

inherent energies and resources of the land will be developed to an extent which nothing in the history of the world has ever seen, and the people of these lands, no doubt will be of little use to it. It is to be expected that there will be some things that will be better left undone. But the great system, as a system, is supplying the desiderata of the age. It comes as an agent and means not only of commercial enterprise, but also for the carrying out of the political experiments which it is to be tried in this Union. But upon this we need not now dwell.

Boston and St. Louis.—The western people generally are not probably aware that the great enterprise of connecting St. Louis with Boston, by a chain of railroads, is going forward with prospects of speedy accomplishment. The whole line of the road is already chartered. The distance from St. Louis to Boston is about twelve hundred and seventy-five miles. Of this will be completed next year from Boston to Buffalo, five hundred and thirty-five miles; in Ohio on the shore of Lake Erie, sixty-three miles; in Michigan, near the south line, sixty-five miles; and in Indiana, sixty-three miles, making more than half the whole distance, and embracing two-thirds of the whole expense. The work in the west is for the present suspended by the want of funds, but it is expected that operations will be resumed in the spring. The enterprise, exhibiting on so grand a scale as the widest party could have imagined. Ten years ago, a plan to connect Boston with St. Louis would have been regarded as visionary as a scheme to bridge the Atlantic ocean. Not a few more years will witness the accomplishment of the project, and the extension of the road, perhaps, many miles westward.

From the Times.
CHANG AND ENG—THE SIAMSE TWINS.
Mr. Editor.—In a late excursion thro' the State of North Carolina, I made it convenient to pay a visit to the celebrated Siamese Twins, whom I found at their own residence in Wilkes county, 18 miles N. E. of Wilkesboro, and believing it would be interesting to your readers, I thought I would give you a short account of these singular but very interesting individuals. They are attended by a very polite and interesting gentleman named Harris, who seems to have the particular charge of the twins. To him I first gave myself an introduction; he is an Irishman by birth, but educated in England. I found him very polite and his treatment to me was quite courteous. I then introduced myself to the twins, Chang and Eng—found them highly intelligent, kind and open in their manners, and very interesting in their conversation. In politics, they are entirely Whig, speak their opinions freely, though in moderation. They have taken the necessary steps to become naturalized, that they might enjoy the right of suffrage and citizenship. I was with them for the first time exercised in the contest for Governor—each one casting his vote for Morehead.

These men seem to be the production of one of nature's wildest freaks, and perhaps the only instance of a living double man in the world. In many things they appear to have the particular charge of the twins. To him I first gave myself an introduction; he is an Irishman by birth, but educated in England. I found him very polite and his treatment to me was quite courteous. I then introduced myself to the twins, Chang and Eng—found them highly intelligent, kind and open in their manners, and very interesting in their conversation. In politics, they are entirely Whig, speak their opinions freely, though in moderation. They have taken the necessary steps to become naturalized, that they might enjoy the right of suffrage and citizenship. I was with them for the first time exercised in the contest for Governor—each one casting his vote for Morehead.

They are fond of active life, engage frequently in sporting with guns, at which they are pretty keen; they are very industrious and can do almost any kind of work upon a farm. They were born in the year 1814, in the kingdom of Siam, which is situated between the Chinese and Burmese Empires. They left that country and came to America in the year 1820, and since that time have travelled almost over the whole of the United States; they have been in Tennessee, but never have travelled through it, but are desirous to make a tour through it, provided the Legislature would pass an act giving them liberty to pass through without the payment of tax. They are united together by a ligature about 3/4 inches in length and 8 in circumference, formed at the extremity of the breast bone of each and extending downwards to the abdomens. The upper part of this ligature is situated in the middle of the lower part of each chest and contains a cavity, thus making a communication from one to the other; they are about five feet one or two inches high; they do not seem to be in the least ill, and whatever movement is made by the one is quickly responded to by the other. It seems to me that they were both moved by the same impulse.

They very seldom speak to each other, but this is by no means surprising when it is recollected that they have always been placed in the same circumstances, and that their sphere of operation has been limited by the same bonds and bonds. They seem to have been brought up together in any way, and perhaps present the only instance to be found on earth, of two persons living together 26 years without even the appearance of strife or contention; they have been the subject of great speculation among the literati, the scientific and the curious, but all medical and philosophical inquiries have examined them, agree that a division of the ligature that binds them together would be as certain and sudden death as the division of the head from the shoulders. It has been a subject of inquiry, how they two souls or but one? On this a reasonable speculation, but it is quite reasonable to suppose that he who gave them bodies could give them souls as many souls as he gave bodies. It is said they have various thoughts of marrying, and thus more fully dividing the sorrows and doubling the joys of this life. Of the whole, they are one of the most interesting spectacles we ever looked at, and think them well worthy of public patronage.

Yours, &c.
The Loco-focos were but recently building all their hopes upon the belief that Gen. Harrison would not "come out" as they expressed it. Well, the General has come out, and Van Buren must go out.

ILLUMINATION AT HARRIS-PERRY.
The friends of Massachusetts, Texas, and Oregon, at Harris-Perry, celebrated the downfall of slavery, and the triumph of the Union, by the illumination of the city of Harris-Perry, on the night of the 17th inst. We regret that it was not in our power to attend and participate in the festivities of the joyful occasion. A number of our citizens, however, were there, and many from other parts of this and London county. The illumination is substantially spoken of as an "illuminating" affair. No pains were spared in having the streets and squares brightly and brilliantly lit up, and in the case of the citizens of Harris-Perry, the houses of the citizens of Harris-Perry, all exhibited "shining lights" beautifully arranged, and even the surrounding mountains were as "houses of light" or as "holding mans of fire." A gentleman, describing the scene, says it was "splendid, splendid, magnificent, most grand, most splendid, most magnificent!" The procession was large, and was conducted through the principal streets, preceded by the excellent band of musicians of that place, pouring forth the most thrilling national and patriotic airs. At a reasonable hour the ceremonies of the evening closed, and the citizens of Harris-Perry, sixty-three miles from the city of Harris-Perry, were characterized by that decorum and good order which distinguish a celebration of the triumph of freedom from that of party.

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