

VEVAY TIMES AND SWITZERLAND COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

VEVAY:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1840.

The termination of the Presidential campaign has afforded us an opportunity of making our column more interesting to the general reader than heretofore.

The owners and manager of the Statesman are under the impression that this paper will stop at the expiration of the present volume. Perhaps they are "reckoning without their host." The Vevay Times may yet live to be a sure thorn in their sides.

THE ELECTION.—We have as yet received nothing official from any of the States. The excitement has so far abated that official returns are slow coming in. The result, that Gen. Harrison is elected, being fully known, we deem it unnecessary to cumber our columns with further returns until we can give them officially.

POPULATION OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY.—By the return of the Deputy marshals of this division, it appears that the population of Switzerland county amounts to ten thousand one hundred and fifty-seven souls, being an increase since 1830 of three thousand seven hundred.

The Baltimore Patriot publishes the full returns of the election in Pennsylvania, purporting to be official, and sets down the Harrison majority at 264. The same paper thinks Mr. Van Buren's majority in Virginia will be short of 1,000.

Snow.—We had a considerable sprinkling of snow in this "deck of woods" yesterday—not enough, however, to put the sleighs in motion.

N. C.—Nuf Ced.—General Mum are elected. The "loky folks" am the worst user up set of critters in all creation—salt wouldn't save 'em. Uncle Ebenezer consoles himself by singing the following:

Dad darn old Tip and Tyler,
They've burst Van Buren's biler.

POPULATION OF NEW ORLEANS.—By the recent census, it appears that the population of the city of New Orleans is 102,000 inhabitants, including all sexes and all ages.

ROHAN POTATOES.—We were shown the other day, a specimen of these mammoth growth potatoes, raised on the farm of Mr. William O'Neal, near Ghent, Ky. One of them weighed 34 pounds, and five of the medium size weighed 114 pounds. They are a most singular production of the potatoe kind, and very rare in this part of the country. They are said to be capital for stock.

NARROW ESCAPE.—The Cincinnati Ledger states that a child fell from the hurricane deck of a steamboat at the wharf in that city a few mornings since, and would inevitably have been drowned had not one of the deck hands leaped overboard and rescued the little fellow by swimming. Such fearless intrepidity should be well rewarded.

The Hon. Amos Kendall, we learn from the Cincinnati papers, arrived in that city on Friday last and intended to remain there for several days.

"A CLEVER LADY."—We are credibly informed that, on the day of the election in this place, a lady paid a most sublimely delicate compliment to the proud procession from Old Pleasant, as it passed through our streets. Her enthusiasm in the cause actually carried her so far as to exhibit to their admiring gaze, one of her most important nether garments! The gallant farmers of Old Pleasant have authorized us to tender that lady their most respectful compliments, and also to inform her that when she desires to again hoist that garment they would be pleased to furnish her a more suitable flag-staff.

[Statesman.]

The above snatty yarn, we venture to say, is without the least foundation in truth, and intended as a base slander upon the female part of our town. The "farmers of Old Pleasant" are informed that, from all appearances at home, the editor of the Statesman himself stands in need of "a more suitable flag-staff."

For the gallantries manifested by our neighbor of the Statesman, towards the ladies of this place, they should call a meeting and vote him an old greasy petticoat.

IN A HURRY.—The Cincinnati Ledger says Gen. Harrison has already received a letter from one of his supporters, asking for office. We are at a loss to know how the General is to provide for all his Jeen, lank, hungry, office-seeking supporters. It would not be surprising to see a scene like the Kilkenny cats, ere his four years expire—the Government eat entirely up, and nothing left of its officers but their tails.

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COL. JOHNSON

When last seen, sat weeping on a log in Indiana, talking of himself and "brother James."

The above quib appears in the last number of the Statesman of this place. The editor who would descend to such low, pitiful and contemptible abuse against an aged veteran like Col. Johnson, who has done his country so much service, both in time of war, and peace, must be lost to every sense of feeling and propriety becoming man—nay, he is worse than a brute and deserves to be scoffed at by all creation.

CANADA.—By the following article from the Montreal Herald it appears that the outrages upon the Canadian frontier have not entirely subsided:

"On Sunday night or Monday morning, the 12th instant, the barn of Mr. William Wheeler, of the township of Rustletown, was burnt by some miscreants on the other side of the line."

On being awakened he ran out of the house to find that the whole of his hard earned property save his house, was irretrievably destroyed, and on sounding a horn to alarm the neighbors, two men were seen running south. The detachment of the Huntingdon frontier company, under the orders of lieutenant Miller, at present stationed there, were promptly on the spot, too late to afford any assistance. Mr. Miller picked up a piece of paper, in which a match prepared with turpentine had been wrapped at a little distance from the barn. The foot-steps of the two men were tracked both ways half a mile into the states. Many respectable inhabitants have been threatened, and considerable alarm is the natural consequence. A detachment of the Huntingdon frontier cavalry, under Lieut. Waldegrave, is at present on constant duty along the line in that quarter, in order, if possible to restrain those lawless acts.

"Old Tip, as usual, has been distanced in his own township. His neighbors know him."

[Vevay Times.]

"We have seen the same statement in several other Locofoco prints. But it is entirely destitute of truth, excepting the remark that his neighbors know him. Miami township, in which he resides, gave him a majority of 57 votes. Will our Van Buren neighbors, of the Times, Indianian, and other prints, have the manliness to acknowledge their error?"—Lawrenceburg Beacon.

If it is any satisfaction to our hard cider neighbor of the Beacon, we will state that we have been misinformed. The township we had reference to, Symmes, was originally the one in which Harrison resided, and always gave a majority against him; but we learn a small corner of it has been cut off, forming a new township called Miami, which now gives him a small majority.

No Go—FLASH IN THE PAN.—Notice was given out here on Monday morning last, that there would be a magnificent illumination, great whig rejoicing, and drinking of hard cider at Madison the same evening, in honor of the election of Old Tip. The T-i-p-p-e-c-a-n-o-e club was immediately drummed together, when it was unanimously

"Resolved, That we and the little bull pup forthwith proceed to our sister town, and participate with our Whig brethren in the celebration of this glorious event—the prevalence of log cabins and hard cider over the common sense and understanding of the people."

Accordingly the "little bull pup" was got in

readiness, powder procured, and manned by five

boys and a powder-monkey—all in clean shirts,

who embarked on board the steamer Mail for the city of lights; but lo! when they arrived there all

was total darkness—the fallow chandler refusing

to furnish them with candles without the ready

in hand, they resolved to put off the jollification

until the Banks resume.

THANKSGIVING.—This is the day set apart by

his Excellency, Governor Wallace as a day of

thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God.

The following, which we clip from the Wa-

bash Enquirer, is very appropriate to the occasion:

"Gee! who on thanksgiving bled,

Turkies who on corn have fed,

Welcome to us when you're dead,

And in the frost have hung,

"Now's the day and now's the hour,"

Thro' the market how we'll scour,

Seeking turkeys to devour,

Turkeys old and young.

Who would be a turkey hen,

Fed and fattened in a pen—

Killed and eat by hungry men—

Can you tell I pray?

Now then lay the turkeys low.

(Let the young ones run and grow.)

For Davy Wallace has said so.

This is thanksgiving day."

METHODISTS IN MICHIGAN.—The members of

the Methodist Church in Michigan, it is said,

number 11,463, viz: 11,267 white members, 12

colored, and 87 Indians. The number of minis-

ters 73, and local preachers 110.

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From Texas.

From the New Orleans Picayune, of the 28th ult., we have the annexed important and interesting intelligence from Texas.

The steam-packet ship Savannah, Captain Waddo, arrived yesterday morning from Galveston, bringing us dates from the new Republic to the 23d inst. We find the following news in our files:

The Austin Sentinel of a later date contains the following extract of a letter, dated

LA VILLA DE LOS JACATAS, Sept. 20.

Sir.—An express arrived at the head quarters of the Federal army, yesterday from Montero, bringing information that Gen. Urrea was 12 miles from the city of Mexico, in momentary expectation of being attacked by the United forces of Bustamante and Gen. Santa Anna, who had formed an alliance to sustain centralism.

"The Texian fleet had been at Yucatan; they were received as a national fleet; the ports were illuminated, and one of the grandest and most splendid festivals ever known in the country was given to the officers of the Texian fleet in Campeachy. The Federalists of Yucatan and Campeachy were anxious to form an alliance with Texas.

"Col. Jordon sent an express a few days ago to Gen. Canales, to march with all expedition to the Rio Grande; that Gen. Reyes was within 30 miles of him, with 700 men, with orders from Arista to attack him forthwith, but that he was in such a position that Gen. Reyes could not do it.

"Canales is determined to attack Reyes as soon as he can unite his forces with those under Col. Jordon, which will now be in a few days. His forces amount to 500 Americans, and 600 Mexicans.

[The letter says 'the rifles have done their duty before this.]

"Gen. Reyes assails, on the authority of Gomez Farias, the present President of Mexico, that the independence of Texas would be acknowledged before the expiration of six months; by

Mexico.

"I have a letter from Montero, from an old acquaintance, which makes the same assertion. He is just from the city of Mexico. If you have any speculation on hand, push them—unless Gen. Urrea meets with a defeat, and as yet all is in his favor."

We have a private letter from Galveston, written on the 23d, which states that the Houston Morning Star, received the previous day, contained information, direct from the West, to this effect: "That Arista was marching up the Rio Grande (this side) in pursuit of a division of the Federalists, (probably those under Col. Jordon,) when Canales with the remainder, fell upon his rear, and the other party wheeled and attacked him in front. In a short time Arista capitulated, surrendered all his baggage, six cannon, and 1,200 men. One of the provisions of the capitulation was, that Matamoros should be at once given up to the Federalists."

The Austin Sentinel says—"We have been informed by a gentleman from San Antonio, that the Federal cause in Northern Mexico still flourishes and that they have every prospect of ultimate success. Col. Seguin has been tendered the office of Brigadier General in the Federal army, and he is now awaiting orders on the Medina, with eighty American volunteers. It is probable he will resign his seat in the Senate of this republic.

"Major Howard, with one hundred and fifty regular troops and one hundred volunteers has left San Antonio on an expedition against the Guanches. This is the second party that is on its way into the Indian country.

A military post is to be established on the San Marcos, about half way between Austin and San Antonio.

It is said that Gen. F. Houston's projected Indian campaign does not seem to meet with very general approbation, and it is thought impossible for him to raise as large a force as that desired.

Congress was to have assembled on the first Monday in November.

From the Baltimore Sun.

STEAMBOAT DISASTER.—Loss of Life.—By the Apalachicola Advertiser extra, of the 28th ult., we learn that on the Sunday previous, the steamboat Le Roy Washington, Capt. Smith, with the mail from Chattahoochee to Joliet, and having on board thirteen persons, was totally lost. Her boilers first exploded, and she afterwards caught fire. Six persons lost their lives, viz: Daniel Rowlett, passenger; Washington Smith, master; John Ashton, engineer; Presley Hicks, fireman; Henry Carter, a free mulatto, steward. The names of the wounded are Mr. Holloman, pilot; Sam Smothers, a free mulatto, cook; a black woman, belonging to the boat, and a negro boy belonging to Judge Spangler.

Mr. Willia, a passenger, jumped into the yawl and escaped. The mail was saved, and the wounded were conveyed to the plantation of Mr. Sutton, to be taken care of. A Mr. Tappon, who went on board to assist the wounded and recover bodies, was left, the yawl having been taken on shore with the wounded. The fire gained fearfully on him; and though rescued by the return of the yawl, a few minutes' delay would have rendered his escape impossible. The mail, rescued by Mr. Sutton, was conveyed to its destination by the steamboat Louise, Capt. James Y. Smith.

From FLORIDA.—We copy from the Apalachicola Advertiser of the 24th ult. the following paragraph. It has been long suspected that there were villainous white men connected with the Indian operations in Florida, and this seems to be the first clue to their discovery.

There is a rumor here, for the truth of which we do not vouch, that two or three, or one or two white persons have been arrested at Tallahassee, on suspicion of being connected with the Indians. The name of one is said to be Johnson Cook, a man well known to many of our citizens, who was endeavoring to purchase a keg of gunpowder. This man resided with the Indians, previous to the commencement of hostilities, and supposed to have been with them ever since. He speaks Indian fluently, and adopted their mode of life from choice. When taken he is said to have displayed indications of having recently been painted, after the manner of the savages. We hope this is true, and if so, that every inducement will be held out, to elicit information concerning the lurking places of the enemy.

From the N. O. Crescent City, of the 30th ult.

Fire.—Yesterday morning, about four o'clock the steamboat Empress was discovered to be on fire, while lying at her moorings, alongside the levee. She was cut loose soon after the fire commenced, and drifted into the stream, taking the direction of Algiers. The Empress had on board a full freight, which, with the boat, was nearly a total loss. The fire is said to have originated in the ladies' cabin, from what cause we have not been able to ascertain. The current carried the burning boat to the opposite side of the river, where it came in contact with the steamer Monarch, recently off the stocks, after expensive repairs; this boat instantly took fire, and was likewise destroyed. It is said a small brig either took fire, or was in danger, but was saved by the promptness of the captain of the lower ferry, who instantly got up steam, and to the imminent danger of his own craft, succeeded in towing the Empress into the stream. An explosion of a keg or two of powder on board one of the boats was distinctly heard during the conflagration. The loss is stated at from \$70,000 to \$90,000.

The Monarch was mostly owned by Messrs. Layton & Ameling, and was insured in this city for \$25,000. It is understood that the Empress was partially insured at St. Louis.

Iowa.—Although the young and flourishing Territory of Iowa, says the Dubuque News, has lately attracted so much attention in the Atlantic States, yet there are few east of the Alleghenies who have any definite knowledge in regard to its geography, or its aptitude for agriculture and manufactures.—Ten years ago this most beautiful territory was unoccupied by white population, and known only to the Indian trader.

Now it contains a white population of forty-four thousand settlers, in the Black Hawk purchase alone, which is a narrow tract of about fifty miles, average width, lying on the west bank of the Mississippi, and extending from the Des Moines river on the south, to the neutral ground nearly opposite Prairie du Chien, on the north.—This is the principal part of the territory inhabited by the whites, and in agricultural advantages is superior to any other part of Iowa or the valley of the Mississippi.

"It adds to a temperate climate, and unequalled fertility of soil, an abundant water power, and a most excellent distribution of prairie and woodland to suit the wants of the farmer. Within a year or two ago, the great excellence of the soil and climate of the northern part of the Territory for raising all the vegetable products of the temperate zone was not known to its inhabitants themselves.—It was supposed that the want of snow on the prairies would unfit them to produce winter wheat or rye, which requires protection from the frost, but repeated trials for the last three seasons, have shown clearly that the