



that literary and moral instruction, giving, chastening influences alone, will prepare them for the high future actors in the places now the principals; and if these are imposed, their moral... We owe implicit obedience to the wise and well regulated laws of our country. No private citizen has a right to question or oppose the authority of any laws, according to the Constitution, which he, through his representatives, has imposed on himself.

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**THE HARVEST.**—The wheat and rye harvest has just been brought to a close in this county, after two weeks' arduous toil. The weather has been favorable, and the crops are generally good. The wheat is of a fine quality, and the rye is also well advanced. The farmers are generally well satisfied with the result of their labors, and the prospect is bright for the future.

The extracts from the speech of the Hon. J. Q. Adams, in today's paper, in relation to Texas, will be found highly interesting. It shows us the real cause of the Texian war against Mexico, and when, how, and by whom, and for what purpose, it was planned and carried out. It is a most valuable document, and one which we should all read with great interest.

**LOUISIANA.**—This State has entreated herself decidedly amongst the Whig States of the Union, at her late election. Governor, members of Congress, and members of the Legislature—all! One of the Senators in the United States Senate votes just well—the other may think of instructions and a re-election, and do better. What has the Legislature to do with the election of 1834, worked it up into such Heavenly Heroics? Has the Doctrine, like the word Conservative, become "vulgar?"

**SECRET HISTORY.—TEXAS.**  
In the course of Mr. John Q. Adams's recent speech on the subject of Texas, he made the following singular disclosure, to which reference has already been made in this Gazette, at the same time, saying that he had not produced the letter quoted below without making himself certain of the entire propriety of doing so. What he disclosed will be read with great interest.

There is an extract to be compared with the letter of instructions which I have referred to, and with the offer made at the same time to purchase the Province of Texas. The one is a commentary upon the other; and the two, taken together, furnish full demonstration of the truth of the charge that there has been on our part, towards the Mexican Government, a series of duplicity and hostility, accompanied by a secret design to wrest from her possession a portion of her territory. I entreat gentlemen to compare these documents; to examine them; and to see the gross duplicity which is even avowed in one paragraph of this paper, and which, though less openly, pervades the whole of it.

**THE LEGISLATURE OF TENNESSEE MEETS TO-DAY.**—It will, therefore, be necessary for the Governor to make an appointment to fill Senator Grundy's place. Mr. Foster, the Senator elect for 1836, will doubtless receive the appointment.

**THE FOG AND THE FLEET.**—Last year, suspicions were entertained by the Treasury Department, that all was not right at the land office at Columbus, Mississippi. An agent was sent on to examine into the matter. He reported that on the 14th June, the Receiver was a defaulter in the sum of \$25,000, and gives as a reason for his default, that he had been "led away from his duty by the example of his predecessor," and that "another receiver would probably follow in the footsteps of the two," and thereupon recommends that he be retained.

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