

To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.

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SELECTED POETRY.

Parting Words. BY CHAS. SWAIN. Now close the chamber door, mother, And kneel beside my bed, And pray that ere the dawn, moths...

POLITICAL.

Appointments by the President. The nomination of Mr. Buchanan by the Cincinnati Convention was hailed by the country as an omen of good to the nation...

scarcely control—spirits that in a short time would rule or run. But, in accepting the appointment of Mr. Walker on the basis of his published letter, the Black Republicans confess the folly and error of their opposition to the Kansas-Nebraska bill...

COL. BENTON AGAINST EMANCIPATION. It was mentioned, a few days ago, that Col. Benton had written a letter protesting against the movement of some of his friends in Missouri in favor of slave emancipation...

The Lawless State of Things in Utah. Washington letter-writers say the condition of affairs in Utah has claimed to some degree the attention of the administration...

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The Original Dred Scott.

The original Dred Scott is a resident of St. Louis, and the News of that city gives a sketch of his history. The News says: The distinguished colored individual who has made such a noise in the world in the case of Scott against Sanford, and who has become so tangled up with the Missouri Compromise and other great subjects...

He was brought by his master to St. Louis, about thirty years ago, and in the course of time became the property of Doctor Emerson, a surgeon in the army, whom he accompanied on that trip to Rock Island and Fort Snelling, on the ground of which Dr. Emerson was formerly Miss Sanford, and is now Mrs. Chaffee, wife of Hon. Mr. Chaffee, of Massachusetts...

On his return from Mexico he applied to his mistress, Mrs. Emerson, then living near St. Louis, for the purchase of himself and family, offering to pay part of the money down, and give an eminent citizen of St. Louis, an officer in the army, as security for the payment of the remainder...

Dred does not appear at all discouraged by the issue of the celebrated case, although it dooms him to slavery. He talks about the affair with the ease of a veteran litigant, though not exactly in technical language, and is hugely tickled at the idea of finding himself a personage of such importance...

He is about fifty-five years old, we should think, though he does not know his own age. He is of unmixed African blood, and as black as a piece of charcoal. For two or three years past he has been running at large, no one exercising ownership over him, or putting any restraint upon his movements...

Dred, though illiterate, is not ignorant. He has travelled considerably, and has improved his stock of strong common sense by much information picked up in his journeyings. He is anxious to know who owns him, being ignorant whether he is the property of Mrs. Chaffee, or Mr. Sanford, though we presume, there is no doubt that the former is his legal owner...

Mission to Prussia.—President Buchanan has tendered the Mission to Prussia to the Hon. T. G. Pratt, late a Whig Senator in Congress from Maryland. This is a first class Mission, with a salary of \$12,000 a year...

MANLESS BLOOD HORSES.—The Persian Ambassador at Paris, Ferouck-Khan, has just presented to Louis Napoleon four Arab horses of the purest blood, from his master, the Shah. Their peculiarities are two—that they are larger than any blood horses hitherto seen, and that they have no manes...

Negroism Jones.—A rigid church member, "I have been informed that you often drive your team, and even go on a hunting on the Sabbath." "True," replied Jones; "but then on those occasions I always whistle psalm tunes."

Later from Europe. HALIFAX, April 10.—Our private correspondence from Liverpool and London, made up to the latest moment, has come to hand. The highly favorable intelligence regarding cotton, taken out by the Niagara to Liverpool, had no effect whatever upon the market, and purchases could be readily made at rates current at the sailing of the Asia...

In Breadstuffs there is no prospect of any speedy recovery from the present depression, and heavy losses from the rapid fall have already taken place. Pork and Beef had both experienced a slight improvement, while Lard, notwithstanding the apathy of buyers, was still held in much firmness...

FURTHER FROM TEXAS.—The Texas papers received yesterday furnish the following additional intelligence: The Gonzales Inquirer reports a light frost in the country on the night of the 1st instant...

The American learns that the late frosts have almost utterly destroyed the crops in the neighborhood of Washington. The farmers (the American says) are busily engaged in replanting both corn and cotton...

BALTIMORE, April 15.—Seven large warehouses on Lombard and Charles streets were burned last night, involving a loss of over \$300,000—twelve persons were injured and it is feared that some were killed...

ALBANY, (N. Y.) April 11.—Yesterday, in the House of Representatives, the revising statutes came up. A long and somewhat personal debate ensued, during which Mr. Beckwith, of Washington, alluded to an article in the Knickerbocker denouncing Gov. King, and declared that its writer must have been a dirty political scavenger...

NEW YORK, April 6.—The Rome (N. Y.) Sentinel gives the particulars of a disaster to the ferry boat running between St. Vincent and Kingston, Canada, by which a number of lives were lost. Out of fifteen or twenty passengers, only two were saved. The mails were also lost.

PAPER TOWNS IN NEBRASKA.—We would advise all our friends to beware of paper towns. There is at this time a perfect town making mania; every body seems desirous of being the owner of a town. All persons desirous of securing an interest in Nebraska would do well to examine for themselves or get a responsible agent to act for them...

THE GREAT CATASTROPHE.—The impression that the world is to be at an end on the 13th of June is so prevalent at Gallicia that the peasants are becoming somewhat difficult to manage. The poor ignorant creatures have been confirmed in the idea that they have but a few more weeks to live by the abolition of the "passport torture" in Austria, and the reduction of a Polish correspondent of the Ost Deutsche Post...

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A rumor that they had been accepted had occasioned much rejoicing. The New Orleans papers state that six persons were killed and sixteen injured by the explosion of the steamer Forest Rose.

PRESIDENTIAL GALLANTRY.—We find in the last issue of the Frankfort Yeoman a letter from the President to a Mrs. Webber, of Wayne county, Indiana, acknowledging the receipt of a handsome pair of mittens. We copy the precious epistle in full, so that our readers may see how far our President is acquainted with the ordinary proprieties of life:

WHEATLAND, Penn., Dec. 13.—"My dear Madam—I have received your favor of the 5th instant with the mittens you were kind enough to send me as a token of regard from one of the matrons of Indiana.

"To your noble State the whole country is under great obligations, for its triumphant support of the Constitution and the Union at the late Presidential election. In compliance with your request, I transmit you a likeness of myself, and hope you will accept as an additional present, the enclosed sum of \$25. I trust that, under the blessing of Providence, I may continue to deserve your good opinion.

SAD BEREAVEMENT.—Sunday afternoon witnessed a melancholy cortege in the streets of New Orleans. It was a long and sad procession, following to the grave the mortal remains of two of the daughters of our esteemed townsman, Dr. Wm. Rush-ton. They died, one at midnight on Saturday night, and the other a few hours later, of that dreadful disease, the scarlet fever, and are now lying entombed together...

ST. LOUIS, April 14.—The Leecompton correspondent of the Democrat, says the appointment of Hon. R. J. Walker, gives great dissatisfaction among the Free State men, it being regarded as favorable to the formation of a Slave State. A spirit of violent and reckless lawlessness is beginning to be exhibited.

MRS. EX-PRESIDENT POLK.—Mrs. Polk, the esteemed widow of the ex President, has determined to reside in Washington during the next session of Congress. Heretofore, since her husband's death, with the exception of a visit in London at the time when Mr. Buchanan was American minister there, Mrs. Polk has resided in Tennessee. It will be remembered that the deceased ex-President left to his widow the charge and taking care of and publishing his memoirs, which, so far as they relate to his administration are said to be minute, full of interesting personal anecdote and abounding in reflections suggested by the state of public affairs and the conduct of his cabinet.

THE STEAMER RESCUE.—A collision between the steamer Rescue and the schooner De Witt occurred on the 10th. Several persons have been injured since the resumption of navigation.

MARRIAGE IN FUN.—Another instance of the folly of "marring in fun" is just now exciting the good people of Fondra. It seems that a barking officer in that town met at a ball a young lady from the neighborhood, who was very good looking, sprightly, and attractive. While waltzing with her, he proposed in jest that they should be married. The lady accepted his proposition, and they adjourned to a side room, where a person present was called upon to perform the ceremony, which he did, to the infinite amusement of all concerned. The gentleman thought no more of the matter until the breaking up of the ball, when his fair partner called upon him to conduct her to his residence. He demurred, and thought she had better go to her own residence. She said that the home of her husband was her home, "whither thou goest, I will follow thee." He didn't hardly understand that she was his wife. She insisted upon her marital rights, and claimed that as the ceremony had been performed by a Justice of the Peace, it was a perfectly fair and legal transaction. Gentlemen inquired into matters; found that her positions were correct, and that he was in a bad box. He is now endeavoring to ignore his wife and back out of the bargain, with little prospect of success, however. The lady has before been married, and was, it is understood, divorced from her former husband, but under such circumstances as admitted of her marrying again.—Albany Evening Transcript.

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