

*Dorado* ; and a very few years will add to it the northern part of California.”

During the Session of Congress of winter 1843—44, indications were not wanting of the opinions and feelings of the citizens of the Republic on this question. Petitions, memorials and addresses, were presented, in great numbers, to Congress, praying for the immediate abrogation of the treaty of joint occupancy ; and though the ultimate decision of that body was, that it was inexpedient, at that juncture, to adopt this step, yet enough was disclosed, during the debates, of the spirit of hostility towards this country entertained by the politicians—high and low—of the Union to have warned our statesmen of the coming danger.

Our statesmen are, I believe, much dependant for information of passing events, and for the shaping of their policy in reference thereto, on the columns of our public journals. In this case, unfortunately, the information, and deductions therefrom, of the “leading journal” were far from correct. It ridiculed the demonstration of public opinion and feeling in America in favour of a military possession of “the Oregon ;” and instead of exciting alarm by calling attention to the warlike declarations of popular representatives, who, whatever might be their obscurity