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JUSTICE AND EQUALITY.

THE FREE TRADER.

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REPRESENTATIVE: HANNAH R. BODGE.

Articles prepared for to-day's paper unavoidably crowded out.

The Season.

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present time, as one of our citizens, together with several others, residing in the neighborhood of Mr. Clark, are supposed to be accomplices in the transaction. They have all been arrested and are undergoing an examination, and as soon as we can get the particulars, we will publish the whole affair, not forgetting to apply the lash on those deserving it.

John Wentworth, Esq.

We have received a letter written by the talented editor of the Chicago Democrat, in reply to a letter addressed to him by the Boston Bay State Association, requesting him to deliver an Address before that body.

The high reputation Mr. Wentworth sustains as an able writer and accomplished scholar, is well known to require a single word from us in praise of the document; but we will say, that we have never read a more clear and convincing exposition of the evils of the present banking system than this letter furnishes.

Brental attack upon an Editor.

The editor of the St. Louis Argus was recently attacked by two individuals by the name of Darnes and Grimsley, and beat on the head with a large iron cane in such a manner that his life is despaired of.

That Cat Fish.

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Great Whig Convention

The Opposition party held a large convention at Springfield, on the 4th instant. Their papers say, that twenty thousand persons were in attendance. Let us see: 20,000 persons, allowing \$15 as the expense of each individual on the occasion, will make the round sum of \$3,000,000 expended, and for what? For the purpose of exhibiting themselves astride "log cabins" made with pine boards—"little barrels" labelled "hard cider," and "big canoes," containing "song singers."

Let us learn the above particulars from a friend just arrived here from Illinois.

Kane County Democratic Meeting.

We have received the proceedings of a democratic meeting, held at Geneva, Kane county. They are now in type, and shall have a place in our next.

Letter to the Editors.

SPRINGFIELD, June 6th, 1840. Gentlemen: The great day of the Whigs has passed—the canoes, carts and log cabins, baskets, devices, boys, girls, men, women and children—vanished. All again is comparatively quiet and, astonishing as it may seem, there are some of the wicked Loco-focos yet in the land of the living.

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Flour was selling at Cincinnati, on the 19th ult.

Mr. Niles is announced as having arrived in the city of Washington and entered on the duties of his office.

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi commenced its session at Jackson, on the 6th inst. The Mississippiian says there were twenty-one hundred causes on the calendar, and one hundred lawyers in attendance.

A mail stage was robbed on the 26th ultimo near Bedford, Pa. of three trunks and three canvass bags. They were found the same day filled with their contents.

The Pittsburg Intelligencer of Friday, says—"Our canal is in good order, and on Thursday upwards of 40 boats were in port unloading their eastern cargoes, and taking in heavy loads for the eastern cities, such as flour, tobacco, bacon, skins, &c. The same paper says that a valuable and active trade has already sprung up between Pittsburg and Cleveland, and the intermediate towns on the route.

William Lemon, assistant engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, had both his legs severed from his body on Tuesday, 26th ult. The cars ran off the track, and threw him upon it.

Democratic Meeting at Springfield.

At a large meeting of the Democracy held at Springfield on the 5th inst., at the time the "Great Convention" was coming off, the following Address was read to the meeting. As the Whigs will not favor the people with an Address, we hope they will read this.

SPRINGFIELD, JUNE 5, 1840.

The undersigned, in pursuance of the duties imposed on them, by a numerous meeting of the Democratic party, casually attending, and called together at the seat of the State Government, in consequence of the unparalleled efforts of the Whig Convention, now about to disperse, at the same place, proceed to address their Democratic fellow-citizens, of the various parts of the State, and to beg their earnest attention to a candid exposition of facts and circumstances, which have recently transpired during the sitting of said convention.

Never in the political annals of the country, has there been, it is believed, since the memorable days of the famed reign of terror, so notorious under the Presidency of the elder Adams, such extraordinary spectacles, as are now being exhibited in the United States. The Federal party having for forty years been unable to restore themselves, the political power which they lost in the great, and to them disastrous battle of 1800, have now resorted to one of the most desperate efforts, of which any political party is capable. Its course is marked not only by its extraordinary disregard of common respect for the moral habits, and offices of life, but the people are treated as though they were the dupes of passion, of vain and ostentatious shows, and fit subjects of artifice and deception.

The usual appliances of despotic Governments, so frequently resorted to by the despotic head, to amuse and turn the people from reflection, and enquiry into the sources and causes of their oppression and misery, have been furnished at this time with no sparing hand, and in proportion to the extent of the great object sought to be obtained (the possession and control of the Government) have the means been employed without limitation or measure.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended on such exhibitions, and parades, as are calculated to attract the senses only; lavish expenditures are made in furnishing gaudy banners, with specious devices calculated to allure the eye, and produce false impressions, being false banners, intended for deception. Martial music and the roar of cannon, reverberate through the atmosphere, and then the multitude satiated with stimulants, and fed with costly food, are excited to actions, which in their cooler moments they themselves would readily condemn.

If it may be gravely asked, at whose expense have all these means been obtained and furnished? If from secret sources, then is there danger indeed, in the very fact of that secrecy, that some hidden and mysterious power is secretly and actively at work, to sap the very foundation of the Republic.

On the other hand, assuming their supplies and means to have been drawn from the pockets of known individuals; then it is manifest that this prodigality, profusion, and waste, is but illy to be sustained by those, whose moral and social duties admonish them, against all such useless expenditures of means, which should be scrupulously applied to the support of their families.

There is another fact connected with this wasteful profusion which certainly stamps, with strong marks of inconscientcy and want of candor, the declarations of those who affirm, that the depression and derangement of the business pursuits of life, are great and unparalleled, and that the means of obtaining subsistence are so greatly abridged, as to subject the larger masses of community to deprivations heretofore unknown. This lavish expenditure of money for such objects, as we have seen, contradicts the assertion, and shows its utter fallacy. Unless indeed many are disposed to spend their last shilling for the objects, and in the efforts of this desperate struggle.

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