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Secession Movements.

The papers are filled with details of the Disunion movements in South Carolina and Georgia. It is evident that the leaders are but carrying out a *foreign conclusion*. They have failed to bring about the very event which they now present as an excuse for disruption. We say, let them go. The Union will be rid of some pedagogic grumbler, who, like Lucifer, would become tired of the golden streets and adornments of Heaven itself.

There is one consolation left. With all the bluster and taunts of the Disunion leaders, Virginia can neither be coaxed nor dragged into the folly which the "Cotton States" seem about to perpetrate. The vote of the State, whether Breckinridge gets the Electors by a plurality or not, indicates that the *majority* of the people of Virginia are *not* for secession. We are at the stand of Jefferson County on this point. She will not follow the豫議 Whigs of the State into the sloughs of Discord and Treason. Standing on the border, she is alike inimical to *abolition* and *Northern Secessionists*. She does not choose to let *democracy* at safe distances instruct her either to her honor or her rights. She can defend both when her own judgment dictates. So we believe of the whole State.

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Especially would this be true of Virginia, if she should yield herself up to the influence of the times.

Southern Senators Resigning.

The telegraph brings us tidings that Senator Toombs of Georgia and Senator Cushing of South Carolina have resigned their seats in the United States Senate.

For those who are teaching Disunion could hardly with propriety retain the obligations of an oath to support the Constitution of the United States. Nobody who ever visited the Senate Chamber will regret that it is free from the everlasting snarling of an impulsive and ill-tempered man like Toombs; but Chasen is a mild-mannered gentleman, whose deportment impressed every body favorably.

But it is not the climax of folly to be thus surrendering to the Republicans the check-mating majority which the Opposition held. With both branches of Congress against Lincoln, all he can do is to take the spoils from those who have fed at the public crib for years—and this, it would really seem, is the true cause of all this grief and tribulation. Poor fellows, how they have left to leave the dash-pots. Toombs is off for the White House of Georgia—out of harm's way when the fight begins.

Indications.

Since the election of Lincoln has become a fact, and the secessionists are all agreed to themselves to meet any *expediency*. This is all proper and right. We hope that every man will make his own "arsenal," and if our houses are invaded let us be prepared to give our enemies a warm reception! A knowledge of this fact in our surest defense against northward thoughtless invasion.

We copy the above from the last *Independent*, in order to give an emphatic contradiction to the assertion. There's *no* word of fact in the article. We have a law-abiding community, and we have never witnessed less excitement on any Presidential occasion, than the present. Our citizens have been prepared for the defensive for some time against aggression from any quarter, but that they are now "generally showing themselves to meet any contingencies," is a mere fabrication of the editor of the *Independent*. They have no occasion for any other preparation than that they have possessed for some time, and the trepidation of our neighbors is without just cause.

P.S. Since writing the above we learn a fellow has sent his son a revolver.

Folly of the Fire-eaters.

Nothing can show more fully the designs of the Southern Fire-eaters to break up the Union, if they can, than the ridiculous movement of throwing up the check. Dr. Smith has put Lincoln's administration in the first place they split up their own party, by which means defeat becomes inevitable so far as the Presidency is concerned—and then, by resigning, give up the majority in Congress, and make the results of their own acts the excuse for breaking up the Union! Was ever absurdity carried to a greater extent? But did ever wickedness put up a more brazen front?

We can repeat our belief to the agitators, that they will find themselves grossly deceived whenever they delineate upon the co-operation of Virginia in their mad schemes. There will be no more party men when the issue is made. On a naked question of Union or Disunion they will find an emphatic and indignant response against the partisans.

Regimental Parade.

The second Regimental parade of the Volunteers of this county took place on Saturday last—Cal. J. W. ALLEN in command. The turn out was very remarkable, being six companies in line—and notwithstanding the very inclement day the time required for parade was observed.

It was mortifying to observe, however, that a portion of the Regiment were without arms, and had they been in regular action, a command to "charge bayonets" would have been futile. We hope, however, that our Adjutant General will see to the wants of this Regiment without delay.

Religious Book Depository.

We would draw the attention of our readers to the standing Advertisements, under this head, in our columns. It is one of the peculiarities of the present age—that denoted by the Union Prayer-Meetings of the last two years—that there is a great demand for religious reading, especially that kind which is adapted to well-educated young people. As to that matter, the titles of the works and the names of the authors speak for themselves.

Mr. Wilson P. COOKE, Esq., of Berkeley, took the premises at the late exhibition of the Valley Agricultural Society at Winchester, for the first floor shop.

The Dicussionists propose to destroy the Constitution because they think there is danger that somebody else may violate it.

"The Sweetest of Remembrance?"

"only those
Whose souls have fit this site nobly,
Can tell the grandeur in the slightest thing
Affection gives and bathes! A dead flower,
That fills such reverent remembrance of looks

These thoughts occurred on a visit to Edge Hill Cemetery, a few days ago. At the head of the grave of the late Harry Hooper, a handsome Italian Marble Monument has been placed, upon which is the following inscription:

ERET
E. T.
TO
SMITH HOOPER.
Died October 26th, 1860.
In the 24th Year
of his Age.

BY N. D.
UNG FR.

This spontaneous tribute "by his young friend" is a sweet remembrance of this late departed, and whilst it stands as a memorial to his memory, it will also be a monument of their affectionate attachment to each other.

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POETICAL.

To The Beaux.
How bent it bides me, how lowly the heart;
It's but pride and lowly your part,
And if I value laugh and talk,
The words all are sure to say.

If I am given no dandies,
Without a word for you and me,
With a nod of head, off I'll run,
To any bushes, and leave my head.

A boy, this boy shall fall, fitting out,
To find a friend, and now my head—
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EDWARD L. STODDARD.

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