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THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST.

One of the greatest duties to be performed at the coming session of our Legislature, will be the choice of an Electoral Ticket, to represent the State of Louisiana, in the election which takes place on the 4th of March next. The men so presented hold in their possession, for the time being, the important position of the Executive power of the Government. For, although the Legislature is composed of a majority of Democrats, the Constitution allows this electing privilege to be exercised after the commencement of the new year, during which period is not kept, but that an anarchy of views and desires, and a multiplicity of schools and factions, will be the consequence.

It might be reasonably imagined that, as the Democratic party number a subdued majority of the members of this Legislature, and are usually in the habits of doing their work thoroughly, they would be an obstacle whatever to the unconcealed regret—Mr. SLIDELL has not succeeded in contact with brethren of the same faith. He is opposed by the invisible, mysterious and dreaded influence of the Know Nothings—that formidable organization, while like the Whig Gerlett of ancient Germany, dresses in secret, and in darkness with accomplishes its vigor. This occult power has invaded our halls of legislation, and it is whispered that a certain proportion of the Democratic members acknowledge its edicts, and bow before its laws. Against so subtle and secret a foe even a Democratic majority would be in danger of defeat. It is this new element which imparts fearlessness and interest to a contest, that otherwise could not possibly have but a single termination. We can discover any nothing of our own knowledge to the rumored candidacy in the Councils of the State. The several current about our streets may be mere phantasms, or forgeries—but we learn that Mr. SLIDELL's special friends have become seriously alarmed, and consider the aspect of affairs critical enough to require the presence of their chief, to see to any aspect. Like NAPOLEON BY OF ELBA, he may soon return to his throne, but whether Mr. SLIDELL can fight an impregnable fee as skillfully as he manoeuvres the battalions of Democracy.

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"The comedy of the "Love Chase," in which Miss Dean is the *Constance* and Charles Pope the *Wildrake*, is also announced to be performed.

"LA VESTALE."—The magnificent opera, which was at its first presentation on Friday evening so enthusiastically received by a day evening so enthusiastically received by a crowded house, will be again represented this evening.

"WILDER.—THE ESCAPED CONVICT.—We learned yesterday from an authentic source that William H. Wilder, who was convicted in the United State District Court a few weeks since of forging counterfeit warrants, and who escaped from the cell of the United States Marshal the evening of his conviction, is now in Matamoros, Mexico. As we have no expedition treaty with Mexico, he can there make his asylum and are far beyond from the punishment which his villainy so justly merits.

RALPH GORDON BENNETT, of the New York Herald, was presented, on the 30th ult., with a handsome service of plate of ten pieces, valued at three $1,200, as a testimonial of respect and esteem from a number of gentlemen, merchants of New York, and others, who had associated themselves together for the purpose.

THE LOUISIANA AND FLORIDA MANUFACTURING.—It is stated that many families in the city of New York have agreed on obligations by which they agree not to purchase any articles of foreign manufacture for wear for a year to come.

A Gun-Cotton Gunpowder.—The manufacture of Gun-Cotton bought in 1853 will be 20,000,000, at the rate of 1,000,000 pounds per week.

From the Independent.—The old Empire of Mexico may be soon of Sovereignty, who deposed by Gen. a few evenings ago. It had been planned for some time...

Arrival of the Steamer Prometheus. Arrived at the Balize, Jan. 12th, 1855. Dear Sir: I have now in a perfect equilibrium, and the slightest impetus would be sufficient to produce a revolution. But will the impetus be given? In my last letter I said that Gen. YANES would be just the man to lead the revolution, but the question now is, where is the General? Nobody knows, though every body supposes. The Government has received official advices of his passage through Tepic, Guadalajara, and as far as Leon. At the latter, his arrival was made known, and it was believed he was pursuing his journey towards the city of Mexico. Since then, fifteen days have elapsed, and nothing more has been heard of the hero of Sonora. The prevailing impression, which I fully share, is that he has traversed the country in a straight line, and is expected from Leon to Guanajuato, to join ALVAREZ and give the weight of his character and popularity to the revolution. A pronunciamento of YANES would render the revolution general, and Santa Anna would be completely excluded in obstacle.

It is confidently reported that Mr. MELCHOR OCAMPO, who resided at New Orleans during his exile, is daily expected at Acapulco. Mr. OCAMPO is one of the few enlightened public men of the country. He would lay the civic border of the revolution, while YANES would be its military champion. The Government here is certainly in a deplorable situation. Its troops experience reverses at all points, and the master intelligence cannot be suppressed. Desperate pronunciamientos taken for that purpose. So many commissioned soldiers have been sent off to the interior, that there are not enough left to protect the city of Mexico, where a revolutionary movement is daily looked for. The Government is a prey to perpetual alarm. A few days ago orders were given to plant two pieces of cannon so as to command one of the footbridges, and this threatening attitude was maintained from 11 o'clock in the evening, till 4 o'clock the next morning. In fact every one is terrified by the slightest outbreak, and the only question is whether it will occur in a week, a fortnight, or a month.

Issues within the Treasury is completely exhausted. Santa Anna endeavored to obtain a large supply of money on the pledge of the Custom House taxes and other sources of revenue for the month of April, but the capitalists cannot possibly divine when such an event will occur, and consequently would not listen to the proposition. Another project in contemplation was a forced loan of six millions—$5,500,000 to be contributed by the Clergy, and the remainder by private individuals, but it may never be attempted, and had to be abandoned. In my next letter, I trust to be able to communicate important intelligence.

Yours, [illegible]

The papers do not contain much news of interest. At Vera Cruz on the 23d ult., the national flag was raised on the fort of the Mexican Flag, a number of democrats resign, and are succeeded by every instance by men who, whether professing Whig or Democratic principles, declare SLIDELLISM. These provisions although have retarded the Democratic party to its joint before itself be considerably, by the withdrawal of only a dozen. But the desertions would not be great, were this the be-all and the end-all here, for a democratic majority of two is as effective for all practical purposes, as one of twenty—provided all the Democrats are in favor of the dem. JOHN SLIDELL. The most suppressive feature in this choice is a gloomy shade over the criminating [illegible] of Mr. SLIDELL's fortune, in the vexatious cases of compromise which has suddenly sprung into being. Gen. HERRY armed with the Executive thunder, plans himself directly in his path. The then JOHN PERKINS, a gentleman of very considerable ability, acquires the appointed prize, and [illegible] FELIX HUSTON: who, in energy of character, strong sense, and sterling talent, is the peer of either, has been announced as a candidate.

Under ordinary circumstances we would we [illegible] for these all in generality. They are open corps warriors in political diplomacy, who have engaged with the utmost ardor of a hardened [illegible] and we make the avowal with unconcealed regret—Mr. SLIDELL has not succeeded in contact with brethren of the same faith. He is opposed by the invisible, mysterious and dreaded influence of the Know Nothings—that formidable organization, while like the Vehmgerichte of ancient Germany, dresses in secret, and in darkness with accomplishes its vigor. This occult power has invaded our halls of legislation, and it is whispered that a certain proportion of the Democratic members acknowledge its edicts, and bow before its laws. Against so subtle and secret a foe even a Democratic majority would be in danger of defeat. It is this new element which imparts fearlessness and interest to a contest, that otherwise could not possibly have but a single termination. We can discover any nothing of our own knowledge to the rumored candidacy in the Councils of the State. The several current about our streets may be mere phantasms, or forgeries—but we learn that Mr. SLIDELL's special friends have become seriously alarmed, and consider the aspect of affairs critical enough to require the presence of their chief, to see to any aspect. Like NAPOLEON BY OF ELBA, he may soon return to his throne, but whether Mr. SLIDELL can fight an impregnable fee as skillfully as he manoeuvres the battalions of Democracy.

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