

AMERICAN.  
BROOKVILLE, INDIANA.  
FRIDAY, MAR. 31, 1848.

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1848.  
Gen. ZACHARY TAYLOR.

"In no case can I permit myself to be the candidate of any party, or stand myself to party schemes."  
"The good of all parties, and the National good would be my greatest absorbing aim."—Gen. Taylor.

Contents of our Paper.

THE news from Europe is of the greatest importance—more so than any we have ever been permitted to communicate to our readers since we have been a journalist. Europe—entire Europe, is in a revolution.

We give additional particulars of the news which was received by the Acadia, part of which we gave last week. But we have the great satisfaction of laying before our readers the glorious and cheering intelligence by the Caledonia, which arrived at Boston on Tuesday last. The revolution in France is complete. This news arrived at Boston the 28th—we received it at Brookville the 29th, and published it on the 30th.

On our last page will be found a useful lecture upon the subject of our Earth, volcanoes, &c. Every one should read it, carefully and thoughtfully. That our Earth is a ball of liquid, burning lava, covered with a comparatively thin crust, is a fact no longer doubted, by those who have investigated the subject. Then, we say, read the Doctor's excellent lecture, and we hope it will induce all to make further investigations upon this interesting matter.

We commence also, this week, the publication of J. Q. Adams' letters to his son. So closely and honestly does he speak to his son, and to himself, of the teachings of the Bible, that both saint and sinner will be benefited by their perusal.

Dr. C. M. Clay, it will be seen from his letter on our first page, is for Taylor for President—Cassius is one of the most devoted, consistent, and courageous abolitionists in the world. He has done more for the cause of freedom, than a thousand northern cowardly fanatics, who have not the courage to go into the slave states, and preach freedom for the slave. But Clay has done it boldly and fearlessly, and nobly sustained the freedom of the press, when assailed by the southern slave holder. C. M. Clay is a noble fellow—brave, talented, independent and chivalrous. We love to gaze upon the sublime moral spectacle he presents, in contrast with the sneaking, cowardly and selfish clans.

We devote a portion of our paper each week to the subject of Agriculture. We can do this, and still publish more other news than the usual country papers do, with their large type and small sheets.

Dr. Gifford, it will be seen, continues his interesting articles upon Chloroform. This subject is at this time exciting the public mind, and a knowledge of its nature and effects, is accessible to us and to our readers.

The news from Europe is creating considerable speculation. The world is approaching a crisis, we think, when crowns will be but little envied. The people of all nations have been looking to the rise and progress of our republic with deep solicitude, and its hitherto proud career, is having its effect upon enslaved man. May its example teach him, that he is capable of self-government, and influence him to assert his rights.

The Canal.

Every thing yet gives assurance that our Canal will be repaired this season. It is said they have determined to dispense with the Harrison dam the present year, and feed the canal all the way to Cincinnati from Case's dam—thus saving in the immediate repairs some 15,000 dollars. This will be rather adverse to Lawrenceburg interests, but that is their business. Hands are congegating along the line—the timber and stone are moving, and every thing looks like prosperity. It makes us glad.

Connersville Telegraph.

We have received the two first Nos. of the Telegraph under the administration of Mr. S. W. Swiggett. It is decidedly improved in every respect by the change of proprietors. Mr. Swiggett is a good printer, industrious, and ambitious. Heretofore we have considered no paper in the valley in our way, but the neat and respectable appearance, and business spirit of the Telegraph, makes us feel a little jealous—but we console ourselves with the fact, that he will be an honorable competitor, and not injure himself and all around him, by bringing down the pieces of advertising and job work to the starting point.

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Read This.

Gen. Lane recently engaged in a sort of secret expedition against the Mexican towns, generally and to capture Santa Anna particularly—Colonel Hays and Major Polk with a few dragoons and mounted riflemen constituted the force.

The expedition was about twenty-two days, traversed over four hundred and fifty miles of a hostile Mexican territory—dispersed guerrillas, captured towns, installed Governors, seized the enemy's property, some of which they destroyed, and some divided among themselves, killed eighteen Mexicans and captured three live ones—but Santa Anna was not one of them. The expedition only lost three men and some half-a-dozen horses.

Such is the character of this brilliant affair; and what do those engaged in it, say that it proves?

That the country is entirely conquered, and that five hundred well mounted and well appointed men may now search every corner in Mexico for an enemy, and not see him, unless he is in full flight!

Here we have the official account of a few mounted Americans, in hostile array, dashing through nearly 500 miles of the enemy's country, not before visited by our troops, taking towns and cities, pulling down and building up municipal governments, and in a word, doing just as they 'd pleased!—Geo.

Taylor Meeting in Baltimore.

Baltimore, March 21. A large meeting called by those friendly to the nomination of General Taylor for the Presidency, but composed of all parties, was held here last night. The meeting was disorderly in the extreme from the beginning, and it broke up as it commenced.

Clay in New York.

The whig ward elections which were held in New York on Monday night, resulted in the choice of committees favorable to Mr. Clay, in all except one or two wards, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Presidency.

Oxford Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Oxford met at Mt. Carmel on Tuesday, March 21st, and in the absence of the Moderator, Prof. McArthur was called to occupy the chair. Rev. Thomas E. Thomas, the last Moderator, arriving in the afternoon, preached the opening sermon from Prov. 3: 19, 20. Among the matters of general interest, the following may be given without regard to the order of time in which they were brought forward.

Rev. Mr. Lattimore, in behalf of the Trustees of the Presbyterian college at Hanover, made a statement of the situation of that institution, asking the co-operation and sympathy of the churches. From his report, it appears that the college is in a flourishing state, containing one hundred and twenty students, with the prospect of further increase—that the endowments from individuals and churches amount to about \$10,000, and that it is rising in the confidence of the community. During the year it has enjoyed a revival of religion, and about forty of the young men have united with the church. After considerable discussion in reference to the wants of this section of our country, and former efforts on this subject, a resolution was adopted, expressing the confidence and interest of the brethren in this rising institution, but recommending the immediate establishment of another Synodical college in the western part of Ohio.

Mr. Pelan, formerly of the Methodist Protestant church, presented one of the required trial sermons, as a candidate for the ministry, from a text assigned him in Eph. 2: 10; which was approved.

Mr. L. D. Potter, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, N. J., was received by certificate, and taken under the care of the Presbytery.

The last General Assembly having sent down an overture to Presbyteries, asking whether certain alterations should be made in the Book of Discipline, the question was, after a full discussion, answered in the negative. The change contemplated provides that although the office of the ministry is perpetual, yet ministers may admit the diction of their office on the same terms as ruling elders, who, for any cause other than heresy or crime, may, according to the provisions of the Book, cease to be acting elders.

Reports were received from the elders representing the different vacant churches, and provisions made for supplying them as far as possible.

The Presbyterial School located at Rossville, Ohio, was reported to be in a prosperous state, and was recommended to the care and patronage of the churches.

Reports were received of the state of religion in the bounds of the Presbytery, from the ministers and elders of all the congregations, from which it appeared that while few can report special seasons of interest, the churches generally are advancing in numbers and strength, and in their contributions to the benevolent objects of the churches. Little or nothing favorable was reported in relation to the observance of the Sabbath and the cause of temperance, except in one place, in which the Pastor supposed that the Sons of Temperance had been the means of giving new vigor to this enterprise.

Rev. Jos. G. Monford appeared in behalf of the Synod of Indiana, and asked the concurrence of the Presbytery in reference to a petition sent by the former to the next General Assembly, asking that so much of the territory of the Synod of Cincinnati as lies within the State of Indiana may be annexed to the Synod of Indiana.

Though the Presbytery were not willing to concur in the request, it is understood that the matter will be carried up to the highest court of the church, for their decision, on the ground that the churches interested desire the change, and that for various reasons it is expedient to make it.

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