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THE DAILY BEE.

Tuesday Morning, November 21, 1854.

☞ The Northern Mail failed yesterday from beyond Charleston.

JOHN M. CLAYTON AND THE KNOW-NOTHINGS.

At a recent mass meeting in Delaware city, the Hon. JOHN M. CLAYTON made a long and able speech in exposition and vindication of the principles and objects of the Know-Nothings. Mr. CLAYTON observed in terms that he appeared for the purpose of stating how far he was willing to sustain the new party organization, known as the American party. The Whig party had resolved to run no ticket, and Whigs were left to choose between the American and Democratic parties. The former was made up of men of both the ancient parties. The latter excluded all but Democrats. The platform established by the American party on the 4th October, at Boston, sustained no element of bigotry or intolerance, proclaimed no religious test, invites the presence of all good men flying from oppression, but asserts the doctrine, that Americans should rule their own country.

Mr. CLAYTON declared he was willing to act upon these principles, although he was not a member of any native American association, avowed or secret. He went on, however, at great length and with signal ability, to defend the fundamental tenets of such societies, and to illustrate his opinions by the uniform consistency of Congressional career. The following paragraphs Mr. CLAYTON's speech will give a correct idea of its spirit and character:

I concur also in the sentiment expressed by Gen. WASHINGTON, that "it is contrary to the policy of this Government to appoint foreigners to office to the exclusion of native born citizens." I do not mean by this that a foreigner should never be appointed to office. I mean that other circumstances being equal, the American ought to be preferred, and that was the opinion of WASHINGTON. But there are many foreigners in this country for whom I would not hesitate to vote; and to illustrate my meaning, I now take leave to say that as the Senatorial term of JAMES SHIELDS of Illinois, is about to expire, if I had a hundred votes to cast in the election of the Senator of that State, I would throw them all for JAMES SHIELDS, such is my opinion of that man. But if another JAMES SHIELDS, equally worthy, patriotic and able were to present himself as his opponent, born an American on the soil here, I would prefer him to the far superior though a naturalized citizen. If any man differs from that opinion he is at perfect liberty to do so, but I do not envy him in his claims to true American and patriotic feelings. I shall not enlarge upon this subject, for my sentiments have before been publicly expressed.

Mr. CLAYTON contended with great earnestness for the broad national character of the American party. Such a party cannot be sectional—can have no geographical division. It must avoid all unprofitable and exciting discussions on slavery; it must ignore that constant source of discord and disquietude. It must look to the Union for its preservation, and its ultimate triumph. Mr. CLAYTON passed in review the two old parties, and showed that they were both in the last stages of decrepitude and decay. He thought it quite impossible that no other Whig National Convention would be held, and if another Democratic Convention should assemble, there would be no real heart. felt removed in such a body. A party strong enough to sustain the Government in the trials to which it would inevitably soon be subjected, ought to be a desideratum with every right-minded American statesman. We quote again from this sensible and straight-forward speech.

An appeal to American national feeling for such a purpose ought not to be in vain, and I do not believe it will be in vain. In every State and in every section of this Union there is now no American party. At present, a foreigner not naturalized and in trouble abroad, excites more sympathy among the politicians of the dominant party than any native American could possibly do. More names was made by them about MARTIN KOSZTA, than would have been created by an equal danger to any native American in a foreign country. KOSUTH was at one time, in their estimation, an object of much greater interest and admiration than any American who has lived since the days of WASHINGTON. Gentlemen, I am for devotion to American citizens and American interests. I am for America in preference to foreign labor, American mechanics, American manufactures, American navigators, American commerce, and, above all, American agriculture. I am for American broadstuffs, and the American market for them. I am for the country as it stands in preference to all other countries, and have no desire to rule a foreign vote by abject flattery or professions of greater regard for foreigners than for those born in my own—my native land.

We have given this brief outline of Mr. CLAYTON's address, as well for the interest of the subject, as the standing of the speaker. JOHN M. CLAYTON is one of the first of American statesmen. If not a CLAY, or a WEBSTER, or a CALHOUN, he is separated from those mighty names but by *land longo intervallo*. The mature conclusions of an intellect so calm, thoughtful and observant, cannot be viewed with indifference, and are not likely to be overthrown by the puny assaults of shallow demagogues. Mr CLAYTON, it is seen, does not appear to entertain all the convictions popularly imputed to the Know-Nothings. He is not invincibly opposed to the bestowal of office on adopted citizens: but other things being equal, he announces his preference for the native over the naturalized. At the present time, when the American party has made demonstrations so overwhelming, and exhibited a power well nigh irresistible, it becomes reflecting minds to contemplate without prejudice or partiality its doctrines, progress and tendencies. The period has passed, when sweeping denunciation can arrest its march, or deter its advocates from the expression of their sentiments. Know-Nothingism is a power in the State, and a formidable one at that.

CUBA.

Correspondents from Havana represent the Island as being in a ferment at an anticipated revolution. The *Delta* of last evening publishes a most ferocious Proclamation "issued by the Club of Terrorists" in that island. That document is tremendously fierce in language—every body who refuses to join the revolutionists is to be shot, and every one capable of bearing arms must submit to the same fate, or unite with the patriots. Whether this truculent proclamation is genuine, or whether it betokens more than a transitory effervescence we cannot possibly divine. Meanwhile the *True Delta* has a letter which throws cold water on the reported movements. The writer has not the least confidence in the rumors of revolution, nor in the story of 25 Creoles being shot at Baracoa, and says that the reports have been circulated for the purpose of misleading the people of the Southwest of the United States, and to give color to the correspondence that goes out by the *Black Warrior*. Which are we to believe?

HISTORY OF LOUISIANA.—We are indebted to the accomplished author, Mr. GAYARRE, for the third and concluding volume of his elaborate History of Louisiana. The volume before us conducts the narrative through the important period of the Spanish domination, and closes it at the date of the purchase of the territory by Mr. JEFFERSON. It evinces the labor, research and discrimination so abundantly displayed in the previous volumes.

OPELOUSAS RAILROAD.—It will be seen by an advertisement published in another column, that a ferry boat for the transportation of passengers and freight to and from the depot of the Opelousas Railroad, is now running from the foot of St. Ann street.

MUMM'S CHAMPAGNE.—Mr. E. HEATON, No. 55 Common street, is the sole agent for this exquisitely flavored wine. We have cracked a bottle or two of it, and can say from experience that it is one of the finest of the brands of the genuine article.

☞ Frost and ice in large quantities have been seen at Thibodaux.

The Vote for Governor of New York.

The New York *Tribune* of Monday, the 13th, says SEYMOUR is certainly elected by 3,000 majority.

The New York *Herald* gives the following table:

Clark,	199,334
Seymour,	199,143
Ullman,	106,076
Bronson,	96,177
Clark's maj. over Seymour,	185
Seymour over Ullman,	91,067

A dispatch received from Albany, in New York, on Sunday, states that the *Register* foots up the returns received in that city as follows:

Clark,	196,139
Seymour,	124,717
Ullman,	107,143
Bronson,	85,589

Giving Clark a plurality over Seymour of 1,482 votes. The contest is so close that it is doubtful whether anything short of the official returns will solve the question.

Extract from a letter to the New York Times, written at Paris:

"Now I do not exaggerate—I do not strain the facts when I say that in the entire British press you have not found a single one that may be considered as an American defender. And why? For the plain, manifest fact that the public sentiment in Great Britain is against us. They declare us far our insolent boasting—they say it is of a unarrel with us at present, but if the press be any indication of public feeling, that the people of the three kingdoms, at heart, think, fear, hate us. They dislike our manners; they hate our example; and they hate our policy.—Such is our relation to one of the two powers which now hold the empire of the world."

FIRE EXTINGUISHER.—Sutton, Professor and Inventor of the New Orleans Fire Extinguisher, has returned to the city of this Extinguisher, has returned to the city of this Extinguisher, has returned to the city of this