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HAVE a full and complete assortment of every thing in their line. Their old customers and the public in general are requested to call.
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SILVER SPOONS, tea and table, just received by
je 9 NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

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See Advertisement on fourth page. a14 BRICK ROW—CLINTON, LA.

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HARRIS & DE ARMOND,
PROVISION & GROCERY Merchants,
CLINTON, LA.

HAVE constantly on hand, a general assortment of goods usually kept in their line. Possessing superior facilities, offer inducements to purchasers for CASH. Liberal cash advances made on consignments of Cotton, to our MICAJAH HARRIS, New Orleans. a 28

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Provision and Grocery Store, RESPECTFULLY inform their friends and the trading public, that they have on hand a large and complete stock of GROCERIES & PROVISIONS, together with a well selected assortment of Dry Goods, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, and in fact every article in demand, for Family or Plantation use.

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MEETS EVERY SATURDAY, on, or preceding, of the Full Moon, at their Lodge room, in the Sturges Building.
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A WELL SELECTED and superior assortment of Gold, silver, and Steel rimmed Spectacles to suit all ages, constantly on hand, and for sale by
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THE Law Partnership heretofore existing between James Welsh and J. B. Samford is this day dissolved by consent of parties. Clinton, June the 7th, 1855.
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The Feliciana Democrat.

The American Patriot and the Washington Union.

Firmness in politics, should be the aim of every one, and by none more, than he who writes for the public press. Truth should be his polar star, and the maxim of the renowned Davy Crockett, "be sure you are right, then go ahead" should be his rule of conduct. Misrepresentation, on unfair and unwarranted deductions, drawn from what others may say, should never be made in order to promote what we think may be the right side of any question. These always injure the cause they are designed to advance.

We are led to these remarks, by the course of the American Patriot of last week in parading in its columns an article from the Washington Union, and drawing deductions from it not justified by any sentiment or argument used therein. The position of the editor of the Union, is that upon the abstract question, "of whether slavery be a moral or social evil," there is a great and radical difference of opinion, between the people of the north, and the south, resulting from education, which will ever prevent them from making that as part of our national platform. This is the sum total of all that the astute editors of the American Patriot can make out of it. The Union in the very article referred to, lays down the true position of the national democracy, as follows: "The democratic party bases its claim to nationality upon the fact that, whilst it recognizes the obligatory character of the compromises of the Constitution, it denies to the Federal Government any right to interfere with the question of slavery—that the act for the organization of Nebraska and Kansas, was based upon the principle of Congressional intervention; and that it is upon this principle alone, that any party can be national or that the Federal Union can be perpetuated," and then quotes and endorses the resolutions of the Baltimore platform, as the true position of the democracy in regard to the question of slavery throughout the Union. Non-intervention is the true doctrine, and all that the south desires, or has any just right to expect. We of the south believe slavery to be a blessing both to the master and his slave, but we do not expect the people of the north to concur with us in this opinion, but we do expect them to let us alone; yea, we have a right to demand from our northern brethren entire freedom from molestation in the enjoyment of our rights of opinion and property in our slaves. The northern democracy have met and united with us on this ground, in every presidential contest for years. Yea, they planted themselves upon this issue in their state elections, last fall, when they were overpowered by the Abolitionists, free-soilers and know-nothings combined, after a contest of unsurpassed excitement and bitterness. The know nothings of the south rejoiced and cried out glorious victory in every instance, pretending to believe, or actually did believe that the fusion of all parties against the democracy, was the true national party. How is it with them now? Look at the convention recently assembled at Philadelphia, rent asunder by these same northern know nothings, withdrawing in a body and issuing a circular, based on the strongest abolition ground declaring their unalterable determination to adhere thereto. Your sympathy is more needed at home, than for the Special Committee man. Although the Union is not acknowledged as our leader, in all cases, yet we are happy to have in our power to endorse, the correcting of the article referred to, "as overthrowing with one dash of the pen, all the defences," that we "have labored so long to build up." The editors of the American Patriot, have entirely misconceived the force and meaning of what the Union's article intended, and hence their mistakes. They were led into this error, no doubt by the Charleston Mercury, the Richmond Examiner, and the Washington Sentinel's comments, extracts from which, were published in the American Patriot of last week. Let the Union's article speak for itself.

THE DEMOCRATIC POSITION ON THE SLAVERY QUESTION.

The abstract question of slavery has been the subject of earnest and elaborate discussion in the different sections of the confederacy for many years, but we are unable to discover any evidence of an advance towards an agreement betwixt the disputants. Those who are opposed to slavery because they regard it as an immoral institution have not been convinced by the reasoning of those who maintain that it violates no moral obligation or Christian duty. On the other hand, the advocates of slavery as a legal and moral institution have found nothing in the arguments of its opponents to weaken their original opinions. As to whether the institution is moral or immoral, or whether it is a social or political blessing or evil, the question is as far from settlement as it was when the discussion commenced. Perhaps it would be more strictly accurate to say that the only effect of the discussion has been to strengthen the original convictions of the contending parties. The northern man who was educated to regard slavery as a great moral and social wrong, adheres to the opinion with which he has grown, and which is almost an instinct of his nature. The southern man who has been familiar with the institution from his childhood, and has been taught from his earliest recollection to regard it as entirely consistent with morality and the teachings of the Bible, still cherishes the same sentiments. We think it may be safely assumed that an agreement of opinion on the subject between northern and southern men is an impossibility; and in looking at the dangers involved in the question, and in seeking for the means of avoiding those dangers

it is justifiable to act upon the assumption that all hope of ever effecting such agreement is impossible.

If we are right in assuming that the North and the South can never harmonize on the abstract subject of slavery, it follows that there can be no such things as national parties except upon the basis of an entire exclusion of the subject from their political creeds. No mathematical proposition is more true than that the only basis of party organization is an agreement amongst those who enter into it upon the subjects which they recognize as belonging to its creed. They may differ as widely as is possible as to all subjects not embraced by their party creed, but to be harmonious inside of their organization they must have common sentiments and stand together on a common platform.—These truths will command ready assent, and they demonstrate the proposition that no party embracing members at the north and the south can be national or harmonious in its organization, which does not exclude the question of slavery from its creed. If northern men insist upon ingrafting upon their party creed the doctrine that slavery is a moral or political evil, they raise an insuperable barrier against a harmonious association with southern men. In like manner, if southern men insist on making it a part of their party creed that slavery is morally and politically right, they thereby cut off northern men from political association with them. The necessary result, is that, without toleration of differences of opinion, as to the abstract question of slavery, parties are necessarily sectional, and cannot possibly be national.

The same disagreement between the two sections as to slavery which exists now has existed from the beginning of the government, and, at that time, constituted one of the chief obstacles to the formation of a constitutional union. It resulted in a compromise, which was intended to be a permanent rule for avoiding future discussions between the different sections of the confederacy. The democratic party bases its claim to nationality, upon the fact that whilst it recognizes the validity and obligatory character of the compromises of the constitution, it denies to the federal government any right to interfere with the question of slavery beyond the instances so specified in the constitutional compromises. The action of the democrats in the adoption of the measures of 1850 was based upon the principle that Congress could not rightfully intervene as to slavery, except in the matters expressly enumerated in the constitution. The act for the organization of Kansas and Nebraska was based upon the same principle of congressional non-intervention; and it is upon this principle alone that any party can be national, or that the federal Union can be perpetuated. As it may not be amiss at the time to recur to the authentic position of the democratic party on the subject of slavery, we reproduce so much of the democratic platform as embraces that portion. We quote from the last Baltimore resolutions:

"9. That Congress has no power under the constitution to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several States, and that such states are the sole and proper judges of everything appertaining to their own affairs, not prohibited by the Constitution; that all efforts of the abolitionists or others made to induce Congress to interfere with questions of slavery or to take incipient steps in relation thereto, are calculated to lead to the most alarming and dangerous consequences; and that all such efforts have an inevitable tendency to diminish the happiness of the people and endanger the stability and permanency of the Union, and ought not to be countenanced by any friend of our political institutions.

"Resolved, That the foreign proposition covers, and was intended to embrace, the whole subject of slavery agitation in Congress; and therefore the democratic party of the Union, standing on this national platform, will abide by and adhere to a faithful execution of the acts known as the compromise measures settled by the late Congress, 'the act for reclaiming fugitives from service or labor,' included; which act, being designed to carry out an express provision of the Constitution cannot with fidelity, thereto be repealed or so changed as to destroy or impair its efficiency.

"Resolved, That the Democratic party will resist all attempts at renewing, in Congress or out of it, the agitation of the slavery question, under whatever shape or color the attempt may be made."

The Hon. JOHN PERKINS, JR.—This gentleman addressed the citizens of Bayou Sara on Wednesday last, in a speech of three hours.

He gave an account of his stewardship while in Congress, made a masterly and eloquent defence of General Pierce and his administrative policy, and closed with his views on the subject of know nothingism. While he refused to denounce those who had in evil hour espoused its pernicious doctrines, he satisfied all who heard him, that he was heart and soul opposed to any such organization, and was its unrelenting and uncompromising opponent.—Advocate.

The Know Nothing organs of New Jersey are out against the platform adopted by the majority of the National Council, at Philadelphia, and it will be rejected by the nativists of the State, with contempt. The organs of the know nothing party in Western Pennsylvania also spit upon the southern platform