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The Education Convention.

Whether the Legislature of Virginia will, at its present session, adopt any feasible plan for General Education, remains yet to be seen. We believe that the voice of the State is decidedly in favor of the adoption of some measure, having for its aim the Education of the masses, and our Legislators would but conform to the wishes of their constituents by devising some efficient mode for so important a purpose. The Education Convention recently held at Richmond, will, we hope, give a new impulse to this great measure of Reform. The Report of the Minority Committee adopted by the Convention is, we think, a much better system of Education for the State than the present defective one can possibly be. Under the old system, though a vast sum of money is yearly expended, we reap but comparatively little of the benefits that should result from so large an expenditure of our money. There is one thing, if no other, that destroys its usefulness, and will forever prevent it from being sanctioned by those for whom it is most immediately intended to benefit. It makes a distinction, between the rich and the poor, that is so odious, that the masses of our people never will ever consent, become generally educated under its workings. The Richmond Times thus refers to the Scheme proposed by Mr. James of Loudoun, and adopted by the Convention: "The scheme proposed by Mr. James of Loudoun has acquired a prominence before the public attention, by reason of its adoption by the Education Convention, and also by the President and Directors of the Literary Fund. That scheme as we understand it, proposes to divide the State into 2720 districts, of five miles square, with a common school in each, conducted by a teacher on a salary of \$300. To the 2720 schools in these districts, are to be added 129 for the towns and boroughs, making in all 2849, with a teacher to each at \$300, will cost the State \$854,700 per annum, estimated to be \$4 3/4 for each child between the ages of 5 and 15.

The auditor's report shows that the schools now in existence are in number 3677, which at \$2 50 per scholar, are estimated to cost \$919,250, or an excess of \$73,550, over the estimated cost of the proposed system.

The system is only to be adopted by a majority of the voters in each county, and the school commissioners are to be elected by the people."

The Commissioner of Patents. It has been stated by a Washington correspondent of one of the Northern papers, and corroborated by articles published in the latter paper on the subject of the Tariff, under the signature of "Bundicund," is Mr. Burke, Commissioner of the Patent Office. These articles have been universally admitted to be the ablest, and altogether the most valuable collection of facts bearing upon the inequality and injustice of the Protective system, that has appeared for many years. Yet, when the author of these able articles was appointed to the office which he now fills with so much credit, the Whig press denounced him as totally unworthy for the place, and incompetent to discharge the duties pertaining to the office. They asserted, indeed, that he would be unable to make out his Report, and would, of necessity, have to call upon some of his subordinate Whig clerks to discharge the duty for him! They know, now, we should judge, whether Mr. Burke can write, for he has built up a structure on the broad and liberal policy of Free Trade, that a whole phalanx of the advocates of the Protective system, can neither impair nor diminish any of its fair proportions.

The various rumors stating that the Hon. Wm. Smith, would decline his election as Governor of Virginia, are groundless, as the Editors of the Richmond Enquirer state they have seen a letter from Mr. Smith, which says that he will be in Richmond on the 31st December, to enter upon the duties and responsibilities of Governor of Virginia.

The South Carolina Legislature adjourned last Monday. The House adopted by a vote of two to one, the report in favor of transferring the election of President and Vice President of the United States, from the Legislature to the people, and that the election by the people ought to be upon the principle of the general ticket, the said ticket to be composed of one elector from each Congressional District, and of one from the upper and one from the lower division of the State."

Mr. CALHOUN'S OPINION OF THE MESSAGE. Mr. Calhoun, in a letter to Mr. Polk, pronounces his message, in all its parts, the most able state paper that has been issued from the White House for the last thirty years. This is certainly a compliment to Mr. Polk, and shows most clearly that the Senator from South Carolina will give his hearty support to the present administration, upon the leading measures before the country—Oregon and all.

THE HON. MICHAEL C. SPRING, a distinguished citizen of Maryland, died at his residence near Cumberland, on Thursday morning last, after an illness of only a few hours.

NASHVILLE ELECTION.—The Louisville Journal learns that Mr. Ewing, the high candidate for Congress in the Nashville district, is elected by about 1200 majority over his democratic competitor, Gen. Trousdale.

Twenty-Ninth Congress.

Correspondence of the Baltimore American. Washington, Dec. 19, 1845. The Senate was not in session to-day. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. A bill was introduced to repeal the act of the 29th Congress requiring that members of Congress shall be chosen by districts.

Smithsonian Institution. Mr. Owen of Ill. introduced a Bill for the establishment of the Smithsonian Institution. Referred to a Select Committee of seven.

Sub Treasury Bill. Mr. Drogmole, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the better protection and collection of the Public money, which was read twice and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Oregon. Several Resolutions of inquiry upon the subject of the North Western territory, (similar to those offered in the Senate,) were submitted, all looking to the establishment of Civil and Military power West of the Rocky Mountains.

Mr. Winthrop's resolutions excited some interest in the House, but as there was danger of their being laid on the table, he gave notice of his intention to debate them, which carried them over to a future day.

Mr. Douglas of Ill. followed with two Resolutions, declaring first, that "our title to the whole of Oregon South of 54° 40' was clear and unquestionable." Secondly, "That being a title, it was not a proper subject of arbitration."

Mr. Douglas gave notice that he should debate the Resolutions he had offered, when the gentleman from Massachusetts, called upon those which he has submitted. A Resolution was also submitted in reference to the employment of the Home Squadron in the Pacific.

Between two and three P. M., an adjournment was moved and carried. Aye 18, Noes 60. The adjournment was to Monday.

On Monday, the main business in the Senate was the joint resolution for the admission of Texas. Messrs. Webster, and Huntington of Connecticut, opposed the resolution, and Mr. Berrien felt it his duty to give the resolution his support, as the faith of the country had been pledged to that effect. It was also in conformity with the wishes of his constituents. Mr. Niles gave his reasons for supporting the measure. The vote was 33 to 13, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashby, Aitchison, Abner, Biggs, Barlow, Benton, Barren, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalifoux, Deland, Dickinson, Duffell, Sherman, Hay, Rogers, Johnston, Johnson, Leary, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Pennington, Sevier, Sprague, Talley, Storen, Westcott—31.

Nays—Messrs. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Green, Huntington, Miller, Phelps, Simonds, Upham, Webster and Woodbridge—13.

Mr. Leary laid on the table a resolution on the acquisition of Cuba, by negotiation with Spain.

On Mr. Breese's motion, the Military Committee were inquired into the expediency of engaging a corps of sappers and miners.

In the House, the only business was the appointment of a Chaplain. The Rev. Mr. Willcutt (a Wesleyan minister) was chosen on the third ballot. An active interest had been taken for this gentleman, early in the session. Mr. Mithrath is Member.

THE MARKETS.

Office of the Baltimore American, December 23, 5 P. M. CATTLE.—Price ranged at \$1.50 a \$3 per 100 lbs on the hoof, equal to \$3 a \$5.75 per head. The average did not exceed \$3, owing to the inferior quality of most of the stock. HOGS.—No market \$5.25 to \$5.50. We quote the best at \$5 a \$5.12 1/2.

WHEAT.—Since the publication to-day of the 27th No. of the Register, the market has been completely unsettled, and a very decided rise. Early in the day holders offered to sell at \$5.50 without offering sales, but it was not until 5 P. M. that a sale of white wheat at 78 cts, and of yellow at 73 cts. Oats were worth 43 cts.

WHEAT.—We note small sales of white at a fraction under 28 cts, and of blue at 29 cts.

From the Baltimore Sun of Tuesday. EFFECT OF THE NEWS ON THE MARKETS. The news by the Acadia brought our dealers to a pause yesterday, and all disposition to either buy or sell ceased until further advices from New York are received. A small sale of Virginia flour, about equal to City Mills, was made yesterday morning at \$5.50. Nothing done in the market of Baltimore City Mills flour. Flour generally are asking \$5.50, without being able to effect sales. Offers of \$5.25 and \$5.37 1/2 have been made for good mixed brands, but refused. The impression at present is, that prices may settle down to \$5.25. No transactions in wheat or grain of any kind.

At New York, on Saturday, says the correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, the effect of the news upon our markets generally has been totally prosaic. The private advices received in our ports are much more discouraging, in a commercial point of view, than those received by the papers. They represent the accounts of the potato crop to be greatly exaggerated, and that no hope need be entertained that the ports will be opened.

The Saturday afternoon edition of the Journal of Commerce, says that the news made a blue-day there. No cotton was sold, and holders of flour were pretty steady. The offered flour at \$6, and there would have been some buyers at \$5.75. Judging from these advices at New York, the price of flour here will have to come some where in the neighborhood of \$5.50.

At Philadelphia, on Saturday, the foreign news put a stop to all business in flour in that market. No sales in either flour or grain were made. No sales in either flour or grain were made. No sales in either flour or grain were made.

The Pennsylvania of Monday says—"In flour and wheat there has been an entire suspension of operations, and prices are too unsettled to admit of our giving anything like accurate quotations—a decline in flour is looked for of 50 cts per bushel. We notice several sales of corn at full prices, and it is probable that the price will be but slightly affected by the late news, as prices were as high as Liverpool on the 4th inst, as on the 13th inst.

THE ACADIA.—When off Seal Island, on the 17th inst, at 10 o'clock, the Acadia passed the steamship Cambria, from Boston for Halifax and Liverpool. In consequence of the thick fog, the Acadia was unable to find the Cambria, but fortunately struck a reef bottom, and suffered the slightest injury, although in an accidental manner, she arrived at her destination in safety, relative to the crew being lost is questionable.

The Foreign News.

The news by the Acadia will be found in our paper of to-day. It is highly important at every point of view. The depressed mood generally manifested, consequent upon the arrival, will probably fall in our country. We hope, however, that the check will be of temporary duration.

THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS have just finished their work on the contested case from York, James City and Williamsburg, between Mr. Bowden, the late member, and Mr. Howard, the sitting member. By the action of the Committee, they appeared to be a tie, which the House must settle.

Suppose the Committee will now go on with the Frederick case, but as the holders are at hand, they will scarcely be a quorum present in committee before the first week in January. It is considered rather a dry business, to work on the knotty points of law during the festive season. The job is a good one for the balance of the session.

RECAPITULATION, Dec. 20, 1845. This was an eventful day to some portions of the State. The patrons of the South Western Road bill have had a struggle for several days, and seemed in sight of the "promised land," but, alas, for human calculations, they were this day doomed to disappointment. The bill, as it originally came in, provided for borrowing \$75,000, annually, for seven years, to construct a Steam Road from Buchanan in Botetwe County, to the Tennessee line, and it further provided for subscribing three-fifths to the Sales and Lynchburg Turnpike. This latter clause was stricken out, and the bill further amended so as to appropriate \$15,000 directly from the Treasury, for this year, to commence the work at Buchanan, and complete it as far as the way would go—leaving future Legislation to provide for the balance.

In this shape, the bill seemed to gain favor, but when the final struggle came, it was defeated by a majority of only six. This was a stroke of woe to its friends, and seemed to have put them out of humor for any other business than a Convention.

The Stanton and Scottsville Road bill, providing an increase of capital and a subscription of two-fifths, to Macadamize the existing Road was discussed with much earnestness by Messrs. Dindors, Southall, and Boocock, its friends, and by Messrs. Yerby and Daniel, its opponents, and was rejected by a vote of 57 to 63.

These votes seem decisive of the fate of all improvements for the session—at least, such as may require money from the State. The next scheme will be for a charter to make a Rail Road from Richmond to the Ohio River—and probably the State will be asked to forgive the James River and Kanawha Company their debt, on condition that they construct the Canal to Buchanan.

I think it very doubtful whether this proposition will meet with favor; for, with the exception of the members above Lynchburg, westward, the Canal has no very ardent friends. Action on the North Western Rail Road scheme is postponed until the first Tuesday in January.

During the holidays, there will scarcely be a quorum in the House, and no subject of general importance will be acted upon.

SURGICAL AND DENTAL INSTRUMENTS.

FOR my friends in the Valley of Virginia, I would say that I have still in my possession, and ready to furnish them at the shortest notice, with any article in my line.

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