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☞ The Northern Mail came through yesterday with the latest dates.

A FEW WORDS OF ADVICE.

But one working day will intervene between the appearance of our sheet and the municipal contest on Monday. We avail ourselves of the brief breathing spell to offer a few words of sober counsel to our friends. First and foremost we would impress upon them the necessity of active and untiring exertion. Every man who is attached to good government, who is opposed to party domination and tyranny in our city Councils, who abhors clique, caucus and coterie influence, and who is sincerely anxious for the welfare of New Orleans, must make it a special business to deposit his vote, and to stir up the languid patriotism of his associates and friends. This is a paramount and all-important consideration. We cannot afford to lose a single vote that is legitimately ours.—A passive will prostrate us in public confidence will afford a cheap victory to our adversaries. We tell the Reformers in plain and undisguised terms that the ticket is *in danger*. An organized effort similar in character to that made and happily baffled last year, but arranged with infinitely more skill and prudence, will be brought to bear against us. We say that which we do know, in declaring that never in the palmiest days of Locofocoism has a more desperate and better concerted opposition been attempted than that which will be offered on Monday to the success of the Reform ticket.—A coalition has been formed between the remnants of the Democratic party, and half a dozen other factions. It has been consummated under the advisement of the shrewdest political manager in the State. Day and night the leaders in this movement are in session.—Every possible weapon that ingenuity can frame, or desperation employ will be directed against us

There can be no doubt that the Reformers are powerful enough to overcome even this formidable combination. Locofocoism, fraternizing with all the odds and ends of parties, with the very large foreign vote, with the host of grumblers who are ever disposed to murmur at being compelled to pay their share of taxes—is still too feeble to cope with the American party, and in a fair and manly contest would assuredly be hurled to its merited doom. But a fair and manly contest is precisely what we claim, and what the advocates of Reform ought under all circumstances to demand. We greatly fear that the experiment of last March will be renewed, and that attempts will again be made to frustrate upon the ballot box the votes of those who do not possess the right of suffrage, to multiply them *ad infinitum*, and to run them especially in precincts which are not usually well guarded, and where our lists are numerical[ly weak. We have a right to apprehend fraud,] for experience has fully shown that one victory was carried chiefly by that nefarious instrument, and that in a subsequent struggle, its employment on a yet larger scale was essayed, and only defeated by the stern and indomitable resistance of the honest and patriotic men of all parties.

Our second maxim is there can be no "Peace at the ballot box. In the purity of suffrage lies the triumph of sound principles. Within it our vote we are certain of victory. Let it then be the solemn determination of every reformer to guard the electoral urn from pollution, to offer free and unhamstrung ingress to every genuine voter, but to challenge fearlessly and boldly every doubtful and suspicious vote. We advise our friends to keep their temper, and to be patient not to be taunted with violence, but to do their duty calmly and inflexibly. But while conducting themselves as peaceful and law-abiding American citizens, let them not for a single moment relax their vigilance. The enemy is crafty and unscrupulous. He will watch his opportunity and bide his time. Some single spot unguarded at last will pour his legions through it. The citadel must only to be carried by sheer exertion and hard work. Rely upon it that the reformer will ensure that the defeat of the locofoco ticket is certain, except is miserably mistaken, and that any considerable number of our friends labor under such a delusion, let them at once abandon it. Ignorance is mischievous deception—for they may chance to wake up on Tuesday morning, and discover that fraud and faction again rule triumphantly over our city. We feel satisfied that the reform ticket—or at least a large majority of it—can be elected, but we know quite enough of the machinery that has been put in play against it to be convinced that success can only be achieved by union, harmony, and enthusiastic co-operation. Without these we are doomed—with them we are certain of victory

WON'T ACCEPT.

Two of the best men on the so-called Democratic ticket, viz: T. C. Poole, and A. D. Crippen, have declined the nomination. We expected nothing else from Mr. Poole, and were fully satisfied that the name of one whom the Democrats had taken peculiar pleasure in beating two years ago could not have been placed upon their ticket with any chance. Neither are we surprised at Mr. Crippen's course. He is too estimable and too enlightened a citizen to connect himself with a movement avowedly made for the purpose of obtaining the party control of the City Councils. Try again Messrs. Democrats!

☞ The Colon steamship *Atlantic*, now in her fortieth day from Liverpool, had not arrived at New York as early hour yesterday morning—the latest date received from that city by telegraph.

Spanish Consul.—We understand that Don Juan Callejon, the newly appointed Spanish Consul for the port of New Orleans, has arrived and entered upon the performance of his duties. Signor Segovia, his capable and worthy predecessor, leaves to morrow.

Prices Reduced.—By referring to our advertising columns it will be perceived that Messrs. Slark, Day & Stauffer, the agents for Kelly & Co., offer Tennessee Sugar Kettles, Furnace Mouths and Grate Bars at reduced prices. For particulars see advertisement

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

Washington, March 17, 1855.

Judging from the tone of the major and minor organs of the Administration in this city when speaking of the late election in New Hampshire, nothing has happened lately that has had so depressing an effect upon the President and his cabinet, proper and improper. The *Union* whines, snivels and rants; thinks the world is coming to an end, and that the heavenly bodies have broke loose from their orbits, and are whirling madly through space and knocking each other in the most lawless manner. The President, poor soul, has, in the opinion of the *Union*, done all that a patriot and a statesman—a Washington or a Jackson—could do, to save the country, but that it will not be saved!

Simultaneously with the news from New Hampshire came the intelligence that the American party, assembled in convention at Winchester, Va., had nominated a State ticket which the foreigner and democracy of that State can at once see, combines a strength altogether too great for Wise and his coadjutors. This was another nail in the coffin, and the shoulders of the Administration and its organs, which gave them a severe tertian ague. How the news from New Hampshire and Virginia affect the President and Cabinet, we may judge from the fact that a gentleman, formerly a member of Congress, while calling one day in the House, called on him to transact some business, but found him so irritated, so nervous, and in such extremely bad humor, that he told him he would postpone his business and call again in a few days, when he would perhaps be more calm and composed, and better prepared to give a sound legal opinion.

The *Union* and other Administration organs are endeavoring to prejudice the South by raising the cry of abolitionism in conjunction with the election of Metcalfe as Governor of New Hampshire, while the Concord *Patriot*, Pierce's organ, denounces him as a negro-catcher—stating the fact of his having been a U. S. Commissioner, whose duty it was to enforce the fugitive slave law! Let their dishonest game be fully understood and duly appreciated in the South. Of the success of the ticket lately nominated by the American party in Virginia, there seems to be no doubt in the minds of well informed men of that State, by a majority of from 8,000 to 12,000: some think even more.—"*Jonathan*" has been upon his walks, visiting his whom in every part of the Old Dominion, and has everywhere been most cordially and cordially received and entertained. I hear that Judge Bayly is about to publish a letter to his constituents, in which he will place himself upon the *American* platform—"Extra Billy," too, in waving that way, though he but a few weeks ago denounced the Know-Nothings as the most bitter and unprincipled enemies of the whole party now inimical upon their platform, it would be safely from the fear of not being able to stand upon it. Should Bayly do so, and