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What will it Avail!

Suppose that Col. Marshall be chosen to Congress, what end will be subserved, and what purpose accomplished by the American party? It will be but a barren victory achieved at a great cost of time and money, and a greater sacrifice of feeling and conscientious principle on the part of that large number of Americans, who, while they revolt from the necessity of voting for such a man, are impelled to it by the nature of their secret obligations. His election can be productive in no sense of good to the country, nor success to the cause of which he is the champion. To the nation he is so well known by his political vagrancies, that his influence will be limited, no matter with what ability he may urge any measure of public policy. Besides, since he sinks the abilities of a statesman into the tricks of a politician, and labors not for principles, but for ulterior personal ends, it is not probable, as it certainly is not possible, that his services as a legislator can be made profitable to the country in a body where, above all places else, the most utter abnegation of self-interest, the most exclusive devotion to the public weal, and the loftiest sentiments of honor, are required of the man who would accomplish a practical good for the nation.

What the success of Col. Marshall will profit the party whose candidate he is we cannot discover. He will go to Washington a member of a minority, unless he coalesce (as he may do, judging by his proclivities) with the Anti-Slavery K. N. members of the North. It will be beyond his power to do anything serviceable, unless he devotes his time to log-rolling for the next Presidential campaign. Should the question involving a change or modification in the naturalization laws be introduced, Col. Marshall will be unable to do or say anything. His hands are tied, his lips sealed, and his throat gagged. He holds to that construction of the Federal Constitution which vests in the legislatures of the respective States the whole right as to regulating the naturalization laws. According to his belief Congress has nothing to do with the matter, and all of its laws are mere nullities, when they conflict with those of the States. He further believes that a State has the power to enact a law granting to foreigners the right of suffrage in one, three, six, or twelve months after they land. In fact his belief extends to a total nullification of the acts of Congress that were passed in conformity with a provision of the Constitution concerning the passage of naturalization laws. Entertaining these views we cannot see of what service Col. Marshall will be to the party, as his thus ignores one of its principal aims.

What then is proposed to be gained by the election of Col. Marshall! He can not go for a change in the naturalization laws, because he thinks the States have the control of that matter, and as this is the great object desired by the American party, its members will find in their absents and candidate a man who could not, if he would, and would not if he could, be of a particle of service either to the country or his party.

Men and Principles.

There is not in the State of Kentucky a more ably conducted, a more spirited, or a more thoroughly American paper than the Princeton *Kentuckian*. The editor, however, has opinions of his own, and he also has the boldness and manliness to give expression to them. He fully agrees with us in the position we have taken, that no possible good can result to the best cause in the world by electing designing schemers and tricksters to office; that even temporary success with such men will terminate in an utter failure to obtain our ends, and a deserved ultimate defeat, and that all intriguing aspirants for office should be put down now and forever. The following article from the *Kentuckian* we commend to the careful consideration of our readers:

It is very unpleasant and even mortifying to be at variance with the household of your religious or political creed, and to be forced from a sense of duty to stand about from a cause which you believe in itself is just and good. This is sometimes a disagreeable duty, but one which a candid man will not hesitate to perform, knowing that in all things it is best to be honest, and that a frank confession is good for the soul. We have come to the point. We have seen with much regret the highly objectionable selections which the American party have made in choosing candidates for office—perhaps, we should not say selections, for in many instances office-hunters of a strong stripe have thrust themselves on the party, and secured a nomination by the use of these corrupt influences and interests that have raised, for a time at least, all of the old parties.

We speak now to the people who act on principle—not to ambitious politicians—and we tell them frankly that *we must frown on all such intriguing aspirants*, and we shall frown, *if need be, our first on them now and forever.* Do we fight for measures and principles? Have we the good of the country at heart? Or, as all other parties have done, have we merely organized for the purpose of helping corrupt men to fat offices? *We see no possible good to result to the best cause in the world by electing designing schemers and tricksters to office; that even temporary success with such men will terminate in an utter failure to obtain our ends, and a deserved ultimate defeat.*

We tell the A. M. the American party in Kentucky have made some wretched selections in their nominees. It is needless to specify, as no one can mention. We believe, however, that we have a first rate State ticket; as far as we know, the men are good and true, but in some of the Congressional districts we could not have done worse. We can readily sacrifice personal preferences, but not *personal respect, and personal respect would forbid our supporting some of the American candidates.* We are not alone in this opinion, and we believe that on the August returns will show, in several districts, a large majority for the State ticket, where but a small majority, if any major ty at all, will be given for the local and district ticket. To tell the truth, we will be glad if this prediction be verified, as it will show that the people are resolved to turn their backs on schemers, and to choose men who are pure, upright, and perfectly competent in our ranks all over the State, who would represent us ably and honestly, and the masses should be resolute in their determination to have such and none others. We do not say this to threaten or disorganize, but we write it to point the party from some of its ills. To the principles of Americanism we are devoted, and for the furtherance of those principles let us have officers whom all esteem, not only for their ability, but for their stern integrity and moral worth.

Another Bolter!

According to previous announcement, Hon. John J. Crittenden delivered a speech at Frankfort, on Tuesday last, on the American question, which the "*Commonwealth*," of course, pronounces "the ablest ever delivered in Frankfort on any question." It does not, however, seem to have been greatly appreciated, for it was delivered to comparatively a very small audience.

We have room just now to no ice only one feature in the speech. It will be seen by the following extract from the Frankfort *Commonwealth*, that Mr. Crittenden has repudiated the Catholic test plank of the platform, and strongly opposes its proscriptive features. We do not know how those brethren whose bitterness and bigotry have made them believe that opposition to Catholicity is the very essence of Americanism, will receive this intelligence. We regret it, however, as evidence of the re-action which has already taken place and is still going on in the public mind. But to the extract from the *Commonwealth*:

Upon the Catholic question, Mr. Crittenden declared that he was utterly hostile to imposing any proscription, prescription or disability upon any man on account of his religion. He had, further, the fullest confidence in our native Catholics. He knew native Catholics in Kentucky, he whom as citizens, or patriots, or soldiers, he had as full confidence as in any men of any faith whatever, and for whom he would vote if they were before him as candidates. He did not care they acknowledged no allegiance to the Pope that was superior to their allegiance to their country, or equal to it. He would trust Kentucky blood and Kentucky principles against all the solicitations of any foreign power.

☞The telegraphic despatches lately have been but little better than a nuisance. Although paying an extravagant price for them, yet they are almost constantly failing us, and we frequently have to copy them from Cincinnati papers, where they first appear. The foreign news which we publish this morning appeared in the Cincinnati papers yesterday morning.

Impudent and Infamous Proscription.

[From the Louisville Journal.]

At a meeting of South Benson Comn ll, on Saturday, the 21st inst., the following preamble and resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

Whereas this Council, a number of whom are at this time patrons of the Louisville Courier, have for some time past regarded the course of the Courier in the present exciting and important canvass as at war with the interest of the American party; indeed, using its utmost endeavors to foster the principles of those whose object and aim are to subvert every measure calculated to further the cause of Americanism; therefor:—

Resolved, That such members of this Council as are subscribers to the Louisville Courier will, from this day forward and forever, withdraw our support from said paper, and use every means in our power to curtail its circulation in this region; not that we are not willing to accord to the editor of said paper the right to think and act for himself; but because of the fact that we are bound to regard him as a *traitor* to the cause which in times past he has so warmly and zealously advocated.

Resolved, That this Council forthwith request the editor of the Louisville Journal to send fairly copies of his paper to this office, believing that in that paper we may confidently look for an able and cordial support of those principles which we deem indispensable to the well-being and prosperity of this Republic.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Council send to the editor of the Louisville Courier a list of the names of such of the members of this Council as are at this time subscribers to that paper, and request a discontinuance thereof, notwithstanding their subscription has six months to run.

Resolved, That the editors of the Journal and Courier be requested to publish the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

Signed by the Secretary of South Benson Council No. 174.

BRIDGEPORT, Ky., July 23, 1855.

The above appeared in the Louisville *Journal* of Wednesday morning, and we think our readers will agree with us that it is alike infamous and impudent. We copy it to let the world see to what extremes party feeling will sometimes carry men. "South Benson Council" denounces to become we will not permit our paper to be controlled by fool and designing men, and because we would not permit them to do our thinking, and not because we have changed any principle we have advocated. We are as much and as earnestly in favor of carrying out true American principles now as we ever were; but we have seen fit to denounce an organization which contains fourteen odious and revolting to every freeman, and which all honest men will sooner or later reject—an organization which has outraged us, and which we will fight against until it is dead, and buried so deep as to be beyond reach of the contempt of all decent people.

We presume the above proceedings, copied from the *Journal*, are authentic, although we have not as yet received any communication from the parties; but it will be observed that the proper officers had sufficient sense of shame remaining to prevent them from attaching their names to the document. Their attempts to proscribe us we regard with utter scorn and contempt, feeling secure in the truth and justice of our position, and being assured that an enlightened public will never permit us to suffer for boldly defending the right.

A resolution to proscribe us by the withdrawal of patronage was introduced into Liberty Council, in this city, by Mr. JAS. P. CHAMBERS, a young lawyer, who, notwithstanding years of exertion, has never yet been sufficiently appreciated by the public as to be rewarded with office. It was promptly voted down, some of the members declaring that they transacted business with the *Courier*, not for our, but their own benefit, and that when they thought they were not getting value received for the money they were paying us, they could then, at their own pleasure and according to their own judgment, withdraw their business. This was taking a proper and sensible view of the matter. They saw that if they submitted to dictation in this instance, the Council would next proceed to determine from what butcher its members should purchase their meat, what gardener their vegetables, what grocer their coffee and tea, what tailor their clothes, what merchant their dry goods, what physician to administer to their bodily ailments, and what preacher to their moral wants. We do not want a single patron who does not feel that we are giving him the full worth of his money. We are no takers for charity. We want no man to take the *Courier* as a matter of favor to us. We try to make it such a paper that the people cannot do without it; and, when we find our labors as an independent and truthful editor are not appreciated, we will seek some other business, in which a man can have freedom of thought and action.

In order to show what is thought of such proceedings as we have spoken of, we copy the following from the New Albany *Ledger*, a paper that will not be accused of friendship toward us:

No comments on such proceedings are necessary or could add force to the proscriptive spirit therein displayed. It is not our business to defend the Louisville Courier, nor shall we do it. But when we see such means displayed to crush a man because he has the manliness to express his honest convictions, we cannot but sympathize with him. It will be seen that the members of this Know-Nothing Council are not permitted to exercise their discretion as to what papers they shall take. The members who happened to be present at the Saturday night meeting decreed that every member of the Council must take the Courier and take the Journal, and the Secretary is ordered to furnish the editor of the Courier with a list of the members taking the paper, directing their discontinuance without consulting the individual members. Such tyranny is abomina le. It is worse than the most debasing species of negro slavery.

The Thing Explained!

It has been stated excitingly by some of the Know-Nothing organs, among them the Louisville *Journal*, that a majority of the members of the late Know-Nothing National Council were Democrats. We presume such was the fact, but less it never occurred to those gentlemen, that to this very fact is to be attributed the present prostrate and deplorable condition of the party—even as it is to almost a thousand fragments, and each faction indulging in the most intense bitterness to the other! Did these Democrats really join the party for the good of the party or for insidious purposes? If the latter, they have been signally successful in their mission. They have succeeded in introducing an element, with which the party had no business under Heaven to interfere as a party, which has caused dissensions and divisions which the most skilful political doctors can never heal. They have utterly and entirely destroyed the nationality of a party, which, but a few short months ago, occupied a position that secured an overwhelming victory at the next Presidential election a matter of almost absolute certainty. If such are the first fruits of having a Democratic majority to prescribe the policy of the new party, how much longer can the party be expected to exist with a continuation of such inconsistency? For our part, we have no confidence whatever in politicians, and least of all, in Democratic politicians, and when they began to act as wet-nurse for the young giant "Sam," we considered his case as pretty well done for. The result has more than fulfilled our anticipations, and we doubt not those who were so successful in duping the party, are now laughing in their sleeves at the unexpected success of their wily schemes.

There is another scandalous misrepresentation afloat that it is our duty to correct. It is that the American Order in this city has resolved to afford no more opportunities for members to enroll until after the August election. There is not one word of truth in it. All the Councils of the city hold their regular meetings, and if any member, not guilty of a violation of his obligations, wishes to withdraw, he can have an honorable discharge for the asking. Any and every assertion or insinuation contrary to this is a falsehood.

Journal of yesterday.

Such, we believe, is the policy now, but the Know-Nothing managers have been frightened into it by the unmistakeable force of public sentiment. A wish since every means that could be thought of were brought to bear to prevent withdrawals. Members were threatened with proscription in their business, and in two instances, at least, that we have been advised of, applications for drafts were followed by the preferment of charges, which were subsequently dismissed. One gentleman, who wished to withdraw from the Fifth Ward Council, was told he need not make application, as no drafts would be granted until after the election. Another gentleman who wished to withdraw from the Sixth Ward Council, received an answer to the same effect from Dr. Scuarely, President of that Council, who also made the same declaration to another gentleman of our acquaintance. The names of these gentlemen we do not wish to use in the papers, but we will cheerfully furnish them to the editor of the *Journal* for his own use, on application; and he will see that they are the names of gentlemen who, in point of character and position have no superiors in Louisville.

We are glad to see the effect already produced by our exposure of the odious tyranny of the order, and we confidently anticipate still further improvement, which we will be happy to have an opportunity to report.

SONG OF THE FALLS.—The attention of the reader will be attracted by the beautifully versified "Song of the Falls," on our first page. It is the product of one of our most promising young attorneys, who, amid the severe studies and duties of his profession, finds golden opportunities to cultivate the muses. We hope to hear from Mr. NEW again and again.

☞The Warsaw *Republican* is the name of a new paper just started at Warsaw, in this State, by A. W. Carter, Esq. It is neatly printed and seems to be well conducted. Success to it.

The Act of Disfranchisement.

As we intimated, the Common Council, at its session Thursday night, refused to establish additional voting places, thus virtually disfranchising fully one thousand citizens whose rights of suffrage are clear and unquestionable. By this act of disfranchisement the eight members who voted against granting the proper facilities for a fair expression of the popular will on election day, have entitled themselves to the everlasting thanks of the Know-Nothing order. When they die, epitaphs will certainly engrave in such indelible ever. While they live they must be cherished with peculiar reverence as the dealers of the rights of freemen—as willing to obtain, at any cost or sacrifice of principle, a party triumph.

How these petty tyrants will be regarded by that portion of the community who are freed from party fetters, whose opinions are unshackled, and whose acts are not bound and hemmed in by oaths, we need not say. Only the partisan, who has no liberty to think for himself, can defend the action of the majority of the Common Council. It is disreputable, it is tyrannical, it is oppressive, and, above all, it strikes a stab at the very vitals of our elective franchise—it seeks to subvert the foundation stone of our civil liberties. The legal pretext under which the conduct of the Common Councilmen is excused is the flimsie t, shallowest, and most trifling imaginable. No man, without he is willing to wear the title of shorn, can for a moment urge a plea in defence of their conduct. Who, indeed, can suppose that the framers of the statute in accordance with which the Council claims to act ever supposed that a contingency similar to the one now pending would arise. They could not have been so absurdly wicked as to pass a solemn law denying the right of any man to vote, and the construction now placed upon the statute most certainly has that bearing and operation if it be not expressed in terms.

As we have before stated, it will be utterly impossible, under the present arrangement, to poll the entire vote in the First, Second and Eighth Wards. Had additional voting places been established, or even a double set of clerks appointed, the vote of every man might have been recorded. But such cannot be. We will have only a partial expression of opinion at the coming election. The voices of fully one thousand persons will be hushed, their rights denied, their liberties trampled upon, and their persons insulted and outraged, should they attempt to exercise the privileges guaranteed them by the constitution and laws of the land.

We all know the aim of this act of disfranchisement, and we shall witness its results on the first Monday in August. It is the last trump card of a "great" party in a contest, about their success in which, by an overwhelming majority, they have been boasting for months. The Know-Nothing parties know one thing, and that is, that the vote of the city cannot be given as they have arranged it. They intend doing another thing, if it be within their power, and that is, to exclude every voter from the polls who is not "right on the goose" until all their enrolled members have recorded their suffrages. This intention they make no concealment of, and thus they think to elect Col. Marshall by "foul" means, their chances of success with fair dealing growing more and more unsubstant al every day. We shall see how this game will take in a free country.

Louisville Whigs in 1844.

In the year 1844 a Whig paper called the *Daily Tocsin* was started in this city. It saw fit to denounce in the harshest terms the Catholic Church, which created a feeling of such deep indignation throughout the city that a mass meeting of the Whigs was called for the purpose of denouncing and repudiating the paper. The proceedings of that meeting, which we copy, are worthy of attention, if for no other purpose than that of showing the difference between Whiggery of 1844 and Know-Nothingism of 1855:

At a mass meeting of the Whigs of Louisville, convened at the Whig Pavilion, on the evening of *July 27, 1844*, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of making a public expression of their opinion in relation to the course of the Louisville Tribune, a newspaper recently established in this city, professing to be a Whig newspaper, on motion of Nathaniel Wolfe, President of the Jacksonian Clay Club, Wm. J. Graves was called to the chair.

Thereupon Mr. Wolfe, after some explanatory remarks, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, a newspaper called the Louisville Tribune, recently established in this city, professing to be a Whig paper, has published editorials and communications, one of which was signed "A Know American," of a most anti-republican character, *reflecting upon the Catholic persuasion*, and especially upon the Catholic priesthood, charging them with hostility to American liberty; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Whigs, as a party, *utterly repudiate all such sentiments* as anti-republican, and contemptible; and that the course of the Louisville Tribune toward the Catholic Church of this country.

Resolved, That the Whigs of this city regard the *continued separation of Church and State* as essential to the perpetuity of our free institutions, and we hereby denounce the efforts of the Locofoco party to array against each other the different religious persuasions, and to create a *test of political association between the Protestants and Catholics*, as subversive of the best interests of religion and inimical to the perpetuity of civil and religious liberty.

Resolved, That the Louisville Tribune, in the opinion of this meeting, is not a correct exponent of Whig principles; and we hereby rescind a resolution adopted by us, upon the establishment of that paper, that we should subscribe for and recommend it to the support of the Whig party.

WM. J. GRAVES, Chairman.

A SPLIT WITHIN A SPLIT.—Every day brings further illustrations of the miserable failure of the Philadelphia Convention to make the Know-Nothing a national party. The split between the North and the South is so wide and deep that it can never be healed. At the South there is a split, Louisiana splitting at the Catholic test plank of the platform. At the North there are splits within splits. In Pennsylvania, New York and Indiana, a large majority of the K. N.'s repudiate the pro-slavery plank of the platform, while quite a respectable minority stand up for it. We see that "Vigo Council" at Terre Haute, Indiana, has repudiated the late State Council, which repudiated the National Council, and other councils, we believe, have done the same thing. A party that is thus divided in almost every State, county, city and town in the Union, will be utterly powerless in a national contest, and as a consequence another twelve-month will show that there will be scarcely a grease spot left of Know-Nothingism as now constituted. Its doom is sealed. Burat brandy can't save it.

CONSISTENCY.—Some Know-Nothing Whigs oppose Col. Preston because he is warmly supported by the old Democratic party. At the same time they read admiringly the statement of the Louisville *Journal* that a majority of the delegates to the late Philadelphia Know-Nothing National Council were Democrats! If such is the case, is it not time for consistent Whigs, who do not wish to be controlled by Locofocos, to come out from the new party? They know that so long as they remain in the order they have no wills of their own—that they are more abject slaves than the subjects of the worst monarchy on earth, and that they are *compelled* to do the bidding of the majority. If this majority is composed of Democrats, who will unquestionably use their power and position to adroitly foist Democratic policy and Democratic principles upon the new party, is it not time for honest, old-line Whigs to relieve themselves from so humiliating a position, and once more become freemen?

☞The Frankfort *Commonwealth* don't seem to like the notice we made of Mr. Crittenden's speech the other day. In that speech, according to the *Commonwealth*, Mr. Crittenden said:

Upon the Catholic question, Mr. Crittenden declared that he was utterly hostile to imposing any penalties, proscription, or disability, upon any man on account of his religion. He had, further, the *fullest confidence* in our native Catholics. He knew native Catholics in Kentucky in whom as citizens, or patriots, or soldiers, he had as full confidence as in any men of any faith whatever, and for whom he would vote if they were before him as candidates.

Mr. C., as we have been informed, is a member of the Know-Nothing order. If such is the case, will the *Commonwealth* be so good as to inform us if Mr. Crittenden has not bound himself by the most solemn obligations to proscribe men on account of their religion! Has he not bound himself to remove from office all Catholics, when he is in a position and has the power to do so? And if he would vote for Catholics if they were before him as candidates, as he says he would, would he not by doing so violate his obligations!

☞Now that the Know-Nothing Councils have announced, (rather indirectly and evasively, to be sure,) that all applications for withdrawals will be promptly granted, we hope they will have their hands full of business from this until the election. All who have the slightest regard for freedom of thought, freedom of action and freedom of speech, should at once remove the odious shackles that bind them. Let them be FREEMEN in the fullest and proudest acception of the term. They can then vote for all the good and reliable men on the American ticket, and repudiate the bad ones. Every man will feel better for being his own master.

SPEECH FROM S. F. J. TRABUE.—Our citizens may anticipate, some time between this and the election, having a speech from Mr. Trabue, the well known original advocate of Americanism in Kentucky.

☞Hon. James B. Clay, at the solicitation of the people of Mason, expects soon to make a public address in Maysville.

Who are the Rulers?

It has been frequently our duty within a few weeks past to animadvert upon the course of policy adopted by the Know-Nothing organization. In this, while we have with due sincerity reprimanded the actions of this party, we have not compromised the conduct of those persons who unwillingly have become partisans to this uncalled for and extraneous conduct. We are advised of many, very many friends, who have been drawn into the association, and who, consequent upon their oaths, have felt it a sacred duty to act in correspondence with their obligations.

We feel that in thus condemning the organization and their acts, we do not assault personally the many members who, unadvised, regarded as confederates in this unholy league. We know this full well of human nature, that men are subject to influences, based upon personal and social considerations, from which they cannot rid themselves, when surrounded by false and untrue systems of belief urged by friends whose intimacies should suffice to assure them of truthfulness and honor.

It is this which has proven the great, yet inevitable feature of Know-Nothingism. There is unquestionably taint in the system which appeals to all our peculiar prejudices, which is calculated to array us in hostile attitude against the very semblance of foreign aggression. With jaundiced eyes and prejudiced minds, we are inclined to regard all emigration as unpropitious, and to combat it. It is not a difficult matter, as has been proven in other days, so to agitate the public mind as to influence it to any belief where its own rights were concerned, especially in this case. The most serious results might be arrived at by the representations of newspapers, since we know how tenacious the popular mind is of its rights, and how loth to yield one iota of the established precedents.

Yet while we thus feel duly authorised to grant the effects of all these prejudices, we cannot feel authorised to join in that indiscriminate crusade against all men of every class, irrespective of birth, who feel themselves proscribed by these acts.

We know gentlemen of foreign birth whose allegiance to the country cannot be disputed. We know Catholics both native and foreign-born who are ready to manifest any possible loyalty to the government and its institutions. These people it is not in our heart to proscribe, so long as there is an assurance of their fidelity.

But there is a phase in the Know Nothing organization to which we most seriously object. It is this:—the real rulers of the party are not its best and most intelligent men. Those in whom we would repose most confidence, and rely most faithfully as the guardians of the public and its trusts, we find less disposed to interest themselves in affairs where it is necessary to exercise management. Not that they are inadequate to any occasion, but that there is an indisposition on their part to exercise those rights, whether legal or civil to which society guarantees them.

In our government it is this—our best men manifest the least interest in the disposition of public affairs. Not but they are deeply and intimately associated with the success of the party or the theory; but there is that in the mental disposition that renders them unwilling to enter into the peculiar contest required.

How is it with the Know-Nothing organization, after so much of preface, we need not say. Many of our best friends are members. Their convictions we regard highly, for we believe they are founded upon correct principles. It is only against the management that we have seen it to war. That we esteem as dangerous. It is unrepublican,—contrary to free principles, and antipodal to what has been esteemed the best interests of our country

Let us inquire if such be not the case. The policy and the principles of the organization we have previously discussed. Who are its managers, we beg leave to know! They are chiefly such men as are either fanatics in religion and politics, or else have personal ends to subserve. They are chiefly of the former class, with unjust and inadequate views of government; of no occupation save that which political manoeuvering gives them; aiming at mere temporal and personal triumphs; without ideas as to future effect. These men, mostly unadvised in the history of politics, force their cause vehemently before the public. The more wise and discreet standing aloof, feel no personal responsibility. Yet by the nature of the oaths they are so.

Thus we have an ill-advised, uneducated minority dictating how the better class of their own association shall vote. It is a system of tyranny wherein the more active, the less wise, and the unscrupulous have the sway. As such it commands our reprobation and ultimately will receive that of the whole community.

☞George Leuvenworth, who was so seriously wounded in his duel with Breckinridge, formerly of this city, near Niagara, is rapidly recovering. He yet remains where he was conveyed after the encounter, where his parents also are. The wounded man has borne his sufferings with great coolness; his constitution has not been in the least impaired; the broken limb has commenced to knit, and it is feared may be a quarter or even half an inch shorter, but it is thought that surgical science may be able to prevent such a result.

☞Some of the Know-Nothing candidates hereabouts are very independent, having declared on the stump that they did not expect or wish the vote of a single Dutchman or Irishman. Other members of the order, however, pursue a different policy, and strange as it may seem, are actually hard at work electioneering and begging for foreign votes. Indeed, they have within the last few days boasted that an association auxiliary to their own has been formed, which now numbers three hundred Germans, all of whom will vote the Know-Nothing ticket.

☞Few are aware of the "very" large business Dr. Hurley does in sarsaparilla. Within the last six months he has shipped to different parts of the States upwards of seven thousand boxes, and we are informed the demand for this popular medicine is daily increasing. It appears to us this new and valuable remedy has gained public favor to the total extinction of all similarly named compounds. We heartily wish him every success, for he is an enterprising citizen, and deserves all the honor and all the reward due his toil.

HEAVY ROBBERY (PERHAPS).—We heard it rumored yesterday on the mail boat *Jacob Strader* that a man of the name of Bater, or Bower, was robbed in Madison on Thursday evening, while going from the railroad depot to the mail boat, of the sum of $100,000. He had it, as usual, in a carpet bag, and thinks the robbery was committed while in the omnibus, riding to the boat. He said he was collector for several Cincinnati business houses, which, we suppose, accounts for his having so much money.

HAGGING AND ROPE.—The stocks of these staples on hand in this market for sale are now smaller than we have ever known. According to the estimate made by Mr. Fiske, of the Merchants' Exchange, the amount on hand last evening was only 1,945 pieces and 3,272 coils.

Gunny bags, owing to the meagre stock of bagging, no doubt, have advanced to 14½ cents, some holders demanding 16 cents.

HYDROPHOBIA.—It is said that in every instance where a person is bitten by a mad dog, small pustules make their appearance sooner or later on the under side of the tongue, but generally in from six to nine days. These pustules must be opened with a sharp-pointed instrument, as they are too tough to break of themselves, and the matter must be discharged and expectorated, otherwise it will be reabsorbed, which is said to cause the paroxysms termed hydrophobia.

☞We understand that Col. Preston and Col. Marshall concluded their canvass in Henry Co., at Turner's on Thursday last. There was a large attendance of voters, seven out of every ten of whom were for Preston. Col. Preston's speech, we are told, was a most powerful and effective one. Their engagements for the country will be concluded today, when they speak at Westport.

☞Thos. F. Marshall, with the instinct of his name and family, has an eternal and unsatiable hankering for office. He is now a candidate for the Legislature in Woodford county. Upon which side of the question he stands to-day, it would be exceedingly difficult to say.

PRESENTMENTS.—The Grand Jury returned to the City Court, day before yesterday, *one hundred and seventy* presentments against different persons for selling liquor.

An Article which should be Read.

Every day brings to light some of the dirty and dishonorable tricks of the miserable schemers and trimmers who control the American party—a party which, until it fell into their hands, gave promise of accomplishing as much good. The following communication from a gentleman known for his sincere, unaffected and truly Christian conduct in all the walks of life, who, although unobtrusive, is always foremost in every good and benevolent work, we commend to the attention of all honorable men who are still wearing the yoke of the order. It conclusively establishes the determination of the wire-workers to control the movements, the thoughts and the freedom of their members. How far they will succeed it is for men of independence, who are not willing to sacrifice their manhood and self-respect, to say:

"Honorable Discharge."

The Journal of yesterday morning states that the Know-Nothing Council of this city "hold their candle to no bushel," and if any member, not guilty of any violation wishes to withdraw, he can have an honorable discharge for the asking. Any and every assertion or insinuation contrary to this is a falsehood."

Now I do not know what Mr. Prentice considers an "honorable discharge," but I wish in plain terms to state a case of recent occurrence, and leave the reader to decide whether in this instance, the Council is entitled to an "honorable discharge."

A resident of the city, after repeated solicitations and oft-repeated assurances that there was nothing in the K. N. obligation to which he could make the slightest objection, was induced to present himself for initiation into the order. When the obligation was being administered, a portion of it struck harshly on his ear, and he asked that it should be repeated. It was done. He then stated that, with his understanding of it, he could not, in good conscience, take the obligation, and declined proceeding further. As these arguments failed to convince him of the propriety of proceeding, the Clerk requested him to "hold on until he went in and consulted the Council." After due consultation with the Council, the Clerk returned and stated to the candidate that it was the wish of the Council that he would proceed with the ceremonies, and if after becoming acquainted therewith, and upon due reflection, he should still retain his objection he could withdraw at any time, without producing any but feeling toward him. He proceeded. After "due reflection" his objection grew stronger; he never set foot inside of the Lodge afterward, and finally he notified the Lodge of his intention to withdraw. There was no objections made, and the Lodge gave him his demit.

Now mark the subsequent conduct of that Lodge, and say if it was "honorable." On the door of that Lodge Room, facing every man and woman who enters it, is a list of names headed in large letters "WITHDRAWALS AND EXPULSIONS." No mark to indicate who had withdrawn or who had been expelled; but the first name on the list is W. N. Haldeman, more honored, perhaps, in the expulsion than if he had withdrawn — who everybody of course knew had been so called. Then followed the names of others who had *previously* withdrawn from the Order. Around the names was drawn a heavy black border—thus seeking to cast a stigma upon those who had left them, and no doubt intended to frighten others who felt disposed to do the same thing.

Opposite two of the names stand some opprobious remarks, of the truth and falsity of which I know not, but the design was apparent, and the *case* so dishonorable as very much to lower in my estimation men for whom I had before entertained some good degree of esteem. Was that an "honorable discharge?" C.

A Stampede in Tennessee.

The number of withdrawals from the Know-Nothing order in Tennessee has created no little consternation in the ranks. The papers in that State which reached us by yesterday's mail are full of explanations of the matter, and they charge boldly that it is one of the tricks of the Democracy to ruin the new party. One of the editors says:

We have reason to believe that some of the more unscrupulous of the Pierce and Johnson Democrats, having determined in their secret cabals, to resort to any means, however infamous, to injure the American party, are making use of their ignorant and deluded tools, by instructing them to join the American order *for the express purpose of, in a few days or weeks, withdrawing and publishing their pre-meditated perjury to the world!*

We can hardly believe that this is the case, but think it is much more likely that honest men, with the best of purposes, having been induced to join the order, have, on seeing its workings, become disgusted and at once withdrawn. We know that those Democrats who have connected themselves with the order in this State have always been objects of suspicion, and have had watches and double-watches set over them. Many of these have been nominated to office even from overwhelmingly strong Whig Districts, in order to prevent them from leaving the order, and the result of this policy will be shown in the fact that *at the approaching August election, no matter which party will be successful, the Democrats will elect a controlling majority in the next Kentucky Legislature, and, for the coming two years at least, Democratic policy will govern the State.* We leave old line Whigs to their own reflections as to this, the first fruits of Know-Nothingism in Kentucky.

FUNNY PHILANTHROPY.—We have been much amused in reading the correspondence between Mr. Prentice and Mr. Jas. B. Clay, with accompanying editorials. The editor is thrown into an agony of distress at the sacrilege of Mr. Clay in having some of the lumber of Ashland manufactured into canes and snuff-boxes as mementoes for the admirers of the statesman of Ashland. Mr. Clay justifies himself by averring that the profit derived from the sale of the articles was applied to charitable purposes. The editor lifts up his hands in horror, and asks him if it would not have been more proper to do it some of his *negroes* and apply the proceeds to charity. This is Connecticut philanthropy with vengeance! It has a regular wooden-nutmeg smell. What! the editor of the *Journal* advise a Kentucky gentleman to sell his old nurse and put her in the charity box? Fie! fie! think again, and let the old rafters and beams form souvenirs for the breeches pockets of inconsolable Whigs!

THE CLAY MONUMENT—DECISION OF THE PLAN.—The stockholders of the Clay Monument Association held a meeting at Lexington on Thursday, to consider the plans proposed for the mausoleum to the lamented Sage of Ashland. That adopted by the committee, composed of gentlemen of taste from various sections of the Union, was voted down by the praises gathered by one member of the directory. The resolution passed, while it complimented the plan of Mr. Hamilton, disapproves of it, as being too expensive, or rather as costing more than the amount of money ($30,000) raised by the Association.

We understand that considerable feeling was expressed in Lexington at the reversion of the Committee's decision. It is certainly an unparalleled assumption of authority on the part of one man, of which we shall have more to say at some future time.

☞We stated the other day that notwithstanding their clamors against Col. Preston, the Know-Nothings were busily engaged in raising money for election purposes. We have further and the most positive evidence of the fact. Yesterday, a gentleman who formerly belonged to Washington Council, but who had withdrawn, was accosted by a friend, who, it appears, was ignorant of that fact, and urgently requested to subscribe to a fund which was to make Marshall's election doubly sure. Our informant begged to be excused, and his friend opened wide his eyes when he discovered that he had waked up the wrong customer entirely.

☞The Frankfort *Yeoman* asks why we made a statement that there had been several withdrawals from Young America Council? Simply because we had been so informed, on what we considered good authority. We have since been advised that the error was only in the name, the withdrawals having taken place from another Council.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—On Friday evening, July 20, Osmond Roberts, son of Osmond and Mary B. Roberts, of Russellville, was accidentally shot by an older brother who was playing with a gun, and died in a few minutes. He was a handsome and sprightly youth of some six years, and his untimely and melancholy death is a great and severe affliction to his parents.

A WONDERFUL REVIVAL.—Upwards of two hundred persons have joined the Christian Church under the preaching of Elder Henderson, of Missouri. Among the latest converts was Alex. C. Bullitt, Esq., well known as one of the editors and proprietors of the New Orleans *Picayune*.

CHOLERA IN LEXINGTON.—We learn by passengers on the railroad yesterday that cholera was prevailing in the Lunatic Asylum, at Lexington, resulting in eight deaths among the inmates up to 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

☞Take Geoghegan's Hydropiper and you will have no cause to complain of inactivity, debility, bilious and other complaints inseparable from our spring and summer weathers. It is one of the most popular remedies of the day.

WHEAT.—The price of wheat has again advanced, with sales for delivery on the 1st of August at $1 10 per bushel. This is equal to $3 50 for flour, although sales continue to be made at $6 50.

☞A man was fined $10 for disturbing religious worship at the Presbyterian church in Maysville last Sunday night.

☞In Danville Jno. Henderson, charged with the murder of Mr. Jonathan Street, has been held to bail in $3,000.

A Swearing Subscriber.

Last night's mail brought us the following letter from an indignant subscriber:

INTOX, July 24th, 1855.

To the Editor of the Louisville Courier: You will take my dollar and go to *hell* with it—and discontinue my paper.

JOHN BRANDINBURGH.

People ought not to get excited this hot weather. Mr. B. especially should keep his temper, for we assure him we don't want his "dollar," and, obliging as we are known to be, we must respectfully decline taking it to such a warm locality as he suggests, at least for the present.

Our correspondent, we venture to say, is a Know-Nothing of the Anti-Catholic stripe, and is down on the Pope with a vengeance. He reminds us of an incident that came under our observation the other night. As we were going home at a late hour, our attention was called to an individual who bore evident marks of having been indulging a little too deeply. He was an intense Know-Nothing, and was giving vent to his deep feelings by shouting at the top of his lungs, "Hurza for Morehead, and to h——l with Popery!"—"Hurrah for Marshall, and G——d d——n the Catholics!" and thus he kept on until we had walked out of hearing distance.

And this chap again reminds us of the Hon. HUMPHREY MARSHALL, a man notoriously destitute of all religious principle, and who can "swear like a trooper," but the burthen of all whose speeches is the Pope and the Catholics. This is the key he pipes his tune with as well as that on which he ends it. We don't know how it is, but we should think that consistent, professing christians would feel humiliated to see such a man as Marshall, merely for the sake of securing an office, defending their religion and denouncing the Pope. But