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Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence— I conjure you to believe me, fellow-citizens—the jealousy of a free press ought to be constantly awake; since history and experience prove, that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of a republican government.

I hope you will find some means, in future, of abating ourselves from foreign influence, political, commercial, or in whatever form it may be attempted. I can scarcely withhold myself from joining in the wish of Silas Dwan—that there were an ocean of fire between this and the old world.

TO ALL THAT VALUE THEIR SIGHT. WISHES to call the attention of all that suffer with defective sight, caused by age, sickness, and particularly from glasses injudiciously selected, to his superior Spectacles and Glasses, carefully ground by himself to a true spherical accuracy, and brilliant transparency, suited precisely and beneficially to the wearer, according to the convexity or concavity of the eye.

Persons that cannot conveniently call, by sending the glasses in use, and stating how many inches they can read this print with their spectacles, can be supplied with such that will improve their sight.

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 15, 1854. To persons who have had the sight of their eyes so impaired as to require the use of glasses, I would recommend Mr. John Tobias as a suitable person from whom to obtain such glasses as they may require.

BROOKLYN ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTION, April, 1854. After most careful examination of Mr. J. Tobias's Glasses, I am enabled to testify that their hardness, clearness, polishing, and exact optical shape, render them particularly recommendable to those whose merely optical impairment of the eyes are made of such auxiliaries.

LOUIS BAUER, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Berlin; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England; Member of the Medical Society of London, and of the Pathological Society of New York; Late Surgeon of the Royal Orthopaedic Institution of Manchester, England, and Surgeon of the B. O. Institution.

Copy of a testimonial which appeared in the Daily American Organ, May 21, 1855, from Judge V. Ellis, (late editor): "Having suffered for many years past with weakness of the eyes, and that defect of vision which results from a too constant use of spectacles, these sensitive organs, were led to make a trial of Tobias's new and improved discovery for the eyes, whose name bears this article. We saw them recommended by sundry gentlemen of Virginia, whom we know, and therefore had less hesitation in making the experiment. We are more than pleased with the article. We read with less fatigue with these lenses than we had ever tried before; and we see more distinctly with them. Without meaning to disparage the claims of others, who have made improvements in Spectacle Lenses, we are enabled to make the above statement. Mr. Tobias resides on Seventh Street, opposite the National Intelligencer office."

Lynchburg, November 7, 1854. From an examination of Mr. Tobias's Glasses, and from his observations and remarks, am convinced that he is a skillful optician.

J. J. BLACKFORD, M. D., Norfolk, Va., July 27, 1854. In the experience of over two years, I have found great difficulty in obtaining Spectacles that were adapted to the weakness of my sight. This inconvenience Mr. Tobias seems to have removed for the present by the substitution for me of better and more suitable Glasses. They are clear, chrysal-like, and comfortable to my eyes. I would commend him to those who, from age or other cause, require the assistance of Spectacles. J. J. SIMKINS, M. D.

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Platform of the American Party, adopted at the session of the National Council, Feb. 21, 1856.

1st. A humble acknowledgment to the Supreme Being, for His protecting care vouchsafed to our fathers in their successful Revolutionary struggle, and hitherto manifested to us, their descendants, in the preservation of the liberties, the independence, and the union of these States.

2d. The perpetuation of the Federal Union, as the palladium of our civil and religious liberties, and the only sure bulwark of American Independence.

3d. Americanism must rule America, and to this end, native-born citizens should be selected for all State, Federal, and municipal offices or government employment, in preference to all others: never-theless,

4th. Persons born of American parents residing temporarily abroad, should be entitled to all the rights of native-born citizens; but

5th. No native should be selected for political station, (whether of native or foreign birth), who recognises any allegiance or obligation of any description to any foreign prince, potentate or power, or who refuses to recognise the Federal and State constitutions, each within its sphere, as paramount to all other laws, as rules of political action.

6th. The unqualified recognition and maintenance of the reserved rights of the several States, and the cultivation of harmony and fraternal good will, between the citizens of the several States, and to this end, non-interference by Congress with questions appertaining solely to the individual States, and non-intervention by each State with the affairs of any other State.

7th. The recognition of the right of the native-born and naturalized citizens of the United States, permanently residing in any Territory thereof, to frame their constitution and laws, and to regulate their domestic and social affairs in their own mode, subject only to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, with the privilege of admission into the Union whenever they have the requisite population for one Representative in Congress. Provided always, that none but those who are citizens of the United States, under the constitution and laws thereof, and who have a fixed residence in any such Territory, ought to participate in the formation of the constitution, or in the enactment of laws for said Territory or State.

8th. An enforcement of the principle that no State Territory ought to admit others than citizens of the United States to the right of suffrage, or of holding political office.

9th. A change in the laws of naturalization, making a continued residence of twenty-one years; of all not heretofore provided for, an indispensable requisite for citizenship hereafter, and excluding all paupers, and persons convicted of crime, from landing upon our shores; but no interference with the vested rights of foreigners.

10th. Opposition to any union between Church and State; and no interference with religious faith, or worship, and no oaths of office.

11th. Free and thorough investigation into any and all alleged abuses of public functionaries, and a strict economy in public expenditures.

12th. The maintenance and enforcement of all laws constitutionally enacted, until said laws shall be repealed, or shall be declared null and void by competent judicial authority.

13th. Opposition to the reckless and unwise policy of the present administration in the general management of our national affairs, and more especially as shown in removing "Americans" (by designation) and conservatives in principle, from office, and placing foreigners and ultras in their place.

14th. Therefore, to remedy existing evils, and prevent the disastrous consequences otherwise resulting therefrom, we would build up the "American party" upon the principles hereinbefore stated.

15th. That each State Council shall have authority to amend their several constitutions, so as to abolish the several degrees, and institute a pledge of honor, instead of other obligations for fellowship and admission into the party.

16th. A free and open discussion of all political principles embraced in our platform.

FOR SALE OR RENT. A three-story brick building, with a large lot, situated on 17th Street, between B and C streets. The first story would be rented separately from the other part of the building, and could be made a good business stand. The second and third story has three rooms in each story, and a good garage and kitchen. Inquire within.

500 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE. This tract binds about three-quarters of a mile on the railroad, and about midway between Washington and Baltimore. It contains 500 acres in wood and timber, the balance in clearing, well fenced, and a small cabin on the place.

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Each subscriber will be furnished with a bottle of ink, brush, directions, and a recipe for making their own ink hereafter by two ingredients. Each one can make their ink as strong as they choose.

Price for a name of a person on brass, 50 cents; post office address 25 cents extra; on German silver, 75 cents a name; post office address 35 cents extra; on pure silver, \$1 per name, 50 cents extra for post office address, &c., &c. of every.

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Which has never failed to effect a cure in any of the above diseases.

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I cheerfully recommend it to all those that are suffering from coughs, indigestion, or general prostration. With sentiments of gratitude and sincere regard, I remain your obedient servant, P. M. KENNA.

Mrs. Thompson. Many other certificates could be given of its curative powers, but the proprietress does not deem it necessary, as the medicine will speak for itself.

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I certify that I had a tumor underneath my right arm, from which I suffered intense pain. I showed it to the doctors, who said it could not be cured. I then showed it to Mrs. Thompson, who gave me some of her "Samaritan Salve." On its third application the tumor broke, and I was in a short time perfectly well. This tumor was four years coming to a head.

SUPPORTERS AND BRACES, For weak and emaciated persons, the greatest benefit of the past or present age. It would fill this journal to publish all the certificates in her possession. The following, however, is stated:

"TO THE SICK AND AFFLICTED.—For the good of the public, I feel myself bound to testify to the great cure your Body Brace has performed for me. I was afflicted for twenty years with a violent pain in my chest. After using your Brace a few weeks, I recovered my strength and am now perfectly cured."

FOR SALE. Nine convenient Dwelling-Houses, 4,000 feet of ground, suitable for building, thirty per cent. less than cost.—As I believe the building of this city, myself included, have agreed to build no more houses without some little remuneration for their own labor, and to show my sincerity in the case, I offer to sell, in order to get clear and wind up my business, handsome and well-built three-story and-a-half brick houses; also, 3 Building Lots; also, 1 Cottage House, surrounded by shade trees—also situated in square 452, leading from Sixth to Seventh streets, on Massachusetts avenue.

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This certifies, that I have for several years used Mr. Davis's Vegetable Pain Killer in my family, in several of those cases for which it is recommended, and find it a very useful family medicine.

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These are some of the sad and melancholy effects produced by early habits of Solitary Vice, and if not cured, render marriage impossible, and destroy both mind and body, should apply immediately.

What a pity that a young man, the hope of his country, the darling of his parents, should be snatched from all prospects, and enjoyment of life, by the consequences of deriving from the path nature, and indulging in a certain secret habit. Such persons, must before contemplating marriage, reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisites to promote conjugal happiness.

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THE ENEMY AT WORK.—The New York Express says, and it is a matter of great concern, that Kansas is to be expected until after the Presidential election. Whether Kansas ever comes in as a free State or not, it is at present in a state of bondage most complete and irremediable. It is bound to the chariot wheels of a violent agitation over the prospective Presidency. It seems as though the political leaders of the day, at least of one party, were willing to forego the consideration of those other momentous questions affecting the welfare of the country, if only they may be enabled to proclaim themselves conquerors on this single issue.

Now we feel as strongly as any strong done to the free States by a repeal of the Missouri Compromise, the mischief wrought through the Union by the needless and unprovoked agitation of the slavery question, the fitness of Northern men standing up for their rights as firmly as do the men of the South, and the desirableness of free institutions in the to be State of Kansas. But we do not believe that agitation is the best remedy for agitation; that sectionalism is the safe antidote to dualism; or that revolution and rife are the surest heralds of civil freedom. We believe further that with Congress, and not with the Magistrate, rests the right of deciding all the vexed questions connected with the Kansas difficulty, and that therefore a President of this Republic should be chosen not alone because he expresses either his desire for the admission of Kansas as a free State, or for its admission as a slave State, but for the qualities which in the aggregate adapt him for that circle of authority and influence, the centre of which is this vast Republic, and the circumference of the world.—N. Y. Com. Adv.

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Birthday of Henry Clay. The New York correspondent of the Intelligencer gives the following account of Governor Hunt's speech at the Clay Festival in that city on the 12th instant:

The second toast, "The Political Principles of Henry Clay—Lessons of wisdom for the guidance of the nation," brought ex-Governor Washington Hunt to considerable length on the political topics of the day. He thought that, when the storms of faction are loudest, and when the political sky is darkened by threatening clouds, it is one of the consolations of patriotism to recur to the example of Henry Clay, whose place in the affections of the people was second only to that occupied by the Father of his Country. In these days, said Mr. Hunt, it has been considered wise and patriotic by some for whom we have been accustomed to entertain friendly and high regards to denounce compromises, to object to all measures by which extreme sections conflicting interests are brought to harmonize, and to such he held up as an example the compromising spirit of Henry Clay, and reminded them that the Union and the Constitution of the States were the result of compromise, and were only to be perpetuated by that spirit.

He regarded the repeal of the Missouri Compromise as a great wrong and a great misfortune; but, having been consummated, the question arises, what can be done to remedy the evil? He acquitted the South of all blame in the matter, believing that if they had been consulted in advance, a majority would have been found for adhering to the Union as a settlement of the question; and, entertaining this view, he thought it both wrong and injudicious to wage a sectional war against the people of the South. In alluding to the Compromise of 1850 as the last great act of Henry Clay, and the exceptions taken to it in the North, he availed himself of the opportunity to enlarge Mr. Fillmore, and to defend him against the assaults made upon him for signing that law, which he was bound to do by every principle of honor and duty, under the pledge concerning the exercise of the veto power upon which he was elected to office.

Mr. Hunt then went on to consider the present position of the Whig party, and the refusal of the conservative section of it to follow those who had renounced it both in name and principle, and declared that he, for one, would cling to and maintain the principles of Henry Clay to the latest day of his life. In regard to what the Whigs should do, he said it was not for him to speak for others, but he considered that, notwithstanding the strife and confusion of parties that now exist, the new names that have been assumed, the new topics that have been presented, there are thousands and tens of thousands of Whigs spread over the vast expanse of this republic, and he believed the party is declared disbanded or not, there is still a large portion of the American people who adhere to his principles, and will maintain and carry them into effect.

In conclusion, he remarked that, so far as the Whigs of New York are concerned, it is not to be doubted that, in due time, they will counsel together