

News Brevities.

Wm. D. Hogan a negro weaver, was shot and killed on the levee at New Orleans, Thursday morning last, by Samuel McDaniel, who followed the same occupation. The difficulty arose from the latter charging upon the former the authorship of an article in an indecent publication, and Hogan retorting that he was a liar.

Dr. Duff, speaking of the railroad that has recently been constructed from Calcutta, says that some of the old Hindoos in Bengal, when he was there, were very much alarmed, and exclaiming, "the white man is coming, and he will kill us," their god of the moment, had no such courage as that.

The Central Texas farmer from a gentleman near Navajo, that while he was cutting down a tree near that place he made a most remarkable discovery. He cut down a very large cotton wood with a hollow in it, and an aperture from the outside some six feet above the ground. Upon splitting open the tree, the hollow was found to contain an Indian skeleton which was perfect, not a bone missing. The conjecture is that, at some time or other, the Indian got into this hollow tree to make his escape from some enemy or wild animal, and was unable to get out again and so perished.

Lieutenant Cateby Ap Roger Jones, an officer on board the United States steam frigate Merrimack, writing home to his family from Barbadoes, under date of the 20th of February, says, in speaking of the productiveness of the soil, &c., that the island is 21 miles long, by 14 wide, produces annually 500,000 bushels of sugar, and the land sells at \$600 per acre. It will be remembered that this island was a rendezvous for the negroes stolen from Virginia in the late war with Great Britain, by Sir Admiral Cockburn and his confederates. The lands of the island have been cultivated by those slaves and their descendants from that time to the present day.

Some seven years since, says the Elmira Advertiser, Whitliff says, a gentleman extensively engaged in the lumber business in that place, was highly respected by a large circle of friends. He went on a visit to a couple of sons near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but shortly after arriving there, he was taken ill, died and was buried in one of the graveyards of that city. A few weeks since, on account of a road being about to be opened through the ground where his remains were deposited, it was determined to disinter them for burial elsewhere. On removing the earth from the coffin, which was considerably decayed, it was found that Mr. Sayre's body was in as good a state of preservation as when interred—it was taken from the grave and examined by a large number of people. The general opinion was that the petrification had been occasioned by some action of the soil; but when the remains of others, in adjoining graves, were taken up, they were found to be almost entirely decomposed. Every feature of Mr. Sayre's face was perfectly preserved, and the whole body was as hard as the hardest stone. This is a remarkable case, and will give rise to some speculation among the scientific and curious.

The N. Y. Musical World, states that the Mr. Rodgers, (of the Burdell case) has concluded an engagement with Christy's Minstrels, and was to appear in that company on Monday last. Hopeful youth!

A most daring attempt was made on Sunday night to destroy the wine, liquor and tea store of Messrs. May & Jenkins, No. 148 Union street, New York. The force of the explosion was so great that the front doors and windows were shivered to atoms, the glass shutters being blown across the street and lodged against a pile of brick. The iron shutters and door at the rear of the store were burst open, and the bare which secured them were wrenched off and thrown into the yard; yet, strange as it may seem, but very slight damage was done to the goods in the store, neither the bottles on the shelves nor the store pipe appeared to have been displaced. The object of the perpetrator of the act could not have been plunder, as no articles are missed from the store, every thing being as left on Saturday evening.

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NASHVILLE:

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1867.

The American papers of Nashville, are silent this week, as to the point where the District Convention shall be held. The fitness of the city, as the central spot, equally approachable from every point, is apparent to the entire District, and this, of itself, ought to be conclusive in its favor. Usage, too, has fixed this as the place for the Conventions of both parties; and unless the Nashville press can present some very strong reasons, the change will not follow. The change, however, is not so much a question of propriety, as it is of the people's will, and the people's will is in favor of the city.

We are a little surprised to find in the Chronicle the insinuation of improper motives contained in the above paragraph. It was not called for by anything said by the American press of this city, and is entirely gratuitous. We fear its parentage may be attributed to the spirit suggested in the sentence of Holy Writ—"The wicked flee when no man pursueth."

Now, as to the Convention: We don't care where it meets. It is a matter of no importance to us whatever. We shall take no part in it. As an organ of the American Party we deem it our duty to pin ourself to no man's skirt, but to await the action of the Convention, and to support its nominee if he shall be fairly chosen.

We proposed Nashville as the place of meeting at the instance of members of the American party who thought that as former Conventions had been held at Clarksville, Montgomery would be no generous enough to send her delegation abroad. They believed also from former experience that delegates from Dickinson and Robertson would prefer Nashville, a point quite as accessible to them as Clarksville. Delegates are often persons having business at the capital, and as they can transact their private business whilst here on a political mission, they are more willing to attend. But, our friends may have been wrong in these views. Montgomery county may not be willing to permit her delegates to sever themselves from her apron strings. Stewart, Robertson and Dickinson may regard Clarksville as their political Mecca and turn with horror from any other. If this be the case, let them say so. Davidson county will join them wherever they go.

The democracy have already a candidate out in the above-named district. Although a decided democratic district, we trust the Americans will prepare to contest it vigorously. We think we see, in the following communication from the Shelbyville Expressor evidence of their determination to do so. Mr. Thompson, the gentleman proposed as the American candidate, we are assured, would prove a "tower of strength" to the American cause, and, if such a thing be possible, would overcome the democratic majority.

From the Shelbyville Expressor.
Senator from Marshall and Bedford.
Messrs. Editors: Whilst the names of several gentlemen of the American party have been canvassed by their friends through your columns, as persons suitable to represent Bedford proper and also the floating District of Rutherford and Bedford in the lower branch of the next General Assembly, we have, as yet, seen no mention made in reference to the candidacy for the State Senate from Bedford and Marshall. It is true that heretofore there has not been very great zeal to contest the Senatorial seat from these counties, inasmuch as a majority has been elected, yet, there are now times with us and they involve new issues—issues, which, if fairly presented, will be discussed before men of all parties, will command their approval and assent. They appeal to patriotic forces to the American people, and the whole of which, touched with the right will echo in responsive chords of emphatic endorsement. Mystification and misrepresentation has heretofore enveloped with a cloud of prejudice the merits of our cause. It will require a more liberal and well-ordered gentleman to take the front doors and windows were shivered to atoms, the glass shutters being blown across the street and lodged against a pile of brick. The iron shutters and door at the rear of the store were burst open, and the bare which secured them were wrenched off and thrown into the yard; yet, strange as it may seem, but very slight damage was done to the goods in the store, neither the bottles on the shelves nor the store pipe appeared to have been displaced. The object of the perpetrator of the act could not have been plunder, as no articles are missed from the store, every thing being as left on Saturday evening.

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The 4th Congressional District.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28, 1867.

YOUR very interesting paper of the 20th ultimo, announcing my name as a candidate for Congress in the 4th Congressional District, subject to a convention of the American party.

This announcement was made in my absence while at Washington, D. C., attending to my official duties as one of the clerks of the House of Representatives of the United States.

I feel grateful for the compliment paid me, and the confidence and respect my personal and political friends have for me.

While there was no word to enter into public life, I consider myself the property of my friends and constituents.

Should the American party hold a convention to nominate a candidate for Congress, the decision of that convention shall meet my cordial approbation and support.

I shall leave Washington as soon as Congress adjourns, ready to do my duty for my party and country.

Respectfully,
J. J. BURNETT.

From the Clarksville Chronicle.
In accordance with previous notice, a meeting of the American party was held at the Court House, Nashville, on the 27th of February, 1867, for the purpose of organizing by appointing Thos. Ogden Esq., President, and B. A. Rogers Secretary.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be the appointment of delegates to the State Convention of the American party, to be held at May, and to the District Convention, on the 14th of April.

On motion, the President appointed the following Committee of three, to nominate suitable persons to attend said Conventions, as delegates: C. G. Smith, T. W. Beaumont and George Hampton.

[We omit the list of Delegates.]
The following resolutions were offered, and unanimously adopted:

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INNAUGURAL ADDRESS.

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Such emigrants have done much to promote the growth and prosperity of the country. They have proved faithful both in peace and in war. After becoming citizens they are entitled under the Constitution and laws to be placed on a perfect equality with native-born citizens, and their character they should ever be kindly recognized.

The Federal Constitution is a grant from the States to Congress of certain specific powers, and it is not for Congress to exercise powers not strictly construed, has more or less divided political parties from the beginning. Without entering into the argument, I desire to state, at the commencement of my administration, that long experience and observation have convinced me that a strict construction of the powers of the government is the only true, as well as the only safe, policy of the Constitution.

Neither is it necessary for the public service to strain the language of the Constitution, because all the great and useful powers required for the successful administration of the government, both in peace or in war, have been granted, either in express terms or by the plainest implication. Will it be denied that, under the Constitution, Congress may appropriate money for the construction of a military road, when this is absolutely necessary for the defense of any State or territory of the Union against foreign invasion?

Under the Constitution, Congress has power to declare war, to raise and support armies, to provide and maintain a navy, and to call forth the militia to suppress insurrections and to execute the laws. This endowed in an ample manner with a war-making power, the corresponding duty is required that the United States shall protect each of the States against invasion. How is it possible for Congress to protect a State against a military road through the territories of the United States, over which men and munitions of war may be speedily transported by means of a military road?

The Constitution has expressly required Congress to defend all the States. It would not deny to them, by any fair construction, the power to do so by any one of the means which the Constitution has placed in their hands. Besides, the Government, ever since its origin, has been in the constant practice of constructing military roads. It might as well be said to Congress, that it is not for Congress to construct a military road, when this is absolutely necessary for the defense of any State or territory of the Union against foreign invasion.

It might be right, on this occasion, I should say to the people of the United States, that the duties of a member of the great family of nations. In our intercourse with them, there are some plain principles approved by our own experience, and which we should ever keep in mind. We ought to cultivate peace, commerce, and friendship with all nations, and this not merely as the best means of promoting our own material interests, but as a duty which we owe to humanity. Our fellow-men wherever they may be, are our countrymen, and we should ever keep in mind that the interests of all nations, and never attempt to interfere in the domestic concerns of any, unless this shall be imperatively required by the great law of justice and equity.

To avoid entangling alliances has been a maxim of our policy ever since the days of Washington, and his wisdom no one will attempt to dispute. In short, we owe to our country, in a kindly spirit to all nations, and require justice from them in return. It is our glory that while other nations have extended their dominions by the sword, we have never done so. We are a kindly people, and we should ever keep in mind that the interests of all nations, and never attempt to interfere in the domestic concerns of any, unless this shall be imperatively required by the great law of justice and equity.

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