

the exercise of their rights as freemen, presumed to differ from them in opinion. They will learn too late we fear for their own character of the advancement of their party, that talent however splendid, when not under the control of virtue and reason, will injure not only its possessor but all within the sphere of its influence. We have boasted of no "high connexions," nor do we pride ourself upon our "patrician patrons," nor boast of our talents or virtue, but we trust that our editorial course, thus far, has at least been marked with *respect* and *decency*. Can the editor of the Dollar Democrat say as much for himself with a clear conscience or his patrons for him? As for the insinuation of "toadyism," we think it would best apply to him, who, for a rough coating of flattery, so plentifully daubed on that the most unsuspecting can readily see its object, can eulogize the "extraordinary foresight, splendid talents, *god like* courage and incorruptible patriotism of Dr. Hagan." In conclusion, we have only to wish Brother HOWE, upon the subject of the the Planters Bank Bonds, a sounder judgment and better temper.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A large number of the friends of agriculture met at the Court House on Saturday last for the purpose of forming an Agricultural Society. The Hon F. W. Huling was called to the chair and John W. Lumpkin Esq. appointed secretary. After an appropriate address by the Chairman, explaining the object of the meeting and the advantages resulting from the formation of such societies, a short debate arose upon the propriety of a connection with the State Agricultural Society. The objection of Col. Wm. Davis to such a connection seemed to meet with the general approbation of the meeting, and a resolution was adopted to form an independent society. A committee consisting of the following gentlemen,—Thos. N. McLane, John W. Lumpkin, Thos. J. Oliver, F. W. Huling, Capt. John Chew, Benjamin Williams, Wm. Davis, John T. Finley and R. Josselyn, was appointed to prepare a constitution and rules for the government of the society, and the meeting adjourned to meet on Saturday next.

The best feeling and spirit seemed to prevail.

THE DUEL.

We learn from a gentleman just from Natchez, that the contemplated duel between Dr. COOK and P. TOMPKINS, Esq., of Vicksburg, came off, as the sportsmen say, on Wednesday last on the Louisiana side of the river. Two shots, with yaugers at sixty yards, were exchanged, and Dr. Cook was slightly wounded at each discharge, Mr. Tompkins escaping unharmed, when the difficulty was, as we understand, honorably arranged between them. We hope this may be the last duel we shall have to announce. We have no hesitation in *repudiating* the dueling system as contrary to religion, reason and common sense. We have no disposition whatever to shoot a *gentleman*, and we shall never give a man who is *not a gentleman* an opportunity of shooting at us, if we can avoid it. Among real gentlemen, we think difficulties might always be adjusted without bloodshed or a compromise of honour on either side.

Austin is believed to have been ordered—the families removing to Bastrop the men going to Sagine. Gen I was on his way from Bastrop for the war with 400 men.

The effect of all this, says the Citizen that our people are neither dismayed or troubled, but glad of an opportunity to past injuries, and show the world their ability to maintain their independence.

Houston in his spirited proclamation that the news received is sufficient to immediate preparations for war directed that every man, in the event, shall report himself, furnished with arms, eight days provision, and ordered rounds of ammunition, and prepared three months service from the time they may report themselves at the headquarters of the army.

Arista has also issued his proclamation urging the Texians to hold still. He is at Monterey, on the 6th of Jan. Well might our correspondents inform us 50,000 Mexicans were ready to field.

We learn from Capt. Wright of York, that it is the intention of the to "keep dark" until the Mexicans Colorado, and then give them a San fight with an army of from 5 to 7, God send that they may bayon "yellow belly" in the Mexican army. Under if Houston will save Santa Anna and time?

FORGERY.

Mr. Ambrose Spencer, Jr. a son Secretary of War, was arrested in on the 15th inst. on the charge of the name of his father to two checks totaling to \$500, which he passed upon Gardner of the City Hotel, New York. Examination was not concluded till last, when he was committed. He was brought before Judge Hilton on *corpus*, but being unable to find the amount required by the Judge, \$2 recommitted.

It is said that President Tyler lauded Miss —, a Cherokee girl, authorized to give her husband an office in the *Sus Intelligencer*.

Tippecanoe and Tyler too?

BEAUTY.—Beauty has so many one knows not how to speak again when it happens that a graceful figure habitation of a virtuous soul, when the beauty of the face speaks out the modesty of the mind, and the justness of the proposition raises our thoughts to the heart and wisdom of the great something may be allowed it and not to the embellishment, which sets it yet, when the whole apology is revealed, as found at last, that beauty, like truth, is so glorious as when it goes unadorned.—*Sterne's Sermons*.