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A brief history of political parties in the United States may be of some use in estimating the character of those who pretend to be the real, and almost the exclusive friends of the country.

When the Constitution was formed, and offered to the States for their adoption, it met with strong opposition from various quarters, by a party, who were, from that opposition, called Anti-Federalists.

Opposed to them, and in favour of the Constitution, were George Washington, John Jay, Oliver Ellsworth, Charles C. Pinckney, Alexander Hamilton, Rufus King, and the multitude of distinguished names, by whose labours it was formed, adopted, and conducted, for twelve years, and who composed the heads of the party, which, from the year 1798, to the present time, have been uniformly known by the name of Federalists.

When Genet made his entry into the United States, as the Envoy of the sanguinary revolutionists of France, he found it expedient to mould the old anti-federalists into a different shape, in order to create a French influence amongst us.

After a constant and vehement attack on the Federalists, for a succession of years, and under the eye and direction of Mr. Jefferson, they gave way, and the Government passed into the hands of those who opposed its formation and adoption. Those who were at first called anti-federalists, and secondly democrats, became the ruling party, and were entrusted by the people of the country with the charge and management of that Constitution, with which they had, from the first, been in a state of hostility.

A schism was produced by this state of things, among the friends of Clinton, not only in the country at large, but even in the State of New York. His old companions, those who had grown grey in the political career with him, turned their backs upon him, and threw their influence into the Madisonian scale.

In Virginia also, although those who formerly composed the Jeffersonian party agreed in one point, viz. that the successor of Mr. Jefferson should be a Virginian, yet they divided on the candidate, some being for Madison, and some for Monroe.

of them formed of the lineal descendants of the ancient anti-federal party.

From this cursory view of the United States, let us for a moment view the situation of some of the individual States. About the time of Mr. Jefferson's first election to the Presidency, the Pennsylvania democrats, after a great struggle, seated McKean in the office of Governor.

Nor has it, in any respect, fared better with the party in the state of New York. The old anti-federalists, headed by George Clinton, formed a strong body there for a number of years. During the time that Mr. Jay was Governor, and federalism was in vogue, they clung together with much apparent cordiality; but when the Clintonians resumed the reins of state, and a younger race commenced their political career, the seeds of discord began to sprout among the brotherhood.

It is not a little strange, that the people of New-York and Pennsylvania, who have been witnesses to those things, can possibly believe, that the views of men, who are thus embroiling and disgracing the country, are directed in any measure to their good?

It would not only be wasting time, but degrading federalism, to compare it with this shuffling, splitting, backbiting, slandering party. The steadiness of its conduct, the patriotism of its counsels, the dignity of its character, will form its eulogy, and, first or last, will be acknowledged by the country.

Friday last, 313 men, of the 60th regiment of foot, marched into Drogheda for Omagh. Next morning they proceeded on their way to Dublin, where they were to embark for England.

PORTSMOUTH, DEC. 6. Arrived the Ganymede, Captain Cathcart, from Gibraltar; and Jamaica, Capt. Lysaght, from Newfoundland; left that place with seven sail of merchantmen under convoy, six of which parted on their passage in a dreadful gale of wind.

PLYMOUTH-DOCK, DEC. 5. Arrived the Adrian hired cutter, from off Rochfort. Came up the harbour, the Helena sloop of war, to be refitted.

YARMOUTH, DEC. 6. Arrived in the roads, yesterday, the Calypso sloop of war, from Walcheren, whither she conveyed two vessels with live stock on board.

DOVER, DEC. 5. Several men of war, West Indians, &c. which passed here from the Downs, yesterday, with the wind from the North, have bore up and returned again to the Downs this afternoon.

DEAL, DEC. 6. Arrived the Ajax, Stewart, in 39 days, from New Providence. The Towalee, and Bird, from Cadiz.

FROM LLOYD'S LIST. GRAVESEND, DEC. 6.—Arrived the Partridge, Gardner; Couder, Tyler; and the Dorset, Strout, from Quebec; Clinter, Puley, from Lisbon; Friendship, Trepass, from Oporto; Anson, Oliver, from Malta; and the Three Friends, Wyle, from Middleburgh.

MEETINGS OF CREDITORS AT GUILDHALL, TO-MORROW. M. H. Henry Smith and James H. Gilton, late of Charles-street, Middlesex Hospital, coach-makers 10

DIVIDENDS. John Fenner, Lawrence-lane, wholesale linen-draper 12 Edward Kirkman, Portsmouth, linen-draper 11 Joseph Dean, Watling-street, wholesale linen-draper 12

PRICE OF STOCKS YESTERDAY. 3 per Cent. Reduced 69 1/2 4 per Cent. 84 1/2 Long Annuities 18.9.16ths India Bonds 24.25 prem. Exchequer Bills 30.14 prem. English Lottery Tickets 22.15s Consols for 7 1/2

BIRTH. On Saturday, the 4th inst. Mrs. Eraser, of Cooper's-row, Crutched-friars, of a son.

MARRIAGE. On the 20th ult. at Houghton-le-Spring, Henry George Liddle, Esq. of Ravensworth, to Miss Charlotte Lyon, 4th daughter of the late Hon. T. Lyon, of Hatto's house.

DEATHS. On Monday, the 4th inst. at Aldridge Lodge, Staffordshire, John Daniel, Esq. in the 76th year of his age.

HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE, THIS DAY. Morning 37 min. after 9 | Afternoon 30 min. after 3. LONDON.—Printed by C. SMITH, No. 1, Clement's Inn, and published at the Office, No. 15, Back of St. Clement's Church, Strand, by J. WHITE.

the Prosecutor's room, and remained there for some time; no other person had entered the room until the Prosecutor returned. The Prosecutor looked into the drawer at eight o'clock the next morning; the pocket-book was there, but the note was missing; every effort was made to recover the note by the Prosecutor, who succeeded. He traced it to the house of a watchmaker, where the Prisoner bought a silver watch, and received 95l. in exchange.

The Prisoner, note, and watch, were identified by the watch-maker and his son; and the note by the Prosecutor.

Three respectable men appeared to give evidence in favour of the Prisoner's character; one of whom said, that he and the Prisoner had been entrusted with 75,000 dollars, and not one farthing had been missed by the owners.

The Jury gave a verdict of Guilty. Mary Sullivan and Anne Fitzhenry were indicted for stealing, on the 13th of November, in the house of William M. Carthy, a bank note of 10l.

The Prosecutor and M. Carthy, who were the only witnesses against the Prisoner, were so confused and prevaricating in their evidence, that neither Judge nor Jury paid any attention to it.

The Prisoners were of course acquitted. Harriet Collins was indicted for stealing a 2l. bank-note, the property of Elizabeth Tanner, in the Old Rose Hotel, near Temple-bar.

It appeared that the Prosecutor, a servant out of place, had been visiting some friends, and was detained amongst them until ten o'clock; it being against the rules of the house where she had taken lodgings, to admit after that hour, she was obliged to seek a lodging elsewhere, for the night. She met the Prisoner in the street, who told her their situations were the same, and conducted her to the Old Rose Hotel, where they procured a bed. The Prisoner then acknowledged that she was a woman of the town, upon which she was treated with great humanity by the Prosecutrix, who gave her food and drink, and offered her share of the bed. The Prisoner accepted the invitation, and immediately after the Prosecutrix went into bed, she took the 2l. note from her (the Prosecutrix's) pocket.

The Jury gave a verdict of Guilty.

POLICE.

ROW-STREET.

COVENT-GARDEN RIOTERS.

Last night, John Ray, one of the Police Officers, brought in custody a person from Covent-Garden, whom Mr. Brandon had given into his charge.

The Prisoner, who appeared to have been paying homage to Bacchus, said his name was George M. Caud—that he was a merchant, and resided at No. 3, Weatherall-place, Hampstead.

Mr. Brandon deposed, that, a short interval before the conclusion of the opera, he perceived the Defendant in the second tier of boxes, encouraging the persons in the pit to riot, by waving his hat, which drew their whole attention; he went to the box-door, and watched him; at the commencement of the entertainment of Don Juan, the Defendant joined the persons in the pit, who were making a riot, by singing and dancing O. P.

James C. Bone, and another person, confirmed the evidence of the last witness, and further stated, that, on a placard being hoisted, which related to the private boxes, he said, that shews the sense of the public, he huzza'd, and asked a gentleman in the box, why he did not join in the general noise? who answered, that they were infamous and scandalous productions; that no person, who had a regard for decency, would support, or encourage them. The Defendant then commenced hissing, after which he sang O. P. and stamped his feet most violently on the seats, which encouraged those in the pit to riot.

In defence, he made a long speech, first denying the charge, and afterwards confessed every part of it, except that of standing on the seat, which he said he did but twice, and that was to hand two ladies out of the box. He said, he deprecated the private boxes, but had no objection to the prices, as he thought every person ought to have the highest price for his abilities. He concluded by assuring the Magistrates, that he would resent his being taken into custody, by a prosecution.

Charles Quawell, of Radcliff, in Lancashire, stated, that he came into the Theatre with the Defendant at half price, and only heard him sing out O. P. and hiss; he did not stand on the seats, or dance; he afterwards acknowledged he might have done both, without his seeing him, as his, the witness's eye was not on him the whole of the time.

He was ordered to find bail, which he complied with, and was discharged.

Patrick Daly, the watchman, who has been in custody on the charge of being in company with a person who robbed Carolina Wilcox of 200l. and a bundle of clothes, as she was going off, by the Liverpool coach, for Ireland, on the 19th of last month, underwent another examination, and was fully committed for trial.

AGRICULTURAL INTELLIGENCE.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM KELSO, DATED DEC. 2. Sir John Sinclair, the President of the Board of Agriculture, has been spending some days in this neighbourhood, in completing his Survey of the improved districts in Scotland.

He commenced his examination at Fleurs, and visited some fine farms on the estates of Roxburgh and Mackenzie, in particular Redden, possessed by Mr. Nisbet, of Mersington, and some farms occupied by Mr. Walker, of Woodend, Mr. Walker, of Millendean, and Mr. Hogarth, of Haymount. He afterwards proceeded to Mr. Robertson's, of Ladykirk, so celebrated for his management of stock, as well as the cultivation of arable land, and then spent a day with Mr. Low, of Woodend, whose skill in valuing land is so universally acknowledged.

After examining a well-constructed set of offices at Mersington, he then proceeded to Sir John Riddell's extensive improvements in the upper part of Roxburghshire, and returned, on Friday, to attend the weekly market held here, where he had an opportunity of meeting with several intelligent farmers, some of whom were invited to meet him next day, at Sir James Innes Ker's, previous to his return to Edinburgh.

At Sir John Sinclair's desire, some experiments are trying here, to mix the bearded spring wheat with new wheat, instead of the wheat of the preceding year, which is not always to be had, particularly when the former crop is deficient.

The bearded spring wheat is of a hard and flinty quality, and will probably be found an excellent mixture with new wheat, which, alone, is in general too soft for grinding or baking well, till it has stood some time in the stack.

DRAYTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting, held at the Talbot Inn, Drayton, on Thursday, the 10th of November, 1899, Sir John Hill, Bart. President, Rev. Offley Crowe, Vice-President;

The claims of the several candidates for premiums were considered, and the following directed to be paid: L. s. d. To Mr. J. B. Harding, for the best dairy of cheese 10 0 0 Silver cup.

To John Watkin, day labourer, for 47 years' service 3 3 0 To John Corfield, ditto, for 37 years' ditto 2 2 0 To Robert Harris, ditto, for bringing up a family, (12 children) 3 3 0

The match between O. Crewe and W. Jellicoe, the former to slay a 1, 2, and 3-years old half-bred Merino wether sheep, against 3 New Leicester's, of same sort and ages, for 2 guineas. Mr. Crewe received forfeit, one of Mr. Jellicoe's sheep having unfortunately died. This match is continued for 2 more years.

Yesterday, in the Court of Common Pleas, not any thing of importance occurred.