

# FIRE BEE

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"THE UNION must be preserved."  
FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 24, 1853.

The writer of an article sent yesterday relative to the policy of the Free Americans will please accept our acknowledgment for the kind and talents displayed; but mean-  
while we will wait to assure him that we never intend to publish an article from a correspondent; that we are desirous only of personal controversy in any periodical—  
and that policy induces silence at present.

The mail of yesterday brought us only journals before due date. Commercial transactions are greatly on the decline every where; but internal improvements are rapidly advancing in every state—particularly in Pennsylvania and Maryland. New Orleans commands a good price in New York, as they properly should, on account of the large dividends made, and interest allowed among us.

**STEAMER MERCHANT.**  
We are requested to announce that this boat cannot, in consequence of some trifling alterations, be enabled to resume regular trips until Thursday morning, the 30th instant.

**Mexico.**—By intelligence received yesterday from Parral in the state of Chihuahua, we learn that the Indians of the tribe of Camanchas had ravaged all the environs of that village, murdering and plundering all. The Pancheons had abandoned their plantations to take refuge in the village—and the inhabitants were so terrified that they dared not make a stand against these ruthless assailants. Men, women and children either fled half naked and afraid; or became the prey of the savages. The spectacle is described as being like living hell, one of the most melancholy and frightful in the records of even Indian warfare.

A gentleman of this city has politely permitted us to read and extract the contents of a letter written to him from a friend in Zacatecas, giving a minute detail of the late and bloody affray near that city, between the citizens of the state and the troops under Santa Anna.

It is stated that the defeat of the Zecatecas was wholly attributable to the perfidy of one who was rashly named general, on having deserted from the ranks of Santa Anna. A Prussian engineer had formed a plan of defense for the city; but it was overruled by this traitor Tomas Andrade, who stationed the troops in Guadalupe, at the distance of half a league from which Santa Anna encamped during the night of the 10th of May. No outrages being left by Andrade, the Zecatecas were asleep when attacked near 4 o'clock next morning. They therefore became an easy prey, and were routed in three-quarters of an hour—2000 of them being made prisoners, and all their arms and ammunition taken. The traitor Andrade disappeared at the commencement to aid Santa Anna, who had rewarded him by military promotion for his perfidy.

Immediately after the discomfiture Santa Anna issued orders to spare no officer of the militia, and foreign among his opponents—although he had many foreigners in his own troops, such as the French generals Arago and Woll. A bloody havoc ensued. Colonel McGrath, an Irish gentleman, was immediately murdered by order of Manuel Copeades a native of Havana; and Kron, a German, by order of General Fonda—with various others, who had not escaped. In Guadalupe, the Blacencia de la Gringa was completely sacked; and placed, its owner, stabled in several places by the soldiers of Santa Anna, who commenced crying misericordia excommunicate, death to foreigners.

But when Santa Anna himself entered, an authorized system of plundering foreigners commenced. Messrs Nease, Murphy and Captain Russell were robbed and maimed. The louts of Plummer and Morrison were plundered; and Mrs Morrison dangerously wounded. Mr Kelly of Lynnville was snatched and butchered; and his house wholly plundered. His son of limestone was assaulted and robbed; and Mr Henderson was dead in consequence of his attack made, etc. So great was the sum of the foreigners, that several Mexicans who had light hair and fair skin narrowly escaped; yet there was not one North American in either army. Mr. Tute also suffered from the depredations of the troops headed by the captain of Santa Anna's army.

The correspondent states that there are but few instances of the many atrocities perpetrated on our citizens by the orders of Santa Anna.

**AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION.**  
The present condition of science in the United States can not be gratifying to any American, desirous of excellence in knowledge. In the southern states where the wealthy and intelligent planters might be supposed to employ their leisure in the attainment and dissemination of useful knowledge, we find very few literary societies or libraries of any repute, out of South Carolina; and even there is hardly a man in the entire state of South Carolina who has not a library of books, or a collection of scientific works.

The following gentlemen were then appointed to constitute the committee: H. C. Hall, President; J. C. Gray, Vice President; C. H. Martin, the Hon. Charles MacLean, the Hon. George L. Tracy, Dr. Franklin, Prof. J. A. Miller and Dr. J. A. Maybin.

On motion of C. H. Martin, it was voted to call a meeting of the Association at Philadelphia; and to commit the work to the committee appointed to call the meeting in New York.

Resolved, that the meeting of the Association be held at the Hotel of the Franklin, in New York, on the 27th ult.

That the committee be directed to call a meeting of the Association at Philadelphia; and to commit the work to the committee appointed to call the meeting in New York.

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