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NOMINATION OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM H. HARRISON,
OF OHIO.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
JOHN TYLER,
OF VIRGINIA.

NEW-ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, FEB'Y. 1, 1840.

☞ On our first page will be found several auction sales which take place this day.

THE WHIGS MOVING.

In the *Baton Rouge Gazette* of the 25th of January, we have the proceedings of the whig convention in the second congressional district. The assemblage was large and inspiriting, and their proceedings dignified and spirited. Forty delegates were present from the different parishes. THOMAS GIBBS MORGAN was called to the chair. A committee of three delegates from each parish was appointed to nominate a candidate for congress. The committee unanimously proposed the Hon. THOMAS W. CHINN, now a member of congress, for re-election. The report of the committee was adopted without a dissenting voice. Other resolutions were adopted, expressive of the determination of the whigs to adhere to the nomination of the national convention. A letter from the Hon. RICE GARLAND was read, in which he avows his intention of sustaining HARRISON, and defends him warmly from the slanders of his enemies.

The nomination of the convention is most excellent and will, we trust, be accepted by the highly talented, respectable and popular gentleman upon whom it has been conferred. If so, his chances of success are very fair, even with such an antagonist as General Dawson.

At a whig meeting of the delegates of the whigs of the parish of East Baton Rouge, Gen. P. THOMAS and P. B. GOSSARD, Esq. were nominated as candidates for the Legislature from that parish.

Amongst the whig nominations we noted the city this winter, we have been informed that Mr. FOWLER, whose rooms are in Exchange Place, possesses great merit, and that his likenesses are accurate and beautifully executed.

Mr. MARCHANT, portrait painter, has at his room corner of Canal street and Exchange Place, an admirable likeness of general HARRISON. Mr. Marchant is an artist of unquestionable ability.

The eastern mail arrived yesterday at an early hour, bringing letters and papers from New York to the 30th inst.

By the arrival of the steamer *Sultana* from Vicksburg we have received papers from that city up to the 28th ultimo, and Natchez up to the 30th.

From the Natchez Free Trader of the 30th January:

"The River has risen about fifteen feet at this place. The Ohio, Upper Mississippi, and all the tributary streams, are said to be on the rise, and we have indications of high water only to be surpassed by the overflow of '28."

THE LEXINGTON.

The inhuman conduct of Capt. Tirrell, of the sloop *Improvement*, who could have rescued a part, if not all, the unfortunate victims on board the Lexington, but who forbore to approach the packet lest *he should lose the tide over the bar*, has excited an universal burst of indignation wherever it has been mentioned. So strong is the excitement against him in New York that some of the papers advise him not to venture there, in the present exasperate state of public feeling.

Of the four sufferers by this heart-rending calamity the preservation of Crosby is peculiarly providential. He having been two days and two nights on a bale of cotton, in the ocean, during the intense cold of one of the unusually severe northern winter. Other Smith, another of the four, escaped by jumping over board and swimming to a bale of cotton, on which he floated four hours, after which he got back to the wreck, warmed himself by the still blazing remains, and then got on the part of the wreck from which he was taken off.

In consequence of the urgent solicitations of many of the citizens of New York, the coroner summoned an intelligent jury on the 16th of January, to examine critically the testimony relative to the manner of loosing the *Lexington*, and to ascertain if possible the author of the catastrophe, the circumstances attending it, and whether it might not be possibly prevented. From this inquiry it appears that there had been built of oak and chestnut, and was considered perfectly safe and sea worthy. Around the chimney all the usual precautions against fire had been taken. She had been built for burning wood, but anthracite coal had been frequently burned in her. Strange to say, the testimony goes to prove that if the *Lexington* had not had a fire engine on board, she would not have been lost, for Capt. Hilliard, one of the survivors, stated that in leaving the cabin, he perceived the fire; that was very slight and might readily have been extinguished by a few buckets of water, but that while the crew and passengers were preparing the engine, the flames made such progress as to render all efforts at their extinguishment unavailing. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark, and to have communicated with the burning coal. It probably caught in a little hemp inside of her wood work. All the evidence establishes the fact, that the *Lexington* was the strongest and stoutest steam packet that ever belonged to that line.

☞ The *Opelousas Gazette*, a moderate but staunch whig paper, takes strong ground in favor of General HARRISON, in an able article in the paper of the 25th January. It promises a whig majority of FIVE HUNDRED in the parish of St. Landry; and states that the whigs of the country will sustain the choice of the convention. We wouldn't give a farthing rush light for Mr. Van Buren's prospects in this state.

CONNECTICUT.—The whig state convention have nominated the following officers for re-election, in April next. Governor, William Ellsworth; lieut. governor, Charles Hawley; treasurer, Hiram Kidder; secretary of state, Royal R. Hinman; comptroller, Henry Kilbourn.

Mr. RIVES—The *Richmond Compiler* of the 21st, considers it extremely doubtful whether Mr. Rives will be elected to the senate or not. The Washington letter writers look upon his election as quite probable. The balloting was to take place on the 23d of January.

The Massachusetts legislature have declared MARCUS MORTON elected governor of Massachusetts by a majority of *one* vote. How the locofocos and abolitionists will chuckle at this. GEORGE HULL, (whig,) was elected by the senate, lieut. governor.

☞ U. S. SENATOR FROM MICHIGAN.—Augustus S. Porter, esq., of Detroit, has been nominated candidate for the U. S. senate, by a caucus of the whig members of the legislature.

STEPHEN PRICE, for many years lessee of the Park theatre New-York, died on the 20th January, in New York, of a quinsey.

The honorable HENRY A. WISE, was, at the last accounts, still dangerously ill.

[FROM OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT.]
Washington, Jan. 21, 1840.

The senate resumed the consideration of the subtreasury bill to-day.

Mr. Walker who was entitled to the floor spoke at great length in favor of the measure, chiefly recounting the old arguments and much of the old worn-out declamation against the banks, gold and silver exclusive specie currency &c. &c.

An amusing part of this whimsical little man's speech was that in which he undertook—not to refute the arguments of Mr. Clay—but to lecture him on decency and decorum. Among the good things which the locofocos will publish as proofs of his talents and genius was the comparison of Henry Clay to Henry the English of England!!!

When he finished Mr. Buchanan who, I presume, did not wish to speak to an empty senate—for Walker had succeeded in sending off a very large and brilliant assemblage, whom the coldness of the weather had invited out the capital—moved that the bill should be laid over informally till to-morrow. This was agreed to. Mr. Buchanan will reply, in detail, to Mr. Clay.

MARINE HOSPITALS IN THE FAR WEST.

The president of the United States transmitted, today, a message, communicating a letter from the surgeon general of the army, in reference to the establishment of a marine hospital on the Arkansas river.

SLAVE TRADE.

Mr. Phelps, of Vermont, pre-entered a memorial from certain citizens of that state, asking for further legislation for preventing the slave trade.

IMPRISONMENT OF FREE COLORED PERSONS.

Mr. Phelps also presented a memorial complaining of the laws of the District of Columbia, in relation to the imprisonment of free persons of color, presuming them to be slaves, when the presumption ought to be in favor of their freedom, and asking a change of said law.

The question of receiving was demanded on each of them by Mr. Sevier, and that question was laid on the table.

POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS.

The resolution offered yesterday, for so amending the law, as to allow newspapers, that publish the laws of the United States, to be exchanged free of postage, on their publication, was taken up, and at the suggestion of Mr Davis, who said, that the whole Post Office laws and regulations required revision, it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Relief of the Sufferers from Florida.

Mr. WM. CURT JOHNSON, of Ky., to offer a resolution proposing to make an appropriation of the wood which had been procured for the use of the public buildings, to relieve the suffering poor of this District at this inclement season. It was not in order, and the house refused to suspend the rules.

Employment of blood hounds in Florida.

Mr. PROFFIT, of Indiana, wished to present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the secretary of war be directed to inform this house, at his earliest convenience, whether he has or has not ordered or authorized the use of blood-hounds in the war with the Indians in Florida; also, if such order or authority has been given, whether any importation of blood-hounds has been ordered, and from what country; also, the name of the agent employed to purchase and select said blood-hounds; also, the number of blood-hounds ordered; also, whether any blood-hounds have actually arrived, and also, if the use of blood-hounds is determined on. The secretary of war is further directed to state the name of the officer in the American army under whose immediate charge and command said blood-hounds are to be used.

Mr. GARLAND, of Virginia, being entitled to the floor, declined to give way for the introduction of this resolution.

ABOLITION PETITIONS, &c.

The unfinished business of yesterday was then taken up, being the motion of Mr. Thompson, of S. C., for the disposal of petitions and memorials relating to the subject of slavery and the slave trade.

Mr. GARLAND, of Va., spoke at great length, and with much warmth and animation against the course of these petitioners, and the efforts made to continue the agitation of this exciting question. He was followed by Mr. Butler, of S. C., who expressed the views generally entertained by southern gentlemen in regard to the presentation and consideration of these memorials in congress. Mr. Dromgoole then rose and moved as a substitute for Mr. Thompson's motion, a resolution similar to that which was adopted by the house of representatives, at the last session, on Mr. Adam's resolution.

Mr. Dromgoole made a speech on the subject, and then called the previous question on his own motion so as to prevent any reply to his remarks. The speaker decided that this was out of order, as two motions could not be submitted at one and the same time. Mr. Thompson then raised the question as to the admissibility of Mr. Dromgoole's proposition. He maintained that it had already been rejected by the house, and after some debate the speaker decided that it was not in order. He said that Mr. Thompson was correct in his view of it. An appeal was taken from this decision, and the question being submitted to the house, the decision of the chair was sustained by a large majority.

Mr. Dromgoole then moved the previous question on the original resolution of Mr. Thompson, but the house refused to second the case, so the debate is still open. Without any further proceeding the house adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. DAVIDSON offered a resolution requesting the judiciary committee to ascertain if the Union Bank of Louisiana the sum of eighty thousand dollars or any other sum, to Judge Eola, the present cashier of said bank, in order to make him eligible to the office of for any other purpose, at or near the time of making application, and how the payment was made, and if the bank directors authorized the execution of the loan and which of them. Also, that the bank commissioners be required to ascertain the number of suits instituted by the bank; if any, and the amount of each; the number of suits now at issue at the present session; the number of suits in which they have obtained judgment; the number of the defendants who have died since the commencement of the suits; the number of suits in which they have been non-suited, or the plaintiffs have failed to prosecute; the number of suits in which they have been defeated; the number of suits in which they have been compromised; the number of suits in which they have been dismissed; the number of suits in which they have been continued; the number of suits in which they have been abated; the number of suits in which they have been revived; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the United States court; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the state court; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the parish courts; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the city courts; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the district courts; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the supreme court; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of appeals; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of errors; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of chancery; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of equity; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of common pleas; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of oyer and terminer; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of general sessions; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of quarter sessions; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of probate; the number of suits in which they have been transferred to the court of admiralty