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MISCELLANY.

The American Question.

DANVILLE, Ky., April 28, 1855. Col. A. G. Hodges, Frankfort-My Dear Sir : You are aware that I have received two communications, both of them signed by a number of the most respectable citizens of your town, amongst whom I recognize many old personal friends, urging me to address the people at the Capital of the State was that the country that respectable citizens of your town, amongst whom I recognize many old personal friends, urging me to address the people at the Capital of themselves to those who do, must able the were willing to be traduced, and if necessary, murdered utterly defeated?—

Were they called into council when their the State upon that great American question which so deeply engages the attention of the whole community. I may add, that many similar invitations have been sent to me, and still continue to be sent from various and widely separated portions of the Commonwealth, signed in the aggregate by a very large number of persons. And it is no doubt known to you that within this month I was prevailed on, under peculiar circumstances, in both instances, to speak on this subject in Cynthiana, and in Lexington. The object of this communication ington. The object of this communication country will guard and assure its natioality is, in the first place, to say in this public in spite of its recreant children as well as manner, that it does not appear to be my duty to accept these invitations; and in the second, to perform the duty which they and many other considerations do seem to remain other considerations do seem to require, in the distinct expression of my princute such a work in such a spirit, and she ciples on the subject itself. In doing this, will be launched anew upon her high career. temporal Prince submitted to their scrutiny? it may save the necessity of future explanation to say that I avail myself of the proof-sheets of an article written by me for a pe-riodical published in another State, which is not difficult. Manifestly whatever these has not yet been issued; and to add that if means were, they must have worked long If the perfidity and ferocity of their ene-I supposed there was the smallest doubt of the issue of this contest in Kentucky, or that in all parts of the country, and for years to-

the one I have now adopted. old managers of parties and elections, a that a stream of foreign paupers and felon most unexpected phase. Many things have flowed ceaselessly into the bosom of the reconspired to produce this result; and men public? Was it nothing that millions of will, no doubt, give this or that explanation foreign Papists and foreign Infidels, inundaof the movement we are witnessing, according to the point of view from which they consider it. Many effects may be produced ers, directed against the Liberty, the Reliby the movement itself; and men will apgion, and the Nationality of the people? great country.

movement itself can no longer be a matter of the press, the importunities of the pulpit of doubt. And to the calm observer various elements are manifest which render its future for years together against this frightful and progress altogether inevitable. Amongst these decisive elements may be stated the that at length, men could neither vote nor augmented force of the movement itself, preach, nor speak, nor pray, nor teach, with-acquired by its own previous triumphs; and out being liable to insult and violence—unthe great homogeneousness of the spirit of less they would do all in such a manner as it, to the portions already conquered. It suited the tastes of foreign mobs, composed will encounter no difficulty equal to the inwill encounter no difficulty equal to the in-tense Democracy of New Hampshire, Illi-nois Pennsylvania and Michigan; the wide-long, which wrought the American people

nois, Pennsylvania and Michigan; the widespread political immorality of New York,
the Democracy of Virginia, and the settled
anti-slavery sentiment of Massachusetts;
the hereditary Whigism of Kentucký. Yet

No doubt Religion is an element of this
wide-spread excitement. But it is not the all of these are mastered by the grander wide-spread excitement. But it is not the spirit of the new movement. What barrionly element, nor with all men the chief part of all against whom it is directed. Its

min. te without immense results.

What uprising of the spirit of Amer- ed to be Chinese or Mahomedans the na- on one side and papal and infidel foreigners the restoration of the which the counProtestant civilization, in which the counProtestant civilization, in and and still Popular and unsettled account with foreign Despots and Protestant civilization, in and and still Popular and st Protestant civilization, it and a still Popery, many centuries old. At first it sanction of the court of Rome, and execution that we behold the renew all of that beneath that we behold the renew and of that beneath that we behold the renew and of that was the Emperor and the Pope who trod us ted by millions of foreign papiets and infi-

grandest outbirth of our National Revolu-tion. These are the life and heart and soul tion. These are the life and heart and soul of this gigantic movement. American National tionality, Protestant Civilization, National Union. The country believes all three of t Union. The country believes all three of these are in danger. Men may say the country is deluded. But that does not alter the case so long as the country thinks the country is resolved that all the country the country is resolved that all the country that the country the country the country the country the country the country that the country the country the country that the country the country that the country the country the country that the country th otherwise. The country is resolved that all we be driven into the Pacific Panel we ous, enlightened and patriotic men view this subject in a light widely different from that in which it strikes me. I have no allusion to that, so long as the lientless pursuers? They have followed the lientless pursuers? They have followed the lientless pursuers? I have no allusion to them, in anything I have uttered. I do

ance; and, believing it to have been be-

my services were comparable in value to the estimate put on them by impartial friends, the dissolution of the Union was constantly I should pursue a very different course from threatened? Was it nothing that political corruption grown gigantic in the land had Politics have assumed a new, and to the shocked all honest men. Was it nothing miliating and the most fatal? Was it no-The intense and pervading power of the thing, that the voice of patriots, the power

er remains to arrest its irresistible career? one. Either of the other elements, by itself, success is seen to be a fatality to them. It is infinitely absurd for the opponents or this one by iself ought to have been suf- For nations do not immediately incur the of this vast movement of the human mind to attribute it to unworthy or insignificant causes. It is utterly ridiculous for its friends to imagine that it can exhaust itself upon at all, they over whom long delayed retri-subjects that are feeble and indistinct. It bution is impending scream at the bare merican party, strong enough to swallow may aim at what is wrong, or what is unmention of it, as the demoniacs did when up not only Democracy itself, but every attainable; but it cannot avoid aiming at they saw Christ approach them. It is a other feebler excitement, will live forever what is great and permanent any more than it could have been produced by anything view, that we hesitate to surrender our consuminate political, will be only but necthat was feeble, indirect, or base. A great country, our Liberty, and our Religion to essarily the outbirth of the spirit. Assaults people does not receive such shocks from the guidance of corrupt men banded with upon the Union of these States, whether such causes; nor when received do they ter- foreigners; and what makes it a persecurwe behold is a vast and apparently What we below of the spirit of American and the spirit of American profound sense of the overwhelming the sity of our National Union—which was the description of the overwhelming the sity of our National Union—which was the rest out of all lands its distribution of foreign papists and infidely cast into our boson, must be brought to an end. Foreigners must be content to

nately crushed. The country determines But the demagogues, the priests, the mobs, longer and more eagerly, and vindicated Man and wife were indeed one flesh; for trayed, it purposes to surround it with ade- the country, if that were any longer possiquate sfaeguards. They who participate ble, did not call the whole of them into in these opinions will applaud this profound council !- For what? In order to be murmanently awaits them. The country cherishes its glorious nationality; and believing notified, when corrupt bargains were struck majesty-to assert, to vindicate, and to de- at an infamous price? Were they consultvelope still more powerfully the nationality ed when the atrocious schemes to break up without which the country itself has no destiny—no mission on the face of the earth.

Were they advertised when the overthrow lates of Europe? Was counsel asked of ker. throughout the whole land, they conspired with the full assent of demagogues to over-It may be of less importance to deter- The sufety of the State is the supreme would have it, must consult, must combine. tion, it only proves the greatness of their danger. In point of morality, it stands precisely on the same footing as vote by ballot. The object of it determines its lawfulness; and it is its success, not its nature, which makes it so hateful.

If the Nationality of America is to be sustained; if her Protestant civilization is to be perpetuated; if the Federal Union is organized power of society must be taken out of the hands of those who have betrayed That enlightened, the first step of the revolution is political, the second is legal. The first step involves the organization, and the be seen on his head, which shines like a triumph of a party commensurate with the greased pumpkin. Beneath a high, intelcountry, the American Party: and that involves the overthrow of every party that resists its ultimate objects, or resists the necssary means of obtaining those objects. Indeed, if this step was fully achieved it would be of less consequence to take a second one; since the laws, though bad, are endurable; and society is safe; as soon as it has finally put out of power all men and parties, hostile to our Nationality, to our And this is the reason why this great

movement excites such excruciating bitter- of clocks; and after finding his funds getmerican party, strong enough to swallow essarily the outbirth of the spirit. Assaults from the North or the South, must cease .-

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peroically won.

Your friend and servant, ROBT. J. BRECKENRIDGE.

The Baltimore correspondent of the personage whom he met a few evenings

"His name is Henry Ottmer. He was county, Pennsylvania, of German parent-He came to Baltimore when a boy,

and served an apprenticeship to a watchmawith only a rude education, he applied himself to books. The taste for literature and science grew upon him, and ever since he has been a laborious student. Solitary and alone, he toiled day and night until he man, and several other languages. This done, he betook himself to history, the sciphilosopher, chemist, poet, mechanic, mathematician, and somewhat of a theologian. In my whole life, I have never seen such a singular personage. He lives in a small isolated cottage, apart from society. Peter the Hermit was not so thorough a recluse, nor Diogenes more learned. He rato be preserved; there is but one possible ther eschews women, lives a bachelor, has method of dealing with the subject. The a fine library of the classics and modern literature, and is happy beyond measure. His expression to me was, that he would these vast interests, and must be put into not exchange positions with the most fathe hands of those who will cherish them. vored ergwined heads of Europe. He prowhen the proper destiny of our proper destiny of the proper destin

lectual forehead and a projecting brow, is seen a small, quick penetrating black eye, full of character and intelligence. He never shaves, has a fine moustache and ample whiskers, with a face vivid in expressison. His entire costume would not sell for ten dimes, if put up at public auction. A passer-by would suppose him a poor mendi-cant, and be inclined to extend the hand of charity; and yet he is comfortable in the world's goods-owes no man a farthing, is independent as a king, happy as a ford.— His food is literature, and his delight the classics; is, by profession, a skilful repairer

A Singular Couple.

Along with my brother, who was collecting matter for a work he was about to publish, I visited the interesting town of Hexham -interesting at least to him, for it was ed the breaking of the surf out the rocks of State. - Greenville Mountaineer. a fine field for historical research, although, one of the islands, but were at a loss to for my own part. I found little to admire know which one of them. I stood to in besides its ancient church. The circum-the stern of the boat, which I had been stance which, more than anything else, ob-steering, and shouted with all my strength. tained the dingy town a lasting place in —I listened a moment, and heard through my memory, was our taking a lodging with the thick fog, and above the breaking of the an extraordinary pair, an old man and wo- surf, the sweet voice of my boy, callingman, husband and wife, who lived by themselves, without child or servant, subsisting on the letting of their parlor and two bedrooms. They were tall and erect, though each seventy years of age. When we saying: knocked at the door for admittance, they "I knew you would hear me father! answered it together; if we raug the bell, the husband and wife invariably appeared side by side; all requests and demands were now. They died two short weeks after the received by both and executed with the ut- period I now refer to, with hardly an intermost nicety and exactness. The first night, arriving late by the coach from Newcastle, and merely requiring a good fire and our tea, we were puzzled to understand the reason of this double attendance; and I remember my brother rather irreverently shore—"come this way, father—steer wondering whether we "were always to be straight for me!" waited upon by these Siamese twins." ringing the bell to retire for the night, both sppeared as usual; the wife carrying the edroom candlestick; the husband standing at the door. I gave her directions about

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its most precious and the precious devoted men who first combined to save thousand of my countrymen. All I ask is, to watch the old man and woman in their that when that triumph comes, it may be inseparableness. Their sympathy with each south of Devon, in consequence of the disused as wisely and as generously as it was other was as swift as electricity, and made covery of a vast number of foot-tracks of a their deprivation as naught.

Pretty Women and Politeness.

A talented lady who writes for the pa-pers speaks thus of the city railway cars. The seats of the car were all occupied— New Orleans Picayune gives the following crowded: yet the conductor stopped for brief sketch of a very singular and eccentric me. Not wishing to disturb, I was intendend arose and insisted upon my taking his born some fifty-two years ago, in Somerset obeyed. Presently a lady much younger, much prettier, and much better, dressed

than myself entered the car. No less than four gentlemen rose instantly, herself with a peculiar grace of manner. She had one of those faces Raphael was always painting—touchingly sweet and expressive. A little after this young beauty eccomplished a thorough knowledge of Lat- very thin and pale, with that care worn lagno sixpences to throw away and came in of the gentlemen (?) offering to rise, Raphael's angel, with sweet, reproving eyes looked on those who had so officiously offered her a seat and seeing none of them mysterions visitor. At present it remains a attempt to move, and just as I myself was rising to give the poor old lady a seat, she arose and insisted upon the woman taking outside their doors at night.

It was all the work of but a more interesting the above towns are actually afraid to go outside their doors at night.

English Paper. arose and insisted upon the woman taking her seat. It was all the work of but a moment; and the look of grateful surprise the old woman gave her and the glance of weet heautiful girk bestowed on the picty the beautiful girk bestower on the woman as she yielded her seat, and the evident consternation of the broadcloth indi-

"Come this Way, Father."

During a short visit to the sea-shore of our State a few years since, with a party of friends, it was proposed one bright afternoon that we should make up a fishing party and go down to the harbor on a fishing excursion. We accordingly started, and after sailing about three miles, a young lady of the company declined going farther, and requested us to land her on one of the small islands in the harbor, where she proposed to remain until our return. My little boy, then about four years old, preferred remaining with her. Accordingly, we left them the company declined going farther, and requested us to land her on one of the small then about four years old, preferred remaining with her. Accordingly, we left them, and proceeded six miles further. We continued out much longer than we intended, and as night approached, a thick fog set in from the sea, entirely enshrouding us. Without a compass, and not knowing the right the institution of slavery in general, and they have wisely determined to go for a -I listened a moment, and heard through

"Come this way father !- steer for me I'm here waiting for you!"
We steered by that sound, and soon my

little boy leaped into my arms with joy

and nestled to sleep on my bosom. The child and maiden are both sleeping val of time between their deaths. Now tossed on the rough sea of life, without a compass or guide, enveloped in fog and surrounded by rocks, I seem to hear the sound in accordance with the facts. A court of of the cherub voice, calling from the bright freeholders was convened on Tuesday, and

When oppressed with sadness, I take my way to our quiet cemetery; still as I stand by one little mound, the same musical voice choes from thence, "come this way, father, -I'm waiting for you!"

RAIN .- On Wednesday evening last we were blessed with copious and refresh-ing showers. We think the rain has been general throughout our District. This was the first thorough season we have had in our

most strange and mysterious description The superstitious go so far as to believe that they are the marks of Satan himself; and that great excitement bas been propers speaks thus of the city railway cars. The seats of the car were all occupied—crowded: yet the conductor stopped for me. Not wishing to disturb, I was intending to stand, but a gentleman up at the far that the subject has been descented on from the pulpit. It appears that, on Thursday night last, there was a very heavy fall of snow in the neighborhood of the conductors and insisted upon my taking his Exeter and the south of Devon. On the seat. Being very tired, I thanked him and following morning the inhabitants of the above towns were surprised at discovering the foot-marks of some strange and masterious animal endowed with the power of ubiquity, as the footprints were to be seen ker. Working in this city until his majority, he got sick of city life, and retired to the country. Having a tase for study, and the country. Having a tase for study, and the country. Having a tase for study, and the country of the country of the country. Having a tase for study, and the country of the co and pailings, as well as in open fields. There was hardly a garden in Lympstone where

these footprints were not observable. The pressive. A little after this young beauty track appeared more like that of a biped than a quadruped, and the steps were generally eight inches in advance of each other. n, Greek, French, Spanish, Hebrew, Ger- gard look that poverty and sorrow and hard The impression of the foot closely resemlabor slways give, came in. She might have bles that of a donkey's shoe, and measured been one of those poor seamstresses who from an inch and a-half, in some instances ences, &:.., and now ranks among the best ork like slaves and starve for their labor, to two and a-half inches across. Here and scholars of the age. His present favorite study is mathematics, and admits of but weak and exhausted. She had evidently generality of the steps the shoe was continuous for the steps th two problems which have given him pause no sixpences to throw away and came in the carnot to stand, but to rest while she cubic equations. He is an astronomer, was nearly stronger for the same and the solution of the carnot to stand, but to rest while she maining entire, merely showing the outer convex. was helped on in her journey. While she was neekly standing for the moment none The creature seems to have approached the doors of several houses, and then to have cover the standing or resting point of this

Kansas Territory-Its Prospects.

We had the pleasure of meeting with Col. Crosson during the present week, and dent consternation of the breadcloth indident consternation of the breadcloth indiall were to me irresistibly interesting and
instructive. One of these same broadcloth
wearers apparently overpowered with confusion, got up and left the car and Raphael
took his vacant seat.

"Come this Way, Father." Kansas will be a Slaveholding State, or no-State of this Union. They are determined on it. He says that the Northern abolition papers have grossly slandered the Missourians. That notwithstanding the great excitement existing in Missouri, they are de-

SHOCKING MURDER .- Our district. on Monday last, was the scene of an awful tragedy, the facts of which are these: Holman Smith, residing near the Rolling Mill, was correcting a negro girl for misconduct, when the mother interfered for her protection. A summons from Mr. Smith for assistance brought up several of the boys and the woman's son among the number. She then struck her master with a hoe handle, and the son followed it up with five blows upon the head of Mr. Smith with the poll of an axe, crushing in the head at each blow. reducing it to a shapeless mass. In the consternation and alarm the boy escaped, but was speedily arrested, and both secured to await investigation.

Magistrate Davis Moon, acting as coroner,

summoned an inquest, and the finding was the slaves were found guilty. They were brought to the village and lodged in the jail in the evening, to await execution on Friday, 6th of July .- Carolina Spartan.

A GOOD KIND OF CORN BREAD .- Take one quart of corn meal, three eggs, one table spoonful of lard; a little yeast and salt: make it up tolerably stiff; after it has risen put a small table-spoonful of sods and a tea-spoonful of sugar in a little milk and tea-spoonful of sugar in a little milk and stir it in, the quantity of milk depends up on how you want to bake it, it is to sell very little. It may be thick enough to drop in spoonfuls into an oven and bake with a lift; or made thin enough to take like batter-bread. If his made at one or two delock it will rise difficulties for supper; if at breakfast time is sill do for dinner, when it should be baked at pones,

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