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SUBSCRIPTIONS BY THE WEEK.

The carriers of the Bee are authorized to receive subscriptions to our paper, at the rate of 25 cents a week, payable in all cases to the carriers themselves.

Another Sales This Day.

—By R. Tupple, at Messrs. J. & J. Tyndorf, 6 Old Levee, wines, gin, cordials, &c.

By Pinckle J. Spear, at the St. Louis Exchange, a lot in Cahokama; also, property in Pinckney Wards—commencing sale.

By E. Roger & Co., at Bon Accord & Old Levee, great sale of consumable dry goods; also, at 10 o'clock, at same place, damaged shawls and tailor prints.

SANGUINE POLITICIANS.

There is certainly one family in which the Breckinridge men exhibit prodigious development, viz: that of hope. They are not deficient in invention—far from it. When an emergency calls for the immediate display of their capacity in that line, their resources of ingenuity and readiness are singularly ample. They will dish you up a volume of plausible excuses for defeat, or explain away any unforeseen disaster, or they will erect the most specious charges against an opponent, upon a basis as unsubstantial as moonlight. Nor are our Breckinridge friends lacking in sharpness and shrewdness. They can carp, with microscopic gaze, the smallest crevice in their adversary's armor, and straightway do they explore it with naked steel. They will readily go back nearly half a century, or beyond the average lifetime of the members of the Union party, to bring to light the forgotten fact that one of the candidates entertained opinions different from those he now espouses. In short they are highly ingenious and imaginative, not particularly scrupulous, exceedingly acute, and indefatigable in diligence; but, above all, they are hopeful. They, more than all others, appreciate the full force of the philosophical couplet—

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast.
Man never is, but always to be blest."

We have been reminded of the predominance of the sanguine temperament among the Breckinridgers by the manner in which they regard the recent demonstrations of popular sentiment in various Southern States. These hopeful gentlemen are not at all discouraged by political calamities—not they. They find the brightest auguries of the future in the misfortunes of the past. For example, North Carolina, in a clear contest in which the two wings of the Democracy acted and harmonized, threw a Democratic loss of nearly eleven thousand in two years. A Douglas electoral ticket is about being nominated which will probably detach from ten to twenty thousand votes from Breckinridge. What of that? The Secessionists admit all this, but still confidently claim the old North State by an immense majority.

Again, in Arkansas the regular Breckinridge candidate for Governor is beaten badly, and the election generally evinces great activity on the part of the Opposition. A strong Douglas ticket is in the field, and the leaders of the Democracy themselves acknowledge that the State is very doubtful. Our Breckinridge friends, so far from being discouraged, proclaim their absolute certainty that Arkansas will give any majority to her candidate. Take Missouri. Here we have a most felicitous illustration of the strength and buoyancy of the hopeful spirit which animates the Breckinridgers. In Missouri every State officer elected is a Douglas man. Of the seven Representatives to Congress chosen, one is a Black Republican, one a Unionist, and five are adherents of Douglas. Not an advocate of Breckinridge in the list. His friends a short time before the election started a candidate for Governor, who received between ten and eleven thousand votes. It is quite possible that the Breckinridge party in Missouri may poll in November twice that number; but his organs coolly claim Missouri, and set her down as certain for Breckinridge. We admire their courage.

Lastly, look at Kentucky! One might imagine that if there is any State in the Union in which Yanceyism has been thoroughly "wiped out" into which hope itself would be converted into flat despair, it would be Kentucky. Just consider what has occurred? After unanimous State bounds and vaunts of their power, the Breckinridge men nominate a candidate for an office to be chosen by the whole State, and deliberately make the contest a test question. Kentucky had only a year before gone Democratic by nearly nine thousand. On this occasion a popular and highly estimable gentleman, Mr. McClarty, is defeated to the tune of more than twenty-five thousand just because he was regarded as the champion of a party whose principles, necessarily lead to disunion. Long incredulous of this stunning disaster, the Breckinridge organs at first denied the possibility of its occurrence; then slowly and reluctantly admitted it; then proceeded to extenuate it by every sort of fanciful suggestion, and finally, yielding to the inspirations of that marvelous fidelity of hope which nothing seems permanently to depress, they boldly proclaim that Kentucky is safe for Breckinridge by Fifteen Thousand majority. Now, we think they are too modest by half. While they are about it, they should indulge the boundless confidence of one of the supporters of that ticket, and claim the one hundred and twenty votes of the South, which being added to the twenty-seven electoral votes of Pennsylvania and the seven of New Jersey, will make 154 votes, or quite sufficient to make Mr. Breckinridge President—*if he gets them.* It is not a week since we saw such a calculation gravely made by a Breckinridge sheet published not a hundred miles from New Orleans. We suppose that just in proportion as the elections debarasse Mr. Breckinridge of a weak cause, his friends will enlarge their claims, so that by November, when he will be in a minority almost everywhere, they will declare their full faith in his ability to carry every State except Vermont.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.—We invite attention to the card under the foregoing title.

The Constitution Club meets this evening at the corner of Royal and Orleans streets.

ATTENTION, UNION GUARD! SECOND DISTRICT.—The gallant Union Guard of the Second District are notified to attend a meeting this evening at the Orleans Ball Room. Be on hand!

The particular attention of buyers is called to the extensive sale of dry goods, 64 packages and 200 bales, to take place this day, at 10 o'clock, at E. Roger & Co.'s auction rooms, Nos. 45 and 47 Old Levee street. Terms—Over $500 30 days' credit.

AFFRAY, WITH PROBABLY FATAL RESULT. On Wednesday, the 22d instant, a rencounter took place at the Union Hotel, in Opelousas, between C. Gamsoin and M. Carr, in which the former was dangerously, if not fatally, wounded by a ball.

At an examination before Justice McDonald, Mr. Carr was bound over to appear at the next term of the District Court.

The Morehouse *Advocate* says:

Cotton picking is now general through the parish. Though not in consequence of the heat, permitted to work the entire day, hands obtain fair weights, and in many places we learn that twice going over will clean the staples.

NEW YORK, August 24—Counterfeit threes on the Capital Bank of Albany, also on the Marine Bank of this city, were circulated here yesterday. Several arrests were made.

The heavy rain Thursday morning did considerable damage in undermining new buildings, overflowing cellars, and washing away roads.

An explosion of escape of gas occurred yesterday in a tenant house in Twenty-ninth street, shattering the building badly, and injuring six inmates.

Frank Ward, formerly a banker at San Francisco, is arrested on the charge of forgery, in connection with Capt. Sprevy.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.—Montreal, August 24.—The Prince of Wales left Three Rivers at 7 o'clock this morning, and is expected here at 3 P. M. The weather is exceedingly stormy. It is pouring with rain, and it is feared the programme of to-day will be much interfered with.

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