basis of distribution. Mark these positions.

He said he was not opposed to Free Suffrage, but only to the mode of introducing it. He preferred a Free Suffrage act because, in his opinion, if passed, the lands would be unduly taxed. He had offered an amendment, which failed, providing that the lands and slave and white polls should be taxed alike. If this had been adopted, he would have voted for Free Suffrage. Now, what will our readers think when we inform them that this amendment of Mr. Gilmer was rejected by a majority of 100? [See Raleigh Standard, 1854-5, page 100.]

Mr. Gilmer took ground in favor of small notes, and said he would oppose any attempt to do away with these notes. He next shadowed forth a vast State Bank, to be based on Railroad stock and State bonds, and to issue mostly one and two dollar bills, as the poor man's currency. He said the rich could get large bills, but the small notes were all a poor man could get.

He alluded, of course, in the usual slang about Americans ruling America. He said the slavery question was settled under Mr. Fillmore; that he left the country quiet; that the two great parties, in 1852, had pledged themselves to abide by the compromise of 1850, but had not done so, and hence the present agitation.

Gov. Bragg replied at length, and evidently with great point. He met Mr. Gilmer at the very beginning, completely and thoroughly exposing the groundness of his positions and their sectional character. He said he was against disturbing the basis on which the School Fund is at present distributed; that he would say so in Cherokee, and say so in the East; that his opinions were State and not sectional opinions. He then proceeded to show that the basis might injure the Common Schools, now prospering under the management of our efficient State Superintendent; and he then called upon Mr. Gilmer to say what he would do on this subject, if elected Governor. Mr. Gilmer at first declined to answer; but at length said the opinions advanced by him on the subject were his private opinions, and that if done over again he would not utter any more.

Then, said Gov. Bragg, there is practically no difference between us; but my competitor makes a public argument in order to express his private opinions, and makes it in such a way as he thinks will get him votes in this region. Gov. Bragg then argued the questions of Free Suffrage, the Kansas-Nebraska act, and bore down with much force on the K. N. platform and the opinions and progress of the organization in various parts of the country. His reply to Mr. G. was overwhelming. We learn that the Democrats and anti-Know-Nothing were in the highest spirits; and that Gov. Bragg's vote will be largely increased in the mountain country.

The New York Herald, of Wednesday, says: "We learn that the present season far exceeds all previous years in the amount of business transacted by the various telegraph lines out of this city, and the profits of the company are correspondingly large. The net income of one of the Southern lines, with a capital of \$1,000,000, has been estimated at \$1,000,000. We understand, reached as high as five thousand dollars per month. It would thus appear that there is an ample field for a new line to the South, and we are gratified to learn that the public will soon be favored with greatly increased telegraphic facilities at a large reduction from the present exorbitant rates of tariff between this city and Washington. The new heavy English cables destined for the new Southern line have been in course of construction for six months past, and the line between Philadelphia, were laid down successfully yesterday—first at the Narrows, from a point just north of Fort Hamilton, Long Island, to a point on the northern side of Fort Richmond, on Staten Island; second at Hell Gate, between the ferry slips; and the third at New York, between the wharf at Bergen Point, New Jersey, to Fort Richmond, Staten Island—thus securing a direct connection between this city, Astoria, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, Fort Hamilton, Staten Island, Jersey City, and thence by Elizabethtown, Doylestown and Norristown to Philadelphia. The new line will be opened about the middle of the present month, and will be worked under the same management as the existing lines. It offers extraordinary advantages over all other telegraphic inventions, printing the messages unerringly correct and in plain Roman capitals, and capable of transmitting intelligence at the rate of about 5000 words per hour over one wire, 2500 words from each end and at the same instant of time."

Wonderful Instance of Sagacity. We hear, says the Columbus (O.) Capital City Fact, of an instance of sagacity proved by the elephant attached to Herr DeMorganie, which he had brought from Germany, coming into Newark, Ohio, last Saturday, the elephant's keeper fell in a fit from his horse. The whole menagerie immediately came to a halt, and some members of the company went forward to pick up the man. But the elephant would not allow any person to approach the senseless form of his keeper. Taking him up with his trunk, softly, he placed him on his legs, but finding that the man was senseless, he laid him on the ground, and kept watch over him. Many members of the menagerie tried to soothe the faithful elephant, who had now become furious at the supposed death of his master, but to no purpose, and there the man lay, watched by the sagacious animal. After laying in this condition for some time, the keeper finally succeeded in getting up, and yet the elephant would allow no one to approach. At length the keeper became so far conscious as to command the elephant to let the physician come near, and the animal was docile and obedient in a moment, and the keeper was properly cared for—the elephant, all the while, expressing the utmost anxiety for the sick man.

Know-Nothingism in California. The San Francisco Herald draws the following picture of the prospects of the "order" in California: "The first two spring elections in California have resulted in a total success for the Know-Nothing. This was to be expected from their worse than supineness in the legislature. They have not redeemed their trust; they have not answered the expectations of the conservative citizens who voted for them, and there will be few honest tears shed when they shall be utterly routed and overthrown. The party has really played a most creditable and sorry part since its advent to power. Not a single measure of general utility have its members passed; and they have frittered away their time in unworthy feuds, sectional bickerings, the consideration of Sunday laws, and other non-foolery and rubbish of a like character. But look at the altered position of things—at the advancing course of the democracy in New England and the other free States. Little more than a year ago Know-Nothingism ran riot in them; maddened zeal seemed to rule the hour; and misrepresentation and basecraft typical hewed-edged government were the order of the day. But now the Know-Nothing is a thing of the past. The black republicans, Blair, one of the leaders of the party, are now in the front of the people, dispelling the illusion, and a calm examination of facts and arguments resulted in a return of patriotic action—an action which every day is going on with increased impetus. This in November next will recall the people of these free States, the North and North-west, to their duty to the Union, and place them in the national and constitutional position which the democracy has ever labored to maintain.

The Know Nothings derive much satisfaction from the assurance of A. J. Donelson that if General Jackson were now alive he would belong to "the order." On the other hand, Francis P. Blair, one of the leaders, would now be with him and the Fishery convention—Wilson, Sumner, Banks and so forth. The people desire to preserve General Jackson's reputation, and we think, that Donelson and Blair are both mistaken, perhaps misled by their feelings, not to mention anything good or revenged.

From the Baltimore Sun. The Crampton Affair—Dismissal or no Dismissal.

There are various statements and rumors from Washington in regard to our diplomatic relations with Great Britain. It is announced by telegraph that the reply to Lord Clarendon, in which it is alleged to be understood that he declines to accept the Crampton on account of his complicity in the earlier administration, has been received at Washington, and that it is believed the President will dismiss him—the Washington Union of yesterday, however, has no such announcement—nor indeed anything on the subject.

The Washington Star of Saturday evening contained a statement that Mr. Crampton had been officially notified that the President had determined to suspend all diplomatic intercourse with him until Lord Clarendon's reply was received. It will be seen by the latest telegraphic dispatch that this statement is not confirmed.

The Union of Friday contained a further exhibit of the Cramptonian epistles just published in England, and which Mr. C. puts down Messrs. Cass and Marcy in mind. The latter is a member of the Clayton on the Central American question. The letters are dated as far back as January 10th and 11th, 1853. In one of them speaking of a conversation with General Cass respecting the establishment of a new British colony at Rautan Island, he says that Mr. Cass remarked that had he been aware of the attention of the Senate to the occupation of Rautan Island by her Majesty's government as being an infraction of the treaty of 1850.

This matter, probably, will induce Mr. Cass to pay his respects to the British Plenipotentiary in the Senate, and indicated in one of the dispatches from Washington. The Union adds: After seeing how Gen. Cass digests this imputation, we shall be disposed to analyze some of the replies to what Mr. Marcy will say to the contents of the letter of Mr. Crampton to the Earl of Clarendon, of the 11th of September, 1853, in which Mr. Marcy is represented to have expressed the opinion as entertained not only by himself, but by every member of the American Cabinet, to the effect that, seeing that Mr. Cass remarked that had he been aware of the attention of the Senate to the occupation of Rautan Island by her Majesty's government as being an infraction of the treaty of 1850.

Belize is in Old Guatemala, and seeing that since the monarchies of Central America, and since the treaty of 1850, a part of Mexico, and since that in 1850, Great Britain stipulated with Mexico not to have or exercise any sovereignty at the Belize, therefore, what premises, and what a therefore—it is "indubitable," as Mr. Marcy says, if we are to believe Mr. Crampton, that Great Britain is the rightful sovereign of the Belize.

English Opinions of the Treaty. The Treaty of Peace was last night presented to both houses of parliament. Ministers have not waited for the criticism of the opposition. They have been the first to denounce the declaration, and have announced that on Monday next they will invite the Lords and Commons to express their opinion of the negotiations at Paris and their results. In thus throwing down the gauntlet to their opponents, ministers appear to us to have acted judiciously. They have fearless thrown themselves upon the judgment of their country, and what though of minor importance, whose necessity has been declared, they have put an end to the guerilla warfare of the Derby-Disraelites, by forcing them into a general engagement. On the treaty and the conventions our previous remarks have left us nothing to say. The declaration regarding Maritime Law is, perhaps, the most substantial gain that will accrue to the world from the Conference. The Plenipotentiaries of seven European powers have solemnly declared that patenting is, and is to remain, abolished; that the neutral flag covers enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war; that neutral goods, with the exception of contraband of war, are not liable to capture under an enemy's flag; that no blockades are binding which are not maintained by a force sufficient really to prevent access to the coast of the enemy.

And the Plenipotentiaries have declared that governments to bring this declaration to the knowledge of the States which have not taken part in the Congress of Paris, and to invite them to accede to it. This is an immense gain for justice and humanity. The proceedings of the conference of the 8th of April afford a less gratifying subject for remark. From the discussion which took place on that day, we learn that the plenipotentiaries of an arduous struggle for the rights and liberties of private citizens. The Russian Plenipotentiaries preserved an ominous silence; they are watching events. But the representatives of Austria and Prussia gave vent to the selfish utterance of despotism and ambition; while those of England and Sardinia, in firm though guarded language, declared their opposition to the spirit of the French ministers played the part of the bat in the fable of the beasts and the birds—as was natural in the representatives of a despotism sprung from a recent revolution. 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