





CHARLESTOWN: THURSDAY MORNING, May 20, 1847.

GEN. ZACHARY TAYLOR.

The Administration presses have recently become wonderfully kind and liberally disposed towards Gen. Scott.

The Administration and its sycophants have taken the step of selecting Gen. Taylor, not only by the recent election in Virginia, but by the general enthusiasm which is kindled up wherever his name is mentioned.

Although the victories of Gen. SCOTT have been brilliant, yet, with a correspondent of the Baltimore Patriot, we believe they will avail nothing in the way of preventing THE PEOPLE from electing ZACHARY TAYLOR to the Presidency.

Even if Gen. Scott were forthwith to "reveal in the Halls of the Montezomas," it could not cause THE PEOPLE to substitute him for their candidate in place of Gen. Taylor! Both are great generals, and honorable, high-minded men!

The recent illuminations in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and the Southern cities, give volume of light upon the question as to the man who is the most deeply enlisted in the hearts of his countrymen!

The account of the great illumination in New York tells the same story! ZACHARY TAYLOR is that man! If he lives, he will be our next President! This is gall and wormwood to the imitates and partizan-frequenters of the White House, but it cannot be helped! It is also gall and wormwood to them to know that HENRY CLAY is for him, and that the Whig candidates and Whig newspapers in Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina, where elections are to be soon held, are all out for TAYLOR, and driving home upon their opponents the Taylor issue.

We are pleased to see, says the Alexandria Gazette, that the late brilliant displays of military talents on the part of General Scott, have gone far to remove the unfavorable impression created by the Administration papers, when the gallant general, some time ago, wrote a letter to Secretary Marcy, directly after he had "despatched a hasty plate of soup."

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This edifice is considered to be the most elegantly finished house of worship in the United States. It has been in the course of erection for many years past, and is on the site of the old building, which was the first Episcopal Church in New York.

The cost of the new edifice, with the fixtures in and about it, has been footed up at about three hundred and fifty eight thousand dollars—a large sum for a single church or society to expend for such a purpose, or for any purpose, but not large in proportion to the property and funds of the Trinity Church Corporation, which is estimated at from five to seven millions of dollars.

The Frederick Examiner says that the grain crops in that county have improved very much since the recent rains.

THE SCHOOL BILL.

Resolution on the First Monday of June.

The officers appointed to conduct the election of delegates, &c., at the several precincts of the County, will bear in mind the duty assigned them, in making the sense of the people of Jefferson, on the School Bill published on the 6th inst.

The issue is now with them. It is for them to say, whether the District School System, a bill for which has been prepared at their own suggestion, shall be the law for the County, or not.

It may be proper to repeat the main features of the bill on this head. The funds for the maintenance of the Schools are to be raised in this way:

- 1. The County's quota of the Literary Fund. 2. Fines and forfeitures under the act. 3. Tuition fees, not exceeding \$2 per annum for each scholar. 4. A tax on the White Tithables, limited so as not to exceed one dollar each. 5. A Property Tax, in no event to exceed fifty per cent. on the State revenue.

This mode of taxation will make the burdens as equal as it is possible to make them, and it now rests with the people themselves to say whether they are willing to encounter the expense.

To judge fairly of the measure, it must not be forgotten that each man should estimate his present expenditure for education. By a comparison, he will be enabled to judge whether the new system will be more expensive to him than the old.

We are inclined to think that bachelors are the only class upon whom any inequality will fall, and they doubtless can find a ready method of sharing in the benefits as well as the burdens of general education.

Mr. Michael, the Whig candidate elected to the Legislature from Morgan county, by the casting vote of the Sheriff of that county, has resigned his seat, in accordance with a mutual understanding between himself and Mr. Thompson, the Democratic candidate.

The Legislature now stands Democrats 53 Whigs 52—and Morgan to be elected, where a new election has been ordered. We trust that the Democrats will lose no efforts to carry the county of Morgan, and secure a majority on joint ballot.—Richmond Enquirer.

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THE BERRYVILLE TURNPIKE.

We fear that this project will fail for want of a few persevering men to take the lead in its prosecution. The subscriptions so far have progressed slowly, and in much smaller sums than was anticipated by the worthy interest taken in the matter by some who appeared to be deeply interested in its construction.

The attention of Capitalists and others disposed to invest their money in the manufacturing business is directed to the advertisement of the Waverton Manufacturing Company found in another column.

The town of Waverton is located in a healthy and most desirable section of country, and is connected and surrounded with everything calculated to make it a place of great business capacity.

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The New York Herald narrates the following rich scene that came off at one of the following gatherings to that city. It will be observed that one of the parties engaged, was Beverly Tucker Esq. of Richmond, well known to the citizens of our county, being a former resident.—The Herald thus describes the scene.

Douglas, the fugitive slave, in his speech, denounced the existing war, as one urged to extend the area of slavery, and evinced in his tone and sentiment, a predilection so British, that Mr. Strabam, editor of the Suffolk county Democrat, interrupted him. This led to an assault upon Mr. Strabam by one of the audience, and consequently a scene of universal confusion.

Chihuahua was to be abandoned by Col. Doniphan, immediately after the battle of Sacramento, and he was to proceed on to join Gen. Wool at Agua Nueva.—Thus, has the bloody battle been fought for nothing. The United States are at the vast expense of marching the troops through an immense wilderness, and of fighting a great battle, and all for what? Why, just to pass through and immediately abandon the country. What object is attained? What end is accomplished?

There is a vast deal of good sense in the following paragraph from the Georgian Advocate, and we should like to see the pointed interrogatories fully answered by some of the Administration presses:

It is a native American National Convention commenced its session at Pittsburg on Tuesday week. There were about 30 delegates from Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana. Dr. J. A. Birney, of Pennsylvania, was chosen President.

The bat was recovered, and the abolition party generally left the Hall, headed by Mr. Tucker, the gentleman with this white hat. They evinced to the proceedings of the abolition meeting, indicative that treason finds no resting place in the hearts of the citizens of New York.

REGIMENTAL PARADE.

The 56th Regiment, V. M., paraded on Saturday last, under Lieut. Col. Francis Yates as Colonel; Maj. Jos. G. Packett, Lt. Col.; Maj. A. J. O'Bannan, acting Major; and Capt. John Reed, as Adjutant.

The parade was rather small—there not being more than two hundred and fifty men mustering—although there are nearly one thousand men connected with this Regiment. Some of the evolutions were very well performed by the Regiment, particularly an order when Maj. O'Bannan had command.

After their return to town, the Regiment was addressed by John T. Gibson, Esq., in a patriotic and handsome manner, who informed those assembled that he was desirous of forming another Volunteer Company from Jefferson County, for the Mexican War.

We have not learned whether any fresh acquisitions were made; if not, the fault did not rest with the speaker.

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It is estimated in a letter from Washington, that our loss in killed and wounded in Mexico, is 3010; and that there have died of the climate 2,500—making together 5,510, who have been either wounded or lost to the country, in battle, by sickness. Among those who have been killed and wounded are some of the noblest spirits of the land—men who were calculated to be ornaments to the country.

The writer above referred to, thus sums up our losses:

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The Wheat Prospect.

The wheat crop in Jefferson and the surrounding counties has improved vastly since the recent fall of rain.

We examined last week a field of Wheat on the farm of S. W. Laskland, Esq., which had been put in the ground by one of the Drilling Machines manufactured by G. S. Gardner of this town.

We have copied a correspondence in another part of our paper, from which it will be seen that the services of Maj. Luther Giddings, formerly of our town, are duly appreciated by those he commanded, in a recent skirmish in Mexico.

We have frequent complaints in reference to our newspapers not being regularly received by our subscribers.

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SHEENANDOAH RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

The improvement of the Shenandoah River is beginning to attract some attention, and several meetings have been held to consider the practicability of the undertaking.

A meeting has been held by the citizens of our County at Kabletown, and a Committee appointed to confer on the subject with General Samuel H. Smith, President of the Shenandoah Company.

In a recent letter on the subject, the practicability of running steamboats, has been discussed by James Castleman, Esq.

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Price of Flour.

It will be seen by the late Foreign News that Breadstuffs have advanced in price in England, and that much distress still continues, not only in Ireland, but in France.

The foreign news had a considerable effect on the new York market, Monday 24th inst. at 10 o'clock in the evening, a rate of 500 barrels of Genesee Flour was made at \$9.25 and an upward tendency.

The Washington Union contradicts the statements made of late in several Washington letters, that orders have been sent to Gen. Scott to halt for the present at Jalapa.

Mr. Webster is to go from Baltimore to Columbia, S. C. He has also made up his mind to visit Savannah and Augusta.

The Prophecy Fulfilled.—Gen. Scott said he would conquer a people, and he has done so, for the only part of Santa Anna is the wooden piece of his left leg.

Pursuant to public notice, a meeting of persons friendly to the improvement of the Shenandoah River, was held at Kabletown on Thursday, April 13th 1847.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of the President of the meeting, namely, the Board of Public Works, caused a survey to be made by a competent Engineer, of the Shenandoah River and its branches, in pursuance of a Resolution passed by the General Assembly, on the 30th of March, 1839.

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