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Liberty Nominations.

FOR PRESIDENT, JOHN P. HALE, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, LEICESTER KING, OF OHIO.

Scenes at Washington

The scenes recently enacted at the Nation's capital, ought to arouse our country from her long National slumber. It speaks in a voice of thunder!

Dr. Bailey's deportment throughout the whole affair has been admirable; and will do much, toward giving the principles he advocates a passport to every candid mind.

In the debates in the Senate (a part of which we give on our first and fourth pages) drawn out by these circumstances, John P. Hale has acquitted himself with dignity, and talent, which do him credit.

The Post Office Department.

The estimate below as given by the New York Sun, proves that the cheap postage system, has not diminished the avails of his department.

During the past year 52,173,480 letters have passed through the Post Office, producing a revenue of \$4,313, 157. The expenses during the same time was \$4,099,206, leaving a surplus of \$213,951.

In one of the bills in Congress upon the French question Mr. Haskill, of Tennessee, said: "That he was not aware that there were any French colonies in which slavery existed."

The honorable member disclaims any knowledge of the existence of slavery in the French Colonies. Strange indeed that the intelligent and Hon. gentleman should be so deficient in information upon a subject so generally understood.

We copy the following statement as made by a correspondent of the National Intelligencer:

Table with 2 columns: Population of the E. and W. Indies. Rows include Free Whites, Slaves, Isle of Bourbon, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Total.

A very important message from the President of the United States, with reference to Yucatan, recommending aid from our Government, etc., was read in Congress on the 29th, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Van Arman.

Condoza, (Mexico), March 29, 1848. We arrived at this city on Sunday, one week ago last Sunday, at evening, and received a very cordial welcome from the five companies of our regiment, which were here.

The city of Cordova is an old Spanish town, built about two hundred years since. It is unlike anything you have ever seen in architecture.

The moral character of the people is even worse than their political condition. Theft, robbery, &c., are the common employment of large classes.

Northern Press-Approval of Hale's Course. The late mob violence at the Capitol of our Republic, and the effort of southern feeling to sustain it, have called down the just and generous indignation of nearly the entire Northern Press.

Whereas the course of the Evening Post in continuing to discuss the Abolition question, in our opinion meets the decided disapprobation of the Democracy of the city and county of New York, and a overwhelming majority of the people of the North, and is decidedly contrary to the expressed opinion and views of this Committee; and whereas, the manner as well as the matter of its publication upon that question are in our opinion dangerous to the personal safety of the good people of the South, we therefore in the family of this great Republic—

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Many of the leading journals, both Whig and Democratic, have spoken openly in the highest terms of commendation of the character of the National Era, and those noble champions of the principles it advocates.

Amid this storm Mr. Hale stood calm, unmoved, courteous, and dignified—like a rock, against which the waves broke in their fury, but were hurled back, impotent and harmless.

Mr. Hale remained master of the field, completely triumphant. He could, indeed, be voted down, but his was a triumph still.

every if it does not appear to publish the doctrine of the Declaration of Independence—denies the protection of the Laws to the men who presume to exercise the Freedom of Speech and of the Press—un-chains the Mob and hurls it on to wreak its vengeance upon its hapless victim who may have excited its displeasure—and meets, in the Hall of the Nation's Legislature, the expression of sentiments that have made a Lamartine and an Odillon Barrot immortal, with threats of assassination.

What a humiliating spectacle is here presented at the capital of a great Republic boasting of its freedom! What less is it than a great slave mart, where human beings are bought and sold under the windows of the capital the same as on the coast of Africa!

Literary Notices.

THE EDINBURGH PERKNOLOGICAL JOURNAL, for April, republished in New York by Fowler & Wells, has appeared. The paper and typographical execution are remarkably neat.

The leading article is by George Combe, and is upon the "Relation between Religion and Science." The views, indicated by this article, are in accordance with those already promulgated by Mr. Combe in his other works.

THE UNION MAGAZINE. We have been politely favored with the April No. of this magazine, published by Israel Post Esq. 140 Nassau st., N. Y. It is edited by Mrs. Kirkland, the well known author of "New Home," "Life in the West," &c.

COLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.—The May No. of this interesting work is quite equal to any which we have preceded it. It is embellished with two beautiful engravings.

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Mexico. No recent accounts from Mexico, which can be relied upon with much confidence. One correspondent thinks the Treaty will be ratified, another that there is no prospect of such a result—all this is only private opinion.

At every turn of our path through this world, in the situation of God's intellectual and immortal beings. The Bird of Paradise is a splendid colored engraving, and contributes much to the beauty of this number.

GREAT FIRE IN DETROIT.

Three hundred Buildings burned!—Three to four hundred Families houseless!—Loss from \$200,000 to \$300,000 at a low estimate!

Jefferson Avenue is almost entirely blocked up with furniture and store goods. Mr. Wales, of Wales' Hotel, saved a great part of his costly furniture, but his loss is quite heavy, as is the loss of Major, Biddle, who owned the building—probably \$20,000 above insurance.

Our Mexican war has been dwarfed considerably by the recent startling events in Europe and the boundless vista they open, so that I am sure I cannot be wrong in asserting that if our troops were all safe at home there could be but a very small vote raised for sending them back into Mexico.

John Winters, who murdered his wife on the 25th of April, has had his trial, and been found guilty.

On Tuesday morning, the prisoner was brought into court to receive his sentence, and on being asked if he had any thing to say, why the sentence of the law should not be passed on him confessed the commission of the offence, and said he was in a state of derangement, and was willing to suffer the penalty of the law.

Later from Mexico. By Special Express we have received New Orleans papers of the twenty-second of April. The British mail packet Avon arrived on that day from Tampico and Vera Cruz, bringing dates from Mexico to the thirteenth and from Vera Cruz to the sixteenth.

Mr. Clifford, with his Secretary, Mr. Walsh, arrived at the city of Mexico on the 11th and was received with appropriate military honors.

Treaty need not cover more than half a sheet of paper, stipulating that the Rio Grande Valley should be Mexican, all this side be ours, with the Bay of San Francisco and all North of a point ten miles South of it, as indemnity for the Spoilations of our commerce by Mexicans, who the balance of California should be left free to govern itself, and that on these terms there should be perpetual amity between the two Nations.

It is impossible to give the names of the sufferers, as all is excitement at the time of preparing this account. The building in which was the Advertiser, was greatly damaged, but the materials were principally saved, but of course there will be a loss by damage and delay in publication.

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The motion of Mr. Cass was decided in the affirmative—yeas 25, nays 9. The bill in relation to the California claims was then debated at large, on the amendment to substitute Colonel Fremont and two other officers for the Commissioners to examine the claim &c. Mr. Mason was opposed to the amendment, and Mr. Budget sustained it.

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