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INDEPENDENT UNION CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

HON. A. R. BOTELER.

WOOD & CORN.

We want WOOD and CORN.

Our Patrons will please remember us in these particulars. Prompt action on the WOOD and CORN question is desirable.

[March 28, 1861.]

North Carolina and Secession.

North Carolina (says the Raleigh Standard) will not secede from the Union for existing causes. Nearly all the Union candidates in this State advocated a Convention. If they had opposed it, it would have been voted down by thirty thousand majority. We state this as one of the strongest evidences that the State is not disposed at this time to secede.

It will not be said that the people of North Carolina are submissionists. They are just as brave as other people, and because they are not ready to fight shadowy North Carolina is still the equal, and proudly the equal, of the most powerful States in the Union. Florida, with a white population not larger than Chicago, would also have been the equal of New York if she had remained in the Union.

But, say the disunionists, the Southern States are not the equals of the Northern States in the common Territories. We deny it. The Territories of Colorado, Nevada, and Dakota were organized by the last Congress, the Republicans being in the majority, without the Wilmot proviso. As Mr. Douglas observed in the Senate, Mr. Wilmot arrived and took his seat as a Senator from Pennsylvania only to find that his own party had repudiated his proviso. All the territories we have been disposed of; there is no more to be organized. New Mexico, a part of which lies north of the old Missouri line, protects slavery as stringent a slave code as that of Mississippi. The Dred Scott decision exists and applies to all these Territories. What then? Why the Southern States are the equals of the Northern in the common Territories.

So far, then, as the Territories are concerned there is no cause for secession. But, in addition to this, several of the Free States have already repudiated their personal liberty bills; and the last Republican Congress passed by a two-thirds vote a proposed amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing slavery forever in the States. This amendment will no doubt be adopted and become a part of the Constitution.

We repeat, North Carolina will not secede—Virginia will not secede. The late action of her Convention shows that she is watching and waiting. She sees no good cause just now to join in the war-dance of secession. Our disunion friends may as well hang up their fiddles. The people will keep step to no tune of their playing.

The Latest Sensation.

Military preparations for defending the National Metropolis are continued with considerable activity, and there will probably be 5000 men in service by the close of the week. A report was in circulation on Tuesday, that as soon as the Virginia Convention passes a Secession Ordinance there is to be no waiting for a ratification by the people, but that 2500 Virginians, the Vanguard of President Davis' 50,000, are to make a raid upon Washington. As a counter to this it is reported that an equal or greater number are to come from the North, and that Washington is to be the Waterloo of the confederate armies. It is to be hoped that by the time both get ready some guardian spirits will whisper in their ears that it is a very sally business for brothers to imbrue their hands in their brother's blood. Indeed, it is already surmised that Great Britain and France, instead of fomenting further discord, will offer their friendly mediation, and bring about a reconciliation. The slaying of thousands or tens of thousands will have, but little effect in the settlement of matters in dispute. Three generations will not extricate the deadly hatred between the sections which a single year's bloody strife will engender.

Surely there are cool heads enough in the country to bring about a pause.

Sensation Paragraphs.—The reader will bear in mind during these exciting times, that the telegraphic agents South give a high coloring to every despatch they send North, and their earliners at the other end of the wires take care not to be outdone in the way of exaggeration. So the reading public are kept in a constant state of excitement. The report is that Maj. Anderson fired two thousand times during the 36 hours the siege was kept up, and no body was hurt, whereas it required twelve of his men to each of his big guns and he could not by any possibility have exerted three hundred and fifty rounds in the actual time allowed him. There are many things yet to be explained concerning this ridiculous exchange of death-dealing missiles.

Preparations for War.—From Washington we learn that Gen. Scott is making ample preparations to give President Davis a hospitable reception. The friends of the latter give him thirty days to reach the National Capital. These commanders are not strangers to each other, but it is thought they will have a more intimate acquaintance ere long. They are both of stern metal.

Fox Pickens.—This fort now the point at which the next collision is expected, was represented by the U. S. Government on Friday night.

Gen. Bragg of the Confederate forces, is making active preparations to invest it, and we may soon expect to hear stirring news from that quarter.

Arthur's Home Magazine

Edited by T. S. ARTHUR and Miss VICTORIA F. TOWNSEND, is steadily growing in prosperity—We have received the May number. It is illustrated by a finely effective engraving entitled "The old, old story," besides other masterly special notice, did our space admit of it.

The Great Race at New Orleans.—It is said that in the four mile race at N. Orleans, Saturday, in which Dick's Planet was beaten by Lightning, over \$300,000 changed hands. The time was 9:02, 83 3/4. A favorite horse, Panic, was distanced the first heat. The Virginia horses did not win a race the whole week.

Godey's Lady's Book.—The May No. convinces us that Godey has reached "Magna perfection."

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The Assault Upon Fort Sumter.

From the Baltimore American of Saturday. Civil war has commenced. Who can say where, when, or how it shall be continued and concluded? Will the guns that yesterday abraded Charleston harbor with the smoke of fratricidal contest, and which to-day will cast a gloomy pall over the national heart of the country, prove the last appeal, awakening the people to the horrible nature of the danger by which it is surrounded, and bringing the good sense, the civilization, and the humanity of the world to avert the most fearful of horrors? or shall they prove but the opening of a contest to be pursued through scenes of warfare that will bring in their train sorrow, suffering, and shame, public discredit and private ruin? This is a question that only the future can solve, and we must wait the developments that future will bring with hope and courage, relying upon the fact that for all that has come and may follow we are not responsible. The people of Maryland have neither fanned the sectional animosity that has given cause now proactively to extreme counsels which have provoked the treacherous pincer of the South, nor will they bring them to high dudgeon, until the last extremity迫害.

On Wednesday, the twelfth resolution on Federal affairs being under consideration, Mr. Wise proposed a substitute which was adopted, yeas 128, nays 26, declaring that the people of Virginia give their consent to the recognition of the separate independence of the seceded States, and that the proper laws shall be passed to effect their separation. The eleventh resolution being under consideration various amendments were proposed, but the resolution was finally adopted with a slight amendment. Pending the consideration of the twelfth resolution the Convention adjourned.

On Wednesday, the twelfth resolution on Federal affairs being under consideration, Mr. Carlile moved to strike out the latter portion, which "left an indispensable condition that popular sentiment of Virginia not attempt to reinforce or recapture the armed insurgents, etc." measure resorted to "THE COLLECTED to provoke hostile collision."

"... Prevention refused to strike out, etc. 17.

"TWO Gov. Wise moved to add a clause, stating that all the forts in the limits of the seceded States ought to be evacuated for the purpose of pacification; lost, aye 62, nays 67.

The resolution was finally amended so as to declare that all the forts, arsenals and magazines situated on the mainland or for the protection of the harbors of the seceded States ought to be evacuated by the United States for purposes of pacification, and adopted. The thirteenth resolution was amended so to declare that the people of Virginia will regard any action of the Federal Government "or the Confederate States" (the words quoted were not in the resolution originally reported) tending to produce a collision as unwise and injurious to the interests of both, and that such action "on the part of either" would leave them free to determine their own policy. This amendment is most important as it applies the protest of Virginia to both parties, whilst the resolution originally referred only to the Federal Government. Pending the consideration of the fourteenth and last of the series of resolutions, which provides for the calling of a southern Border State Conference, the Convention adjourned.

The Convention consumed the whole of Thursday in debating the fourteenth and last of the series of resolutions reported by the Committee on Federal Relations. Numerous amendments were offered but generally rejected. No action was taken on the resolution. Less excitement existed than on the previous day. We annex the resolution as reported by the Committee:

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POETRY.

"*My Sister's Love.*"
Nearst the fountain of my heart
There grows a beautiful flower,
Whose fragrance forms the happiest part
Of many a joyful bight.
A d'you think about
The past?—about the bright life?
The present rains which Heaven distill,
To dry me up, I'm afraid!

I can't get off the chair with earth
I sit upon her bough;
I value not the childish mirth
That lingers even now!
But still I dream of what most,
While in life's path I move—
The price of that is my poor heart
Is my sweet "Sister's Love!"

My gentle Sister, how I prize
The smiling ways of thine eyes
The beamed glances of thine eyes
My simple, artless ways
But still my thoughts above,
The thanks I offer trust there
Is for me a balm.

My "Sister's Love"! Oh, bright it shines!
It is a beam that will part twines
A beaming flower which never twines
Around my boughed heart, may be,
As true as Heaven may prove,
But there is still more dear to me,
My gentle "Sister's Love!"

VARIETY.

Delaware Law Case.

Some years ago, in Newcastle county, Delaware, an Irishman was knocked down and robbed. He accused a man of having committed the robbery, and in due time the case came to trial. The Irishman being upon the stand, was cross-examined, after having sworn positively to the guilt of the prisoner by one of the keenest lawyers, and something like the following was the result:

"You say that the prisoner at the bar is the man who assaulted and robbed you?"

"Yes."

"Was it midnight when the occurrence took place?"

"Never a bit is it."

"Was it straight?"

"Not a whit; it was so dark that you could not see your hand before you."

"Was there any light shining from any house near by?"

"Never a bit; a house was there anywhere about."

"Well, then, if there was no moon, stars nor light from any house; and so dark that you could not see your hand before you, how are you able to swear that the prisoner was the man? How could you see him?"

"Why, yer honor, when the salpene struck me, the fire flew out av me eyes so bright you might have seen to pick up a pin you might."

The court, highly annoyed with trifles, at this quantum, sent the prisoner was directed by other declared not guilty.

The Minister and the Girls.

A minister once delivered a strong sermon against visiting Sunday evenings. After ten the young clergyman said to a friend:

"Come let us go up to the deacon's and spend the evening with his daughters."

"How!" cried his friend, with much surprise, "is it possible the sermon you have just concluded?"

"Pshaw!" said he, "I only made those remarks in order that we might have the better chance with the girls ourselves."

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A couple of Irishmen who had not been long in the country, met at an inn, and called for dinner. As it happened there was a dish of horse-radish grained for dinner. Pat, thinking it was something to be eaten with a spoon, put a large spoonful into his mouth. The tears immediately filled his eyes and ran down his cheeks. His companion saw it and said:

"Pat what is the matter?"

"I was thinking of my father that was hanged in Ireland," answered Pat. But Jimmy soon filled his mouth with the same, and tears gushed from his eyes also; Pat said:

"What's the matter? what has happened to you?"

"Ah!" says Jimmy, "I was just thinking what a pity it was that you were not hanged when your father was."

—
A bevy of children were telling their father what they got at school. The eldest got reading, spelling and definition.

"And what do you get, little one?" the father asked of a rosy-cheeked urchin who, at the time, was slyly driving a nail into the door frame.

"Me? Oh, me get read'en, spellin', and spakin'."

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Our X correspondent of the Concord Journal sends to paper the following epitaph, which says he is found on a tombstone in Oxford, N. H.:

"To all my friends, I bid adieu;
A more sudden death you never knew;

As I was hunting the old mare to drink,

She kicked and killed me quicker'n wink."

—
A young post out West, in Heaven says: "It is a world of blies fenced in with pretty girls." It is that true and we are so fortunate as to get there, we intend to ask permission to sleep in the fence corners." — Ficksbury Whig.

—
A French officer quarreling with a Swiss, reproached him with his country's vice of fighting on either side for money; "while we Frenchmen," said he, "fight for honor."

"Yes, sir," replied the Swiss, "every one fights for that he must needs."

—
A country school-master thus describes a money lender:

"He serves you in the present time—he lends you in the conditional mood—keeps you in the subjunctive—and ruins youristic future."

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A Southern lady has abandoned the Shaker establishment near Hopkinsville to marry Mr. Justice Dean, aged seventy-five. She must be fond of dried Beans.

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A GENTLEMAN.—The long mooted question of "What is a gentleman?" has at last been settled, at least in the latitude of Kentucky. In that State, a gentleman is—he who looks out of the window while his guest helps himself to whiskey!

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A Yankee has invented a new and cheap plan for boarding. One of his boarders measures the rest, and then eats a hearty meal—the measured man being satisfied from sympathy.

—
Ladies who have a disposition to punish their husbands should recollect that a little warm sunshine will melt an icicle much sooner than a regular northeaster.

—
Why is an overloaded gun like an office? Joe's shoulder?

following from whose it kicks mightily when discharged.

President Davis' speech was what man wants—all proclamation

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