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Thursday Morning, November 22. THE WHIG PARTY. THE WHIG PARTY IN AMERICA IS INDUSTRY. THE WHIG DOCTRINES. A steady National Currency, regulated by the will and authority of the Nation. An adequate Revenue, with fair Protection to American Industry. Just restraints on the Executive Power, ensuring further restriction on the exercise of the Veto. A faithful Administration of the Public Domain, with an equitable distribution of the proceeds of the sales of it, among all the States. A Honest and Economical Administration of the Government, leaving Public Officers perfect freedom of thought, and of the right of suffrage; but with suitable restraints against improper influence. A firm and judicious Administration of the Government of the Constitution, limiting the incumbent of the Presidential Office to a single term. Mr. Clay has been invited by the Clay Club of Fayette county, Va., to visit that region of the State as his way to North Carolina. It is reported that he would be glad to accept the invitation, if in his power, but that he expects to be at New Orleans this winter, and to proceed thence to North Carolina, by Georgia and South Carolina. He will return home by Wheeling. He gives his friends an encouraging voice, and says "these are not the times to deliver ourselves up to sentiments of ignoble despair, and a culpable neglect of our duty to our country."

DISCHARGE OF MECHANICS. About 1000 mechanics have been discharged from the Navy Yard at Georgetown, N. C., about 400 from the Washington Navy Yard, and a large number from Brooklyn, N. Y. The reason alleged, is, that the appropriations by Congress for the Navy have run out. This may be a sufficient reason for the measure at these places, but what can justify the suspension of work, and the starvation of workmen, at the Armories, with the usual appropriation, which is yet unexpended? If there is any real feeling in the bosom of men in authority, for mechanics, (whom the President described as the "bone and sinew of the country,") we think they have taken a singular method of showing it in this quarter at least. For more than twelve months many of them have been kept idle, tantalized with the prospect of work, until they are now unable to remove themselves and families, even if business offered elsewhere. The course of the government officers in this respect, (and they are themselves) has been one of unmitigated and culpable cruelty. There must be deception somewhere, as well as heartlessness. Mr. Henshaw, Secretary of the Navy, in accounting for the order which threw so many men out of employment, makes the following explanation: "I gave me infinite pain to be obliged to discharge from employment so many industrious and worthy citizens, at this season, when winter is so near at hand; but I had no alternative." The money which Congress had thought sufficient to be expended for this purpose had all been expended, and he was obliged to stop. This exhibits something like a feeling of humanity, but the Secretary of War (Messrs. Bell, Spencer and Porter) never considered to give even an expression of sympathy for the hard fortune of the Armories. The first personage made a foolish experiment in violation of law, the second functionary exhibited all the insensibility of a Turk to appeals for relief, and the present incumbent seems to treat the subject with perfect indifference. The workmen at Harpers-Ferry deserve great credit for the patience and fortitude with which they have borne up against unrelenting and unmerciful affliction. The great Temperance Reform has met with but poor encouragement from the public authorities; yet in its influence, and the innate good qualities of the sufferers, may be ascribed the preservation of peace and good order in the community, under sufferings calculated to lead men to evil. Let them continue in this line of good conduct, and a day of deliverance will surely come. RAIL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. The President of the Winchester and Potomac Railroad Company has purchased in New York a supply of Iron to relay the whole track from Winchester to Harpers-Ferry, and speedily to be put in to put the Road in the best possible condition. The Company have also erected a Depot and Passenger House at the Winchester Depot, which will afford protection from the weather at the time of starting and stopping. We learn from the Republican that it is in contemplation to establish a Line of Packet Boats on the Canal, (now entirely repaired,) from Harpers-Ferry to Georgetown, which will greatly reduce the rate of fare to Washington. The influence of the present Tariff in restoring prosperity to the country, is not unperceived; and this circumstance (justly observes the Philadelphia Forum) is opening the eyes and convincing the understandings of thousands who have heretofore opposed that policy and advocated free trade. The light of experience has been conveyed to us from England and other countries, and this circumstance is opening the eyes and convincing the understandings of thousands who have heretofore opposed that policy and advocated free trade. There is a paragraph of Mr. Clay's Address to a lady, in the program Agricultural Fair, which deserves to be reprinted as a beautiful illustration of the utility of every American citizen. It is the following: "That man, or nation, is not free and independent that is always in debt, or that lives mainly upon the labor of others. To make ourselves, and the American nation independent, we must furnish our necessities, our own comforts, our own luxuries, principally. And why can we not, why should we not do it? Why should we come to us from England for cloth and silk, when at our domestic hearths, we can make articles of the same material, of such substantial beauty as these? (pointing to several before him) It is not a trifling national indignity to do so. Let us foster and uphold our own industry, and we will enrich individuals and the nation; but neglect that, and prefer the labor of foreigners, and both individually and nationally we become poorer. The plan of organizing Arbitration Courts, as substitutes for Courts of Law, is beginning to excite public attention. Many persons think it desirable to avoid the "long delay" by a reference of disputes to neighbors, and that three intelligent men would be quite as likely to do justice as a dozen picked up at random. James H. Langhorne, Esq. the Whig Senator from the Norfolk district, having resigned his seat, Mr. McDowell has filed Monday the 20th of November, for the election of a successor. Read the Circular from the State Central Committee of Ohio. In the coming struggle, no thing can possibly prevent Mr. Clay's success in Ohio, by a large majority of that for General Harrison, unless the Abolitionists play into the hands of the Locos, by running a separate ticket. TWO WHIG U. S. SENATORS CHOSEN. An extra from the office of the Executive Branch of the State of Virginia, evening, states that on that day, at 4 o'clock, P. M. the two Houses of the General Assembly met, according to a joint resolution, in the Hall of Representatives, and proceeded to the election of two United States Senators. Mr. Jennings of the Senate, put in nomination Ephraim H. Foster for the unexpired term of the late Peter Gentry, to serve till the 4th of March, 1845. No other nomination was made, and the vote stood as follows: E. H. Foster, 54; Wm. Carroll, 33; J. B. Johnson, 2; A. Anderson, 1; H. Waterman, 1; W. Fitzgerald, 1. Ephraim H. Foster was therefore announced by the speaker of the Senate as duly and constitutionally elected Senator in Congress, until the 4th of March, 1845. The General Assembly then proceeded to the election of a Senator in Congress to serve for the term of six years from the 4th of March, 1844. Mr. Hodges of the House, nominated Spencer Jennings of M'Intosh county. The vote being taken it stood as follows: Spencer Jennings, 54; J. B. Johnson, 33; Alexander Anderson, 11; H. L. Turney, 9; Wm. Trousdale, 2; R. C. Goe, 2; G. W. Weller, 6; M. A. G., 1; E. L. Williams, 1; C. E. Johnson, 2. The speaker of the Senate then declared Spencer Jennings, to be duly and constitutionally elected Senator in Congress, for six years from the 4th of March 1844. The Hon. John Bell was invited by a number of the members of the Legislature of Tennessee to give the name of a candidate to a committee of the U. S. Senate, but declined.

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