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"UNITED WE STAND—DIVIDED WE FALL."

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From the Nashville Union. A Tennessee Statesman.

About thirty years ago a son of one of the wealthy men of North Carolina was bathing in a river in that State.

The old man was poor, and upon his death his son was bound out to the tailor's trade, under the laws of North Carolina.

The responsibilities of a family induced him to double his exertions, and his attention to business secured him abundance of patrons.

PLANK ROADS.—The following from Hunt's Magazine, is just estimate of the value of Plank Roads:

of eloquence as followed. His character for high talents and for bold, unshrinking courage was established, and during the remainder of the session he ranked amongst the ablest members of the body.

At the close of the session he returned to his shop, and there remained pursuing his trade and gathering fresh knowledge from books for several years, when the people again required his services in the upper branch of the Legislature.

The Washington Union of the 25th ult., has an able article on the subject of National Democratic Conventions, for the nomination of President and Vice President of the United States.

The subject of slavery and fugitive slaves, together with those of abolition and free-soil, have convulsed the old political parties, and for a time mixed their elements in some States in singular combinations.

I am no great friend to aristocracies of any kind; for pride and contempt are their foundation; pride in our own wealth, family or intellect; contempt for the poverty of our fellow-men in either of these respects.

True glory is indeed a solid and real principle, not a mere shadow. It is the unanimous appropriation of the good; the impartial voice of those who form correct judgments in favor of excellent virtue.

the sorest evils known to our rural life—an evil which has hitherto made a farm to some—in many parts of our county, an involuntary hermitage, secluded, and attainable only by a weary pilgrimage over—no, not over—but through roads which seemed to have concentrated all the evils which could embarrass the traveler.

Railways, with all their value, and they are of priceless worth to many, are yet the thoroughfare for the citizen away from his home—for the journey, the travel the tour; but the plank road is for the home use—for the transit which is begun and ended in a day, or its fraction—which is to him who uses it a double value or occupation for the hours of the day—which increases the happiness, and comfort, and profit of the farm, that foundation of all the institutions of society.

THE CONDITION OF THE SLAVE.—A Methodist clergyman, who has been engaged at the south and west in the cause of the colonization society, has published his views at the north of the institution of slavery, which is a hard nut for the Abolitionists to crack.

"I have seen slavery in the West Indies, Venezuela and Brazil, but nowhere have I seen it under more modified and redeeming circumstances, all things considered, than in Missouri and Louisiana.

I have seen little or no unhappiness among the colored people—no intemperance, profanity or vagrancy among these people. I have conversed with them freely; visited them in their houses, and when labouring in the field—and my impressions are confirmed, that slanders and falsehoods, at the north have been heaped upon the south, about these matters!

VELOCITY OF LIGHT.—The velocity with which light passes from place to place is so great, that, with respect to terrestrial distances, there seems to be no time occupied in its passage.

to be extinguished. Now immense as is the distance of the sun from our globe—95,000,000 of miles—only about seven minutes and a half would elapse before we would be shrouded in darkness.

FROM MEXICO.—By the arrival yesterday of the schooner Bonita from Vera Cruz, we have received full files of papers from the city of Mexico to the 8th inst.

The question of "raising the prohibitions," or reducing the tariff, is engaging the attention of Congress.

The Trades' Union expresses fears for the safety of the Tehuantepec treaty. The clamor raised against it by its opponents is exercising a visible effect on the public mind.

The Voz de Aliaga, of Tepic, says that three Americans committed so many excesses in that place, that the people rose against them and beat them severely.

The official paper of Chihuahua says that on the 16th of January the Government of Chihuahua received information that the American robber Lemaon, with thirty other American adventurers, and a large number of Indians, and two pieces of artillery, were within twenty-five leagues of the capital.

Elder A. Campbell and the Fugitive Law.—In a late number of the Harbinger, Elder Alex. Campbell gives his views on the Fugitive Slave law.

An Illinois Marriage Certificate.—A correspondent of the New York Spirit of the Times, writing from "Copperas Precinct," Illinois, gives the following as among the "rich ones" which his researches among the legal records have brought to light.

Examining a land title the other day which involved a question of legitimacy, I stumbled upon the following marriage certificate, which is decidedly too good to be lost, and is literally bona fide.

To all the world greeting. Know ye that John Smith and Peggy Myers is hereby certified to go together and do as old folks does anywhere inside of copperas precinct, and when my commission comes I am to marry em good, and date em back to kiver accidents.

Justice Peace. I put the initials only, of the magistrate, for the reason that this legal luminary is still living, and probably too modest to covet the fame to which he is justly entitled.

SINGULAR WAY OF COURTING.—Deacon Marvin, of Connecticut, a large landholder and an exemplary man, was exceedingly eccentric in some of his notions.

During the past season, 400 miles of plank roads have been built in Indiana, costing from one thousand two hundred to two thousand five hundred dollars per mile.

GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.—Loss of Life, &c.—Nashville, Feb. 26, 8 p. m.—By the mail, to-night, a house in this city received the following intelligence:

Fayetteville, Tenn., Feb. 25.—A few minutes past 4 o'clock, yesterday morning, a great portion of our town was laid in ruins, by a storm, which swept everything before it.

Mrs. Bowzee and child are dead. A. H. Berry's oldest child was killed, and he nearly so.—Several others were dangerously, and many seriously wounded.

M. Neil's stables and kitchen were blown down. Pen cannot describe the awful scene.—The world seemed to be coming to an end.

The tornado came from the south-west. The streets are almost entirely blocked with a confused mass of timbers, and not unfrequently the whole wreck of large houses was thrown and strewn for hundreds of yards.

The following is a hasty summary: The Presbyterian Church, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, market house, Stonebreaker's tanyard, and all the buildings around were totally destroyed.

Twenty-five dwelling houses and stores were utterly destroyed, and a number of others seriously damaged.

The above is only partial and hasty. Imagine a besom sweeping everything before it—houses, trees, fences, rails, planks, &c.—and you have even then failed to realize the full extent of the havoc.

THE WEALTHY FINANCIER AND HIS MISTRESS.—The Paris correspondent of the New York Herald, in a recent letter, says:

"Rather a rich story has been circulated at Paris respecting a wealthy financier, whose name is not given in full (the Baron de R.—). Deeply smitten with the charms of a fair lady, who lives near the church of Notre Dame de Loretto, his golden eloquence gained him the smiles of his idol.

Good Advice to Lovers.—It is getting to be quite common now-a-days, for young gentlemen to die of love. Some pine away with incurable 'hypo'; but far the greatest number make shorter work of it and stick a stabbing iron through their soft hearts, or blow the thimblefull of brains out of their softer heads.

The Memphis and Charleston railroad, it is thought, will be completed within the next fifteen months.

RICH.—The felons confined in the Huntsville penitentiary have held an indignation meeting on account of a negro having been sentenced to confinement there, which they regard as a gross insult to the white convicts.