

Spirit of Jefferson.



CHARLESTOWN Friday Morning, November 27, 1846.

THE NEW REQUISITION. From the several States that have been called upon to furnish volunteers for the Mexican war...

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OFFICIAL DESPATCHES. The official despatches from Gen. Taylor, have at length arrived. They are, (says the Baltimore Sun) in his usual unobtrusive style...

NOBLE STAND OF CONNECTICUT. At the last session of Congress, Senator Niles thought proper to desert his party and to oppose the Tariff of 1846.

Resolved, That while we entertain a just estimate of the general course of our Senator in Congress, the Hon. John M. Niles, we feel constrained to denounce his speech recently pronounced in the Senate of the U. States upon the Tariff, as equally unsound in theory, erroneous in fact, and anti-Democratic in tendency.

Resolved, That for his noble, manly and decided action upon the Tariff of 1846, the Hon. George M. Dallas deserves the high regard and admiration of the Democratic party of the Union; and we hereby tender him the unqualified thanks of this Convention.

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THE MOUNTED RIFLEMEN.

By a letter addressed to a gentleman of our county, we learn that the company of Mounted Riflemen, embracing several young gentlemen from our town, were at Camargo, October 26. They were temporarily attached to the 2d Infantry, under command of Col. Riley.

From this same letter, we are permitted to take the following extract:— "We sailed from Baltimore on the 5th September, had a long and dangerous passage, (29 days out,) to Brazos St. Lago. From thence we came by land, escorted by a train. No adventure, however, worthy of notice occurred, and we were only recompensed by seeing the country. The soil is of good quality, and produces two, and sometimes three crops of corn, yearly, from the same ground."

WE have received (says the Union,) a letter from Bloomington, Iowa, of the 7th inst, which states that "Our Democrats have suffered themselves to be divided on local causes, and we have come near losing the Legislature. Enough is known, however, to secure us a majority, on joint ballot, of four in the Legislature. We will have an entire Democratic 1846-tariff delegation from this State in Congress and the Senate of the United States."

I should not be astonished if the President's Message, while expressive of the strongest adherence to the Tariff of '46, were to recommend a duty on tea and coffee, and such other articles as are not produced in the country. What the result of such a measure may be in Congress, cannot of course be foreseen; but if the war is to continue, such a measure would undoubtedly become necessary.

THE MEXICAN WAR. To offset the captious criticisms of the Whig press concerning the Executive management of the Mexican war, we quote the following from the Montreal Gazette. It is said to be from the pen of an old soldier:— "If the American government has not, to gratify their newspapers, brought their war to maturity with the hasty expedition of a ninety day note or shipment of flour, it has, in a short time, established a grander base of operations in extent, than has ever been seen in modern warfare."

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BERKELEY VOLUNTEERS.

Our brother editor, Capt. ALBERTS, of the Martinsburg Republican, has a stirring appeal to the brave and adventurous in his paper of yesterday. He is commander of a new and well organized company, the "Independent Blues," who have professed their services to the Executive of the State.

There are many young men in this and the adjoining counties who cannot do better than join us. They will see more of the world, get more money, and do more good than by staying at home. If we were not sincere in the appeal we make, we should not be one of the number, for we have a growing business, a growing family, and a pleasant home; but we seek to do something more for them in this expedition, and something for our country, likewise.

WE appeal to our fellow-citizens to join our standard at once, and any information they desire upon the subject, if they will call at our office, we will gladly impart it to them. We want the brave, the chivalrous, the hardy boys who will stick to their Country's Flag, and those who intend to go had better be in haste, for our number will soon be made up.

THE WESTERN CONTINENT. This journal, published at Baltimore, at the low price of two dollars, is fast rising to its proper rank among the literary papers of the country. It is emphatically Southern in its feelings and principles, and on this account, if no other, deserves the united support of the South.

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PICTORIAL JONATHAN.

Splendid Picture of the Holy Family.—We have received that stupendous picture sheet, the Christmas Brother Jonathan. It contains a large number of finely executed engravings, among which we notice a new and spirited design of Santa Claus, by Chapman, the largest engraving ever presented in a newspaper; also, an exquisite picture of the Holy Family, from a painting by Raphael.

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DEATH OF CAPT. RIDGELY.

It is but too true that this brave and gallant officer is no more! The rumor, which was at first doubted, is fully confirmed, and the nation is called upon to mourn the loss of one among her most brave and dauntless soldiers.

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THE VAN NESS CASE.

A Trial of considerable interest has been progressing in the Court of Washington, D. C., for the last eight or ten days. A lady known as Mrs. Mary Ann Conner, claims to have been the wife of the late Gen. Van Ness, who recently died in that City, possessing property estimated to be worth six hundred thousand dollars.

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