

When this favorite citizen and soldier, in common with many others of our friends, left here for Mexico, last summer, we knew that many could never return; and we felt that the fall of any particular one, by disease or in battle, was not improbable. Accordingly, we schooled our feelings until we supposed ourselves prepared to hear the worst. But when the news of the death of Col. Hardin fell upon us, our little stock of philosophy was at once crushed through; and the sad intelligence wrought upon us, as if we had never expected it. The painful reality pressed much closer than anticipation could ever do. What we say of ourselves is true of the whole community here. O'it and again has the cheek of manhood, even, been cursed by the generous tears for his fate. This, especially, when it was learned, that uselessly for the enemy's cause, he was murdered, while bleeding and prostrate on the field. We had striven to believe the Mexicans, a people, inclined at heart, to civilization; but when we think of their needless and inhuman butchery of Col. Hardin and others, we do feel that the world would not be worse, if they were swept from the face of it.

On the subject of Col. Hardin's untimely end we are full, and yet we can say nothing as we should. May God, who alone is able, console his orphaned children, widowed wife, and heart-stricken mother.

IN MEMORY OF THE GALLANT DEAD. On Monday last there was a large meeting of our citizens held at the Court House, at which the following proceedings took place:

Pursuant to previous notice, a large and respectable meeting of citizens of Springfield was held at the Court House, on Monday afternoon, the 5th inst., for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of adopting measures to cooperate with citizens in other counties of this State, in their expressions of sympathy and regret for Gen. J. J. HARDIN and his companions in arms from Illinois, who nobly fell in defence of their country's honor, and to pay a suitable tribute of respect to their memory. The meeting was opened by the reading of resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That while we sincerely rejoice at the signal triumph of the American arms at Buena Vista, and contemplate with the highest pride, the honorable honor won by our illustrious hero, Gen. Taylor, this too, is beyond question. It is to obey all the orders of the Constitution, and yet not to transcend them, be proper in a President, we have abundant evidence of Gen. Taylor's inclination to this quality in the great exactness with which he has ever executed the orders of the Government—neither falling short, nor going beyond. If a humane disposition, and a sincere love of peace, should characterize the administration of our republican government, then (notwithstanding his capacities for war, when he must be,) Gen. Taylor has shown himself, deeply imbued with these sentiments, by his conduct in this respect.

Resolved: That the proceedings of this meeting be published in both the papers in this city. On motion adjourned.

SAMUEL H. TREAT, Chm. THOS. MOYET, Sec.

Mrs. HARDIN.—The correspondent of the Peoria Register thus writes from St. Louis: "Mrs. J. J. Hardin first heard of the death of her husband in Vicksburg, where she was on a visit to some friends, on the 10th inst. She learned from New Orleans, that her daughter, a young lady of sixteen years. That a mournful meeting of a mother and daughter! It is a rather remarkable fact that prior to leaving Illinois Col. Hardin confidently predicted his immediate death, and that he would never again view the broad prairie and beautiful rivers of the beloved state of his adoption."

"THE TRUE ISSUE." The Register tells the Whigs of this County, that the true issue at the election of Delegates to the State Convention on the third Monday of this month is "Bank not Bank?" It is to determine, so far as this County is concerned, whether the loco foco scheme that shall be in the hands of remote States, of which we know nothing, shall be our currency; or, whether we shall have Banks and capital, which will give a stimulus to industry, to trade—and thus secure employment and fair wages for every branch of laboring and mechanical enterprise. The issue is not, whether there shall be good specie paying banks; but whether there shall be none—and our currency shall continue to be made up of the paper of institutions beyond our reach or control.

This is, indeed, an important issue to the Whigs of Sangamo County. It is an issue that they should ponder upon well. Will they, by throwing away their votes upon candidates who cannot be elected, make Sangamo County speak a voice in the Convention, foreign to her interests and in direct hostility to her known sentiments? Will they sink the proud character of our Whig County in the Convention, by refusing to sacrifice some little personal feeling at this critical moment, and by refusing to give their full vote for the Whig ticket?

If we have complaints, wrongs, mistakes, to correct,—let us do these things among ourselves and not call in an enemy to decide between us. Hereafter we can take time and correct anything which may be wrong in our party organization, or the means employed to bring out candidates. There are unmistakable signs in the political horizon, that the result of the coming struggle for ascendancy in the general government will be in our favor. In all other portions of the Union, the Whigs are concentrating their forces with the determination to do their whole duty. We trust that their will be no flinching with "We shall reap in due time, if we wait not."

The Register, some weeks ago, gave us an argument to prove the necessity of ordering Gen. TAYLOR home from the Rio Grande. The victory at Buena Vista has made quite as great a havoc with Mr. Polk's political projects, as it did in the ranks of his friend Santa Anna.

Our readers will be glad to have given the JOURNAL a new dress. As all printers know, this has been done at great expense. We ask those indebted to take this occasion to send us our paper improvements. New subscribers, advertisements, and other printing, will be quite acceptable.

Our new type are from the Foundry of A. P. LABREW & Co., St. Louis. That establishment now furnishes very fair articles. We commend it to the patronage of our brother printers. We are now arranging our office to make it more convenient to ourselves and friends; and will soon be in condition to execute with accuracy and despatch every description of printing which may be ordered.

We referred last winter to several new publications of which Mr. LATIMER was agent. We have since examined them, more at our leisure, and are free to say that both in style and execution, and genuine worth, they fill our highest expectations.

Mr. L. is now here delivering his works to subscribers. They are worthy a liberal patronage—and we wish him success.

An important notice to Sherriffs and Collectors, will be found on our next page.

INCREDIBLE RUSSIAN—Monarchy in Mexico.—Russia, a monarchy in Mexico, comes to us through the New York Herald, from Havana. They insist that France, England and Spain have concurred in a proposition from Spain to restore a monarchy in Mexico, and place the son of ISABELLA, Don EUGENIO, on the throne. Gen. O'DONOGHUE, of Cuba, is said to have received orders, to take a steamer to embark for Mexico, when Don EUGENIO arrives—and he is expected soon with a fleet of 10,000 soldiers. EUGENIO, is said to be in secret. The whole story is incredible.

Glorious News from the Army! BATTLE OF BUENA VISTA.

GEN. TAYLOR VICTORIOUS.

From the New Orleans Picayune.

General Taylor Victorious—The Mexican Army led by Santa Anna with Great Slaughter.

We lay before our readers, the glorious tidings from the army, brought by the schooner John Bell. The following account was prepared by an officer. It may be relied upon.

We publish also Santa Anna's account of the battle, from which it will be seen that he has suffered a defeat, though he covers up his retreat with a flourish of words.

It will be seen that the victory has been won by a sacrifice of many brave men.

Memorandum of the Battle of Buena Vista.

Prepared by L. J. J. C. Bibb, U. S. A. Dr. Turner, U. S. A., who arrived at Metamoros on the 21st inst., Monterey, brought the glorious intelligence of our illustrious hero's victory over the Mexican Army. The scene of action was at Buena Vista, a hacienda about six miles west of Saltillo. The fighting commenced on the 22d Feb. and continued until the 23d. Santa Anna's army, a distance of ten miles, leaving four thousand killed and wounded on the field. Santa Anna's adjutant general and many other officers and men were prisoners. The loss on our part was seven hundred and twenty men, and Santa Anna's army amounted to about 15,000 men; that of Gen. Taylor to about 5,000, almost all volunteers. His army is composed of Washington's, Bragg's and Thomas's regiments, one squadron of dragoon and one of the 2d dragoons, the Arkansas and Kentucky cavalry, a brigade of the Illinois and one of the Indiana volunteers, the 1st Mississippi and 2d Kentucky regiments, and one company of Texas volunteers. It brought a list of 93 officers killed and wounded.

Col. Curtis of Ohio, with one company (Capt. Hunter's) of the 2d U. S. Dragoons, his own regiment, and I think some Texas Rangers, in all about 2000 men, was about to leave Camargo to attack Gen. Urrea, who is said to be about thirty miles south of that place with an army of from 2000 to 3000 men. This news from Santa Anna is believed to have with him only 1500 regular troops. A great many, if not all of the 1500 regulars, as soon as they hear of the discomfiture of Santa Anna's army will disperse to their homes. Colonel Hunter above proves that the various reports which had before been received of Gen. Taylor's retreat upon Monterey, and the advance of a large force to attack the Mexicans, are entirely unfounded. He is now at Rio Grande, to the north of the defenses at the river. I know nothing, but have been told that they are sufficient to make a strong resistance. The Mexicans at this point, with the force of artillery which they possess, and the force of infantry which can be raised as a garrison, is sufficient to drive back a command of at least 2000 or 3000 Mexicans. The work, which may be technically termed a counter-attack, was made by the Mexicans, and consisted of the destruction of the commissary's stores in the desert, and the burning of barrels of damaged commissary's stores, with sand bags for the superior slope; the sand forming a ditch in front, thrown up against the barrels, forming an extension slope. The Mexicans had in front two pieces of artillery—two twelve and two six pounders, in barbettes, which sweep the foot of, and cross their fires upon the level of the ground, and the enemy would be compelled to advance, and advance he would not.

This was thrown upon when the attack was first expected.

Nothing having reached us for several days from Gen. Taylor, we believed him surrounded, as was reported, and gave some credit to the rumor. When I sailed the artillery of Fort Hays was ready for a salute in honor of "Old Rough and Ready" and his gallant army.

Gen. Taylor's own account of the action of Buena Vista, as translated for the Tampico Sentinel. "We have the original Spanish account in our possession."

CAMP NEAR BUENA VISTA, Feb. 23, 1847. Excellent Sir: After two days of battle, in which the enemy, with a force of 8,000 to 9,000 men and twenty-six pieces of artillery, lost five of his positions, three pieces of artillery and two flags, I have the honor to inform you that I have succeeded in myself with provisions not having a single grain of rice left. Thanks to the position occupied by me, he has not been completely driven off the field, but has been driven to the rear. Both armies have had the trophies of war will give you an idea on which side has been the advantage. We have struggled with hunger and thirst during forty hours, and if we can provide ourselves with provisions, we will again charge upon the enemy. The soldiers under my command have done their duty and covered the honor of the Mexican nation with glory. The enemy has seen that our position was an advantageous one, nor the broken nature of the ground, which rendered it impossible for it to have been raised during the action, could prevent the terrible charge with the bayonet, which left him terrified. SANTA ANNA.

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changed and came into Gen. Taylor's camp. They report that Santa Anna is in possession of all kinds of provisions, and that he can keep them together. The letter above referred to, is as follows:

"Our scouts bring in word that Santa Anna has gone for good, and that the whole Infantry has dispersed. There is no doubt of it; we shall not see him again on this line."

"To-day we received a despatch from the Governor, informing him that American commissioners were now in the city of Mexico, and had written to the Mexican Congress, saying that they were going to get them into position, but the nature of the ground was not favorable, and it was necessary to delay the big guns began to open."

The enemy had with them thirty-two cannon, mostly of large calibre. Their fire, though kept very brisk for an hour, and apparently well managed, did little execution in our ranks, that it was not considered necessary to return their fire. Our cannon, therefore, were silent on the whole of the 21st. During the night our officers approached our lines with a flag of truce and requested to be shown to Gen. Taylor. The brave old man was sitting quietly on his horse, watching the movements of the enemy, and in a friendly manner he asked me to go to the front, and to ask Gen. Taylor if he was waiting for me. I went to the front, and the quiet manner in which he received Santa Anna's terrific cannonading, the Mexican supposed he was asking a very pertinent question, and he replied, "I am waiting for you, and the very pertinent reply that 'he was only waiting for Gen. Santa Anna to surrender.'" The Mexican returned hastily to his lines. 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