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A UNION PARTY.

The nomination of Mr. WEBSTER by his Massachusetts friends, rather as a Union than a Whig candidate, seems to have revived in some minds the possibility of organising such a party for the ensuing Presidential election. We have heretofore looked upon this idea as somewhat utopian, or at all events only practicable at a period when ordinary political ties are completely disrupturted and impotent. It for example, at the present time, the opposition to the Compromise assumed a formidable character; if either or both of the two great parties had clearly taken a position of hostility towards that great conservative measure; if sectional prejudices were arrayed and marshalled with all the power of a political organization against its maintenance, the temporary abeyance of party and the coalition of all true and steadfast lovers of the Union, might be a possible event. At such a crisis, we believe that patriotism would annihilate political distinctions, and Northern and Southern Whigs and Democrats would fraternize for the common purpose of resisting and destroying combinations dangerous to the stability and peace of the Confederacy. The question now is, do such perils exist, and can a Union party be formed with any prospect of success.

We think no unprejudiced observer is disposed to deny, that though some dissatisfaction may display itself both North and South at the adoption of the Compromise, however isolated examples may occur in the one section, of forcible resistance to the execution of a part of this act, and in the other, of rash and lawless desire to break up the Union because of its passage—the principle of acquiescence in it as a just and final settlement of the Slavery question, has been steadily gaining ground. Not more than one or two States throughout the country have ventured, through their recognized authorities, to decry or denounce the adjustment, and by far the greater number have openly manifested their satisfaction at its adoption, and their entire willingness to abide by it. There is, there are, no formidable opposition to the Compromise—no party, save a comparatively insignificant faction in Mississippi, which resists it, and attempts to defies its enforcement. There would therefore seem to be no leading necessity for the organization of a party composed of Whigs and Democrats, and based entirely upon the preservation of the Union, for the simple reason that the Union is pretty much out of danger.

It may nevertheless be urged that the two political parties of the country are not what they sound upon this question, and that in view of their supporting with Free Soilers, and their disposition to Kink the Compromise as an issue in the next Presidential election, it would be expedient to establish a Union party, which might abstract from both a sufficient number to turn the scale. To this we answer, that it will be time enough to consider what must be done when the Conventions, having met, think fit to endorse the adjustment. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof. It is no easy thing to disintegrate and dismember political parties in a free government. They take their origin in radical differences of opinion common to all honest minds. They are founded upon fixed principles connected with the Government and the mode of its administration. They must exist while ever. They may be for a time—as on the case and now, put cannot long remain quiescent, or circumstances constantly occur which are viewed in opposite lights, and which produce a corresponding variation in public sentiment. Such elements of opposition are healthy and natural. They have been likened compared to the air, which impresses its elasticity the ballast which keeps her steady, and controls her movements regular. Without these no progress would be made, without the other no progress would be uncertain and unsafe. We are clear for maintaining distinctive and well understood political land marks, for keeping up party organization, and, at least some things so paramount and vexatious should arise, as must in its nature root out and efface these demarcations and unite the patriotism of the country for a time, [illegible] has never occurred.

Whenever either the Whig or the Democratic party plainly shows that they have proved unfaithful to the Union or the Constitution, we will be for throwing party overboard. But the question now is, that it is worse than useless for future developments. Let us of the South in particular, who are the parties chiefly concerned in the present position, agree to give the people of the North a fair trial. The two Conventions will assemble in a few months. The issue will be distinctly tendered them in a shape which they will be unable to dodge. They will have to accept or reject it. We shall soon know who are our friends, and can adopt such measures as our own safety, whenever we find we have been deceived.

A Union party cannot be formed on a hope of sight and sorrow, and if the Northern is false. That remains to be proved.

☞ We are indebted to Adams & Co.'s express for files of Galveston and Matamoras papers.

☞ The remains of Capt. Sweet were followed to their last resting place yesterday by a large concourse of his late friends, comprising many of our most prominent residents. The deceased was universally esteemed.

SAINT BARBE. The time honored festival of the patron Saint of the Artillerists will be celebrated to-morrow in a becoming manner by the Battalion of Artillery. This worthy corps will be out in full force, which will probably be largely increased by the expected return of the Donaldson cannoneers. In the evening a grand banquet will be given, to which the editors of this sheet have received a handsome and cordial invitation.

The same day is set apart for the consecration, by solemn religious ceremonies of the Cathedral, which is at length prepared for the reception of the devout and the impressive service of the Catholic ritual. The entire clergy of that denomination will start from the Archbishopprick, in Conde street, near Toulouse, and will proceed to the Cathedral, where the building will be consecrated. High Mass and an Oration composed by CICERO, will be performed by a number of ladies and gentlemen. The ceremonies of the occasion will be eminently impressive and beautiful, and are well worthy the attendance of the citizens.

INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE.—Our thanks are due the publishers, STRINGER & TOWNSEND, through J. C. MORGAN, of the Literary Depot, for the December number of this sterling and popular monthly. It is enriched with a number of fine cuts descriptive of the Mormons and their territory, and of Windsor Castle, and contains a spirited portrait of the poet BRYANT.—The literary contributions to the International are excellent.

DE BOW'S REVIEW.—We tender our acknowledgments to J. D. B. DE BOW, for the December number of this periodical. It is rich in valuable articles, of which several relate to our own State. Mr. Hewson contributes a powerful paper on a railroad system for New Orleans, and Messrs. Pierce and Carrigan furnishes some interesting, historical and other statistics of Louisiana. The agricultural, manufacturing and commercial summaries, are carefully made up and very ample.

U. S. SENATOR.—We understand that his State Rights Excellency, Gov. WOODFIN LOGAN of Miss., has appointed Hon. JOHN J. MCRAE, a brother of the same school, as U. S. Senator vice Gen. DAVIS. His term will, of course, expire upon the election of the successor to Gen. DAVIS by the Legislature. This is the way the Democrats *par excellence*, of Mississippi respect the will of the people.

☞ We would respectfully solicit the attention of Buyers to the credit sale of choice Virginia Manufactured Tobacco, which takes place THIS DAY, at No. 28 Gravier street, at 12 o'clock, by Morphy & Nevius.

☞ The attention of buyers is called to the sale of 125 packages and lots of seasonable Dry Goods. Also, 150 doz. Cotton Shirts, and 75 lots Ready made Clothing, to be sold without reserve, THIS DAY, by Viaccary & Co., at their auction rooms, No. 41 Bienville street.

CALIFORNIA ITEMS.

We complete our summary of California intelligence, By the addition of such items of intelligence as we have found in our files.

One of the greatest pedestrian feats ever attempted, came off over the Pioneer Course, on Sunday, the 26th Oct. John Gildersleeve and Wm. Peck were entered, the former by Mr. Buttelle, and the latter by Mr. Jackson, to run a match for $2,000 aside, twenty consecutive miles; if either backed down, the one who ran the farthest distance was to take the money.—The Course was well attended. Gildersleeve ran seventeen miles and a quarter, when he was stopped—Peck having backed down after completing his fifteenth mile. The winner came in as fresh as when he started, and $1000 was offered that he would run twenty miles, and $1500 to $1000 that he would run twenty five, with no takers.

The amount of taxable property in the county of San Francisco, was reported on the 16th Oct., as follows:—Real Estate, $10,361,222; Personal Estate, $6,479,089; amount for which no owners had been found, $750,000. Total $17,590,271

Other cities also seem, by the advices now received, to give new evidences of magical increase and rapidly acquired strength. Sacramento City is constantly gathering new sources of growth and stability, but we think from present appearances, will eventually be superseded by some city higher up.

The San Francisco *Alta* is strongly urging a project for establishing a line of steamers between that city and Canton.

Of the state of society in the interior, the *Morning Post* says

Several affrays and three or four murders have been reported from the interior, but society is altogether in a more quiescent state. Most of the extra judicial organizations throughout the state have ablished their usurped authority, and the machinery of established government is running more smoothly. An indictment was brought against members of the Vigilance Committee of Mariposa county, for tying a rope around the neck of a young man and nearly hanging him, for an alleged crime, the circumstance produced considerable excitement, and that ended in the commutation of several of the association, who were each fined $500, and condemned to six months imprisonment. Two men have been convicted and sentenced to die for the crime of grand larceny, by the District Court at Stockton, viz: Frederick Sabonar and James Wilson for stealing money. They are sentenced to be hung on the 28th of November. These facts are evidences of a more healthy and normal condition of society.

The first case of whipping under the new criminal code, transpired at Nevada on the 11th instant. Richard Smith was tried before Justice Anderson for stealing a sum of money, convicted and sentenced to receive twenty five lashes, which were administered.

A treaty of peace has been formed between the Indian tribes of the Klamath country, comprising the Hoopahs, or Trinity Indians, Klamaths, or Ranchmas, the Wardpeeks, Lopchaps, Up-pagumes, Sa-won-na-Chum-nis, Ko-nee, Cos-kon-an-Chee-nis, Wash-e-cup-pels, Moon-tobis, Sta-a-gooes, and Pah-wans. These tribes promise to live hereafter in peace among themselves and with the whites, and to cultivate friendship with the Red Bluffs and Red Hill Indians, and [illegible] secured the confidence of the whites elsewhere.

George Ludwig, Esq., late Assistant Assessor of San Francisco, is a candidate for Assessor of Sonoma county, in opposition to the former incumbent, Lindley, Greene & Hayes, who left for Oregon, in October, of Asiatic cholera.

Two Theatres—the American and Jenny Lind—are in full blast. The first opened on the 21st October. Mrs. Stark presided at the piano, and delivered a considerable [illegible] address, of considerable merit, written by D. R. Ross, Esq. The company is [illegible] the Jenny Lind Theatre, is doing [illegible] we believe, of a first-rate character.

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