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THE ACQUISITION OF CUBA.

Within the last few weeks public attention has been turned to the acquisition of this beautiful island, and it is gratifying to know that the Administration is moving in the matter, and as soon as the Kansas difficulties are settled we shall see the President and his able cabinet bending their entire energy in the prosecution of so desirable a result. Cuba must be ours, either by conquest or purchase. The long existing difficulties between Spain and this government are about to be settled. The Court of Madrid must not only apologize, but make ample reparation for insults and indignities heaped upon the American nation under the imbecile administration of Millard Fillmore. The probabilities are that Castilian pride will do nothing. In that case, Mr. Buchanan will do what every American citizen ardently desires, recommend an immediate declaration of war. In such an event, the Queen of the Antilles will become a part and parcel of the Great Republic in less than six months. The Democracy of the country look to their Administration to extend the public domain, and, if we mistake not, another star ere long will adorn the flag of the confederacy.

Black Republican candidates for Congress in the eighth district are becoming as thick as blackbirds in a corn-field. The fellows seem to think a nomination equivalent to an election. Like the maid and the milk pail, we fear they will be sadly disappointed. The district we admit is close, and can only be carried for the nigger party by importation of votes, as was the case in 1856. We say now in advance, to whoever may be the happy recipient of a Black Republican Congressional Convention, that he will find the Democracy up and doing, with a champion worthy of their trust— one who can advocate popular sovereignty with as much zeal and eloquence as James Wilson denounced and ridiculed it in 1856. Let the Africans turn out their best nags, for we are keen to get one more lick at niggerism.

We have received a letter from Austin H. Brown, requesting us to meet with the Democratic Executive Committee to advise and counsel upon the answer of the nominees of the 8th of January Convention. Not having the time or disposition to attend this caucus, we most respectfully decline. But we would counsel and advise Mr. Brown and all other Democrats connected with the 23d of February Convention, to quit wrangling and interrogating the candidates, and go to work like men and elect them. Lecompton or Anti-Lecompton has nothing to do with our State election. The poor, miserable fraud is already a "dead cock in the pit," and it is time that Democrats were paying more attention to the election of their candidates who have already been sufficiently interrogated.

The recent disturbance in the Democratic ranks over the Lecompton Constitution we are gratified to see is fast disappearing. Its success or defeat should not disturb the harmony of the party. We sincerely hope and trust that it may be defeated in the lower house, but should it prove otherwise, we shall yield to the decision of the Administration, in whose hands rests the future welfare of the Democracy.

Our equinoctial storm commenced on last Tuesday, and wound up sullenly on Wednesday evening. Thursday morning opened clear and beautiful. The warm sunshine and the warbling of the birds gave unmistakable evidence of the presence of genial spring.

JOHN VAN BUREN.

It will be recollect that in 1848 this distinguished individual bolted from the Democratic party and became a rabid free-soiler, and did as much as any man of that day in defeating the old veteran, Lewis Cass. In a convivial speech not long since he used the following language, describing his sufferings after leaving the grand old party:

"Well, gentlemen, there is one family has got back into the Democratic party to stay for life. It is the Van Buren family, and if deserters only knew the long, dreary road they have to travel, the deep roaring streams they have to swim their horses over, the dark stormy nights where the wind will blow down their tents, and they will be forced to sleep on the ground with the rain pouring on them in torrents, the high, steep and rugged mountains they have to climb, the interminable deserts where there is no wood nor water they have to cross, in the road they have taken away from their 'father's house,' they would in my opinion, take the straightest chute back into the Democratic camp."

AN ATTEMPT TO DISORGANIZE THE DEMOCRACY OF ILLINOIS.—We notice that some of the bolters and disorganizers of the Democratic party, who have repudiated the Cincinnati Platform, have recently started a paper in Chicago, styled the *National Union*. The whole thing is a catch-penny affair, intended to defame Senator Douglas, and, if possible, break down that sterling Democratic paper, the *Chicago Times*.

The indications are becoming strong that the United States will be compelled to chastise the insolence of Spain, and that it is only by the strong arm of military force that we can obtain from that nation satisfaction for the many injuries which it has wantonly and gratuitously inflicted upon our commerce and for the insults which it has offered to our flag. For years we have been negotiating to obtain some redress for the Black Warrior and a host of preceding outrages, where our national streamers was fired into by the Spanish authorities in Cuba, captured and overhauled upon the high seas, their masts rifled, and every indignity offered to our flag that Spanish haughtiness and malignancy could conceive. No indemnity, or apology even, has been made, or is likely to be, if we should negotiate for fifty years. It is evident that our leniency and forbearance in the past have been mistaken for weakness, and that the government of Spain can only be brought to justice and national equity by a declaration of war upon the part of this great Republic, and the castigation and loss which would certainly follow such an event. We do not believe this latter step will be, or can be, long delayed upon the part of our Government. In Spain it is thought a war with the United States is certain.

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## OUR SPANISH RELATIONS.

A few days ago we foreshadowed in an article, what appeared to us to be the probable policy of the administration for the settlement of our difficulties with Spain and for the acquisition of the Island of Cuba. We stated at the time that we had no authority from any source to say that such were the designs of the administration, but that we were giving expression simply to the impressions which were resting on our own minds. Since that time various events have transpired to lead us to suppose that the views we then stated were correct.

Below we copy from the Cincinnati *Enquirer* an article upon the subject fully bearing out the opinions we expressed.—The appearance of such articles in the columns of those newspapers, whose conductors are always careful to know that the sentiments they utter will meet the approbation of the powers at Washington, may be regarded as affording pretty strong evidence that a war with Spain, which shall result in the acquisition of Cuba by this country, is one of the measures contemplated by the administration.—*Chicago Times*.

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## From the London Times, Feb. 24.

THE LEVIATHAN.

It is a long time since the public have heard anything of their old friend the Leviathan, which lately occupied so much of their attention, and the bulletins about which chronicled almost hourly how many few inches she had progressed towards her final destination—the water.

The fact however, is that very little has been done in the way of actual progress since the vessel was floated off her cradles, and she still remains moored stern and stern in the centre of the river, a little below the old building yard, from which for so many months she kept out the light and air, and in which for so many weeks grave fears were entertained that she would remain, a permanent adornment of the river's bank. But though, as we have said, nothing worth speaking about in the way of work, has been done about the Leviathan herself, a very great deal has been perfected, and we believe the arrangements are being made for her final completion and fitting out for sea. With regard to this point, a great deal of misapprehension appears to exist with the public as to the total outlay necessary to fit her out, and the time it will require to get her ready in all respects.

As far as the first named subject is concerned, we believe we shall be found correct in stating that the total cost of completing her fittings, putting on board stores, &c., and making her in all respects ready for sea, will not exceed £120,000, and that the time required to do this will certainly not extend beyond the month of July.

Four months is estimated as being the utmost time necessary to fit her, but circumstances have arisen, such as the company being obliged to give up possession of the yard at Millwall, which may occasion hindrances that will probably delay her completion till the time we have stated. In order, however, to insure the work being done in the shortest space of time, and at the lowest rates consistent with good workmanship, it has been decided to subdivide what remains to be done about the vessel among several contractors. Thus the building of the cabin and saloons will be given to one person, while another contracts for the decks, bulwarks, &c., a third for the rigging, a fourth for the boats, a fifth for the internal fittings, and so on. By this arrangement of course every part will progress simultaneously, and in the best style.

No less than 10 anchors are now required to hold the monster vessel at her present moorings—five at the stern and five at the stern, and each with lengths of cable attached, varying from 40 to 160 fathoms. When first anchored in the river eight sufficed to hold her, but during half a gale which blew shortly after her launch, she dragged at the stern in such a manner as to swing more into the tide-ways, & required two of Trotman's largest patent anchors in addition to the others, since which she has been brought up effectively, and now apparently nothing short of a hurricane would be sufficient to move her. As the fittings of the ship progress, a pair of powerful shears will be fitted on deck for the purpose of hoisting in the iron work of the masts, standing rigging, the intermediate shaft, heavy boats, and other portions of her equipment which are too ponderous to raise by ordinary means. The masts are at present being made at Millwall in pieces, and a good deal of the masts have already been completed—though of course they will not be put together until they are actually on board.

There are some docks, we believe, in Liverpool which are long enough to take in the Leviathan if their entrances were only wide in proportion; but, as they all fail in this latter important particular, the great vessel when she wants cleaning will have to be gridded, as the screw collets are—that is, run aground on rows of piles laid along the river's side for the purpose and the tide will of course leave her high and dry at each low water. A spot has been chosen for this purpose in the Mersey, between Woodside and Birkenhead, and to this place the Leviathan will be taken as often as she needs repairs or cleaning. It is almost a pity however, that no gridiron of sufficient length could be formed or made in the Thames or any other river in the Kingdom but the Mersey, which is one of the most rapid and dangerous, and in which, we should think, the Leviathan, even if she were to be docked in case of her wanting repairs, or her bottom requiring cleaning. This question, however, has, we are glad to say, been satisfactorily decided, though not quite as regards docking her.

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The House of Lords had adjourned until the 16th inst.

Lord Stratford de Redcliffe had resigned as Ambassador of Turkey.

The London Star says that the country is to be agitated by means of a Parliamentary Committee forming to oppose any conspiracy bill introduced by Lord Derby.

The Times' money article of the evening of the 2d inst., reports the stock market as heavy and inactive.

There was a slight increase in the demand for money, owing to the settlements to be made on the 4th inst., but the applications at the bank are limited.

The commercial intelligence from India was regarded as satisfactory.

INDIA.

Sir Colin Campbell, with a column of fifteen thousand men and one hundred guns and with at least ten thousand more at other points, ready to co-operate with him, was preparing to march upon Lucknow.

Sir Hugh Ross had defeated the Rebels at Bala Rupattra with a strong field force and after capturing the strong fortress of Awah, he had marched on Cotal, where disunion reigns.

The authority of the civil power had been restored at Delhi.

Large reinforcements of European troops were still required.

The Rebels at Lucknow, it is said, were losing heart.

Oudham had not been disturbed since the 6th.

FRANCE.

Messrs. Mace, Prabell & Co., of Marcellis, have suspended.

Several other suspensions have occurred with liabilities amounting to over 20,000,000 francs.

ITALY.