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(Subject to the decision of the American People.)

NEW-ORLEANS, MONDAY MORNING, Dec. 30, 1842.

☞ We have been compelled to postpone an article on the Tariff question, which it will appear to-morrow.

The Senate has been occupied yesterday, for the [illegible] Senator for Kentucky. The importance of the subject, and the cause of every member [illegible] have every reason to demand that the choice will [illegible] approbation of the people of the [illegible] whose political principles are in accordance with those of the majority of the legislature [illegible] which the popular will can alone be represented in the upper branch of Congress. We deem it unnecessary to offer a single remark of advice or encouragement to the Whig members. The responsibility of a wise and harmonious action rests with them, and they have assuredly weighed it well. It cannot be imagined that they will give to their enemies cause of exultation by divisions that may prove fatal to the interests of their constituents. We have every confidence that the party will unite upon that individual who has the best chance of success, and who can enter upon the contest with the largest number of friends. The issue is safe in the hand of majority. We will not indulge in an exhortation that might be construed into an argument of doubt as to the faith of the Whig members, their patriotism, their disinterestedness or their devotion to the principles upon which they were elected by the people. We feel assured that not one of them will be found to betray the trust reposed in him—that not one through chagrin or disappointment at the selection of a candidate who may not have been his first choice will swerve from his duty. Remember, Whigs, the eyes of a nation are upon you, and the heart of the Republic is beating in proud expectation of your firmness, your patriotism and your fidelity.

CLOSING OF THE NEW AMERICAN.

The card published by JAMES H. CALDWELL, Esqr., announcing his determination to close the New American Theatre on Saturday next, and to retire from the management, will be read with deep regret by every lover of the drama, and very a lover of dramatic enterprise. For more than thirty years Mr. Caldwell has linked his name and fortune with the progress of the drama, and for more than half that period he has striven earnestly and at times at considerable outlay to establish in this city a temple worthy the patronage of its citizens. These efforts have proved totally abortive. His liberal intentions have been counteracted by conflagrations, while the exigencies of the times have compelled the public to resort to rigid economy and be restrained therein from visiting the new places of amusements. And now, after a lifetime of toil and travel, in which his unabated energies and an ample fortune have been wasted, Mr. Caldwell finds himself a loser of the enormous sum of $100,000, and compelled through sheer necessity to abandon all further connection with the drama. We trust that neither the members of the dramatic corps, nor the citizens, will permit him to retire, without some mark of favor, one evidence of general sympathy. We propose a COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT to JAMES H. CALDWELL. Who seconds?

Mr. BARTON.—This gentleman and sterling actor, appears for the last time before the public this evening, at the American Theatre, prior to his departure for his European home. Mr. Barton has been so associated in the minds of the public with the theatrical career of his friend Mr. Caldwell, that the announcement of his farewell benefit excites in us emotions akin to those inspired by the melancholy history or the misfortunes of his patron. We hope that not an inch of empty space will be found in the American to-night. Independently of the intrinsic merits of Mr. Barton (King Lear and the Liar, with Barton in the one and Caldwell in the other) the occasion should attract a multitude. Let it not be said that we have sent back to Europe the actor and scholar for so many years a faithful co-laborer on the scene of mimic life, without a testimonial of kindly feeling for the artist and sympathy for the man.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.—The Legion and Washington battalion made a brilliant display yesterday in commemoration of the ever glorious eighth January. The day was beautiful, and the military parade unusually full and imposing.

The celebration and oration at the church were exceedingly effective and beautiful. The clergy united with the spectators in the performance of appropriate ceremonies. Mr. HERBERT, son of the Hon. SERGEANT S. PRENTISS, a graduate of Spring Hill College, delivered a very eloquent and patriotic discourse in French. In time, the day was commemorated with unusual relat and spirit.

THE MEETING at the St. Louis Exchange, on Saturday evening, was numerously attended. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Marigny and Soule, and a series of resolutions adopted, breathing throughout a conciliatory spirit, and intended to heal the schism that has unfortunately so long divided the Catholic community. A committee of twelve gentlemen was appointed to consult with the clergy and carry the resolutions into effect.

JOE FIELDS, alias SPRAWS, alias Dr. HEAVEVEY, has a first-rate actor and withal an accomplished gentleman, arrived in this city on Saturday last, and will commence an engagement upon the opening of the New St. Charles.

THE SOMERS MUTINY.

NAVAL COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The Court of Enquiry was organized on board the *North Carolina*, on the 28th ult. The court is composed as follows —

Commodore CHARLES STEWART, President.
JACOB JONES, Associate.
ALEX. DALLAS, "
Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, Judge Advocate.

The court assembled in the cabin at 12 o'clock. After the usual preliminaries Capt. FRANKLIN was called and delivered the orders of Mr. Hoffman as counsel to assist him in the investigation. Some discussion here arose as to the hour of meeting, when it was determined that the court should be adjourned at 11 o'clock the next day.

SECOND DAY.

The Court resumed their sitting at 12 o'clock, after a private consultation of half an hour.

Commander Mac Kenzie desired that it might be understood, that, in asking for the assistance of Mr. John Hare, Jr., it was merely as a clerk. He was particular in stating this as it had been represented that he had asked for counsel—which was not the fact.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read by the Judge Advocate.

The President of the Court asked Mr. MacKenzie if he had any narrative prepared.

Mr. MacKenzie said he had a copy of his official report to the Secretary of the Navy.

The President desired that it might be produced, and it was produced accordingly.

The President desired that if any witnesses in this case were present they would retire. None were present.

The Judge Advocate then began reading a copy of Mr. MacKenzie's report to the Navy Department, of which the general facts tallied with what is already public.

As however, it was long, we attempt no analysis of it, but we hope to obtain an accurate copy for to-morrow.

The reading was interrupted after the statement of the testimony given by Mr. Wales—owing to some inaccuracy of the copy—and the Court adjourned till 10 o'clock, to enable Mr. MacKenzie to present an accurate copy.

MURDER IN MOBILE.—A quarrel occurred in Mobile on Friday, between two Frenchmen named Dubreil and Le Font, in the course of which Le Font stabbed his antagonist in the groin with a poignard, causing death in a few hours. Dubreil was a man of some property and an amiable disposition, but was intoxicated at the time. Le Font is a quarrelsome and disorganized fellow. He has not yet been arrested.

THE LATIMER CASE.—The Governor of Virginia has sent a special agent to make application to the Governor of Massachusetts for the surrender of Latimer, charged with having committed a larceny in the state of Virginia. Gov. Davis refuses to surrender him, and will give his reasons hereafter.

THE HOUSE of Mr. J. Thompson in St. Michael street, Mobile, was entered on Wednesday night, and robbed of a gold watch, and some ten dollars in dimes.

DISASTER.—The British brig *Hector*, of Belfast Capt. Thompson, from Liverpool, for Savannah, with a cargo of salt, was wrecked on Blackboard Island, on the 20th inst. Crew and captain saved—vessel a total loss.

☞ At the latest accounts Sir CHARLES BAGOT, governor general of the Canadas, was ill, beyond the hope of recovery.

CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE BEE.

Washington, Dec. 28, 1842.

In Senate to-day quite a cross-fire of petitions and memorials was kept up for nearly all day, [illegible] the subject of the Bankrupt question of repealing the bankrupt law. Some more [illegible] of the present act. About a hundred of [illegible] were passed by the House [illegible] and referred to appropriate committees. Some half dozen of the Senate bills [illegible] the first week of the session, were passed for a third reading; among these was [illegible] bill, allowing a drawback on foreign goods exported to Mexico in [illegible] packages by the [illegible] of our Western frontier. Mr. Linn's bill for the settlement of the Oregon Territory, came up in its order but was passed over informally for discussion to-morrow.

The Senate then adjourned.

In the House of Representatives the only business of general interest on hand was the continuation of yesterday's debate on the Bill to repeal the bankrupt act. The discussion in fact has now branched off from the main subject into crimination and recriminations of the administration. Mr. Cushing yesterday having adverted to the position of the President as a consequence of the course pursued by the Whig party, was answered to-day, by Mr. Thompson, of Indiana, in such a manner it is universally allowed as "made the fur fly at every stroke." Allusion being made to the splitting up of the Democratic party upon the several candidates for the Presidency, Mr. Andrew Kennedy took up the loofoco cudgels and played them during the hour in two handed Western stump speech style, to the great amusement of friends and foes. After sundry passages of this sort the House at 3 o'clock adjourned.

Washington, Dec. 29, 1842.

In the Senate to-day more petitions, memorials and remonstrances on the subject of repealing the Bankrupt Law were presented. When the ordinary business came up, a sharp debate arose on a joint resolution from the House, reported favorably to the Senate by the Committee on the Library, for distributing part of the surplus copies of the catalogue of the library to members of Congress for their own use.—Objection to the principal involved, was made by Mr. King. But it appeared in the course of the discussion that 700 copies are on hand and that they are a perfect incumbrance, occupying room wanted for other purposes. The resolution, amended so as to give a copy each to the literary institutions and universities of the country, and using the words "to each person entitled to the use of the library," instead of "each member of congress," was ordered to a third reading. A single bill debate arose on a bill making compensation for pension agents. The proposition from the House, subject to the approbation or arrangement of the Secretary of the Treasury, a compensation not exceeding two per cent on their disbursements, but in any case to amount to no more than $1000 yearly to the agent. Mr. Benton opposed the proposition of no change in any form; but the bill was advocated by Messrs. Bates, King and Phelps, and was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. A bill creating a second office of Commissioner of Pensions was postponed to the same order. The Senate then took up private bills and messages, adjourned.

In the House the first hour and a half of the day's sitting were devoted to miscellaneous business, resolutions, &c. The debate on the repeal of the Bankrupt law was resumed at three-quarters past one o'clock, and Mr. Wise, being entitled to the floor, spoke out his hour without concluding. A motion to suspend the one hour rule, for the purpose of enabling him to finish, was lost by a vote of yeas 98, nays 108. He was followed by Mr. Fessenden of Maine, at the expiration of whose hour, the House adjourned. Mr. Fessenden's speech was a close fight at Mr. Thompson of Indiana, who spoke yesterday. Mr. W. was wild and rambling, and fell considerably short of most peoples' expectation.

Washington, Dec. 30th, 1842.

In Senate to-day but little was done till the general orders brought up Dr. Linn's bill for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon; which was considered as in Committee of the Whole, and some amendments, recommended by the select committee, were adopted. A debate arose on a motion to strike out the preamble which asserts the determination of this government to maintain its claims to the whole region within our assumed boundaries. This motion was made by Mr. Tappan and sustained by Mr. Archer. Mr. Linn and Mr. McRoberts defended the preamble with considerable ability. Finally the matter was passed over informally till next week.

In the House of Representatives, J. R. Marshall was entitled to the floor in the debate on the repeal of the bankrupt act, expected to come on at an early hour. He has become such an attractive star that, long before the hour of taking up business, the galleries were crowded to excess by all the fashionables in town, male and female. But all were disappointed, to the pointment, for some present claim of old standing fell under discussion and was opposed by vigorous efforts that occupied nearly the whole day. Scarcely a few introductory and local lines were also debated. The fifth an hour was consumed in discussion of a resolution, offered by Mr. Sprague, in regard to a report of the fifth Auditor, ordered to be printed, which, upon perusal, Mr. S. found contained allusions to him of the most disrespectful nature. He submitted a resolution excluding the report from the archives of the House, and ordering it to be sent back to the source from which it came. Finally the resolution was, almost unanimously adopted. At three o'clock the House adjourned.

THE LIFE OF THE GREAT PAUL JONES.—It is stated in the Gardiner (Me.) Ledger, that there is now living in the town of Livermore, in that State, Thomas Chase, one of the same men who were with Paul Jones on board the famous Bon Homme Richard, when engaged with two British ships of war. This veteran sailor is now of the age of 86—apparently in the enjoyment of good health. The only organ of sense which appears to be much impaired, is that of hearing,—the tympana of his ear having been injured by the concussion caused by the guns, he having extended his head through a port-hole during the firing. Mr. Chase is a native of Martha's Vinyard, and has lived in Livermore fifty-two years. It is gratifying to state that he is surrounded by his children and grand children, and in the enjoyment of a pension from the government.

PHILADELPHIA has again been disgraced by violent outrages among the fire companies. A quartel arose some days ago between the Franklin Hose Company and the Washington Engine Company. The members of the former company mustered in great force for the purpose of attacking the engine house of the latter. The police attempted to interfere, but were beaten off by both parties with bludgeons and brick bats. After the fracas had lasted some time and the constabulary force effectually dispersed, the Washington's house was broken open, the engine dragged out, carried to an open lot, and there demolished in pieces. Several persons were badly cut on the head and face, while others were stabbed and knocked down.

The Message of Gov. THOMAS, of Maryland, is exceedingly long and devoted to many subjects of an [illegible] nature. The report of the financial condition of the State is not encouraging. The State is almost hopelessly indebted, and nothing but rigid economy and increased taxation can be relied upon to furnish her with sources to meet her annual expenditures, and to pay the interest on her foreign debt.—The subject of repudiation is adverted to, and condemned in the strongest terms of censure.

☞ A legislative caucus was held at Jefferson city, (Mo.) the 15th Dec., at which, to the astonishment of every one, Col. Johnson appeared by far the strongest candidate for the presidency.

In Philadelphia, the friends of Mr. VAN BUREN are answering a call for a mass meeting to be held on the 7th January, appears in the *Pennsylvania*.

THE PRESIDENCY.—In the Senate of Georgia, Mr. Lawson's resolutions nominating JOHN C. CALHOUN for the Presidency, were lost—yeas 39, nays 45. The loco-foco majority in that body is 19. The *Globe*, however, contradicts this statement:

NICHOLSON, the Philadelphia forger, concerning whose guilt so much doubt had been entertained, and who had been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary, died recently in prison, after having acknowledged the crime for which he was confined.

The Baltimore Sun of the 28th ult. says—"It is said that several persons came from England to this country in the last steamer, with the intention of speculating in Cotton, and that they hurried for the south without delay."

☞ We observe a groundless rumor of the death of Queen Victoria, in the Mobile papers—mentioned in letters from New York of the 28th ult. Journals of the 29th say nothing of the subject.

SENTENCE OF ALEXANDER.—Milton J. Alexander was sentenced on the 27th ult., to solitary confinement for four years in the eastern penitentiary. The prisoner heard his doom with perfect equanimity.

MARYLAND.—In the House of delegates of Maryland a proposition was put forth a few days since, to repeal the State tax. It was the prelude to repudiation, and was promptly rejected by the decisive vote of 57 to 18.

COL. CHARLES C. LEWELL of Harford county, is the loco-foco candidate for Congress, in place of James Williams, deceased. He will doubtless be elected.

ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.—On Friday night last the store of Messrs. Durand & Usher, [illegible] street, and broke from [illegible] thieves must be sealed [illegible] building. [illegible] that an attempt [illegible]

Half-past four.—The house corner St Louis and Chartres streets is on fire. The flames are raging and it is impossible to know where it will end.

Mr. Lee, of whose dancing "we have good report," has arrived, and is engaged at the New St. Charles.

LATER FROM VALPARAIBO.

The ship Orphrus, Captain Hill, has arrived from Valpariaso, bringing advices to the 14th October (five weeks later.) To Mr. Tyler, a passenger, we are indebted for the following:—The news from Peru is important. Hercelle, a young general who was banished some time since from Peru, had secretly returned with about 300 men, and in a battle with the General Torrico, who had a much larger force, obtained a complete victory, destroying a great number of the enemy. He has possession, now, of all the northern provinces in Peru, with a large force under his command, which is increasing daily. Peru was never in so unsettled a state as it now is, and there are no prospects of peace for some time.

Chili is in a prosperous condition; there is no Republic in South America so well governed; the people are perfectly satisfied with the Constitution and inclined to agriculture.

Bolivia is at present quiet, though temporarily. There is nothing of importance going on at Valparaiso. Mr. R. Rivers of Chili, son of General Rivers, came passenger in the Orpheus. Left on the coast the whale-ships California, 100 bls oil; Spartan, with 1,700 bls sperm oil; ship Olmutiz, 2,500 do; Philip, 2,500 do; barque Emerald, with 1,500 do, and a number of others.

From the Daily Boston Advertiser.

FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—We have been favored with the following memoranda of news from Oahu, to Oct. 1.

Over 2,000,000 yards of American cotton goods were lying in store, quite unsaleable—great part would be shipped to Valparaiso.

The American fleet of "right whalers" had mostly arrived at the Sandwich Islands, from their cruise on the N. W. coast. They had been very successful generally. Several vessels had taken 2000 bbls. in four months.

Several French and Danish whaleships had touched at the Sandwich Islands; the number of these it is expected will increase every succeeding year.

French corvette Embuscade was at Oahu early in September.

From the Pensacola (Ga.) Gazette.

NEW ORLEANS, 24th Dec 1842.

I could not but notice the erroneous quotations of some of our weekly papers last week, which took us to report quotations of sugar and molasses on hand. Thinking it to be a matter of some importance to be informed of the quantities of sugar and molasses on hand. Therefore in these positions, however, it not to be wondered at when the merchants have to state that they are informed from the brokers and speculators, who have too much influence over our market, and are epidemic in their nature, that the crop of sugar will amount to [illegible] hogsheads. I suppose the Lower crop will be [illegible] hogsheads, which is [illegible] over last year. It is [illegible] sugar, [illegible] Louisiana, [illegible] Texas, [illegible] Cuba, [illegible] Brazil, [illegible] Manila, [illegible] Sandwich Islands, [illegible] Mexico, [illegible] Sicily, [illegible] Malaga, [illegible] Havana, [illegible] Manila