



CHARLESTOWN Friday Morning, May 30, 1846.

The truth, undeniable and unquestionable, of the following paragraph, must be apparent to every one who has marked the course of the Whig party...

England has friends every where. She has them in this country—friends who stand forth as bravely in vindication of her tarnished fame...

The operations of a tariff for protection only, is strikingly illustrated by the subjoined article from the Vicksburg Sentinel.

"MORE! MORE!!—A new manufacturing interest has sprung up within a few years which is now raising the accustomed howl for 'protection.'"

Should Property Vote, or Men? The U. S. Journal puts the very pertinent question, to the conscience of the candid and intelligent men of all parties...

Capital Punishment. The abolition of capital punishment, for capital offences, is causing some considerable discussion throughout the country.

For the Fourth of July. The Jubilee number of the Pictorial Double Brother Jonathan is out, and we have received a copy from the New York publishers.

Gen. Jno. B. Dawson, member of Congress from Louisiana, whose illness we announced a few days since, is dead.

The Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church of Virginia was largely attended by Clergymen and Lay Delegates from every part of the State.

Major General Scott, Brigadier General Brooke, Brigadier General Gibson, Brigadier General Towson, Col. G. Bomford, Surgeon General Lawson, Major Levi Whiting...

Mr. McDuffie. An extract from a private letter to the Editor of the Augusta Chronicle, says: 'I have just heard that Mr. McDuffie was attacked suddenly, on yesterday, with paralysis, and has lost the use of one side, and his speech.'

The Ray and Literary Offering. This is the title of a neat and very interesting little journal just started at Baltimore by H. V. Vanderford, Jr.

The Great Race. The race between Peytona and Fashion has been commented upon in various ways, but the following speculations of the Fredericksburg Recorder, are the most sensible and best timed that we have yet met with:

"THE RACE.—It indicates, according to our notion, an unfortunate state of public mind to see a whole continent turned topsy-turvy, on account of a horse race."

Bank of the Valley. The Stockholders of this Institution having made the appointment of Directors on their part, on Wednesday week, the following gentlemen will constitute the Board for the next year:

By the Stockholders:—Thomas A. Tibball, A. S. Baldwin, John Miller, Lloyd Logan, Daniel Gold.

By the Executive:—Jacob Baker, Wm. Miller, Wm. Stephenson, Alfred Parkins.

By the Stockholders:—John Janney, Joshua Pusey, Robert L. Wright, David G. Smith, Asher W. Gray.

By the Executive:—Henry T. Harrison, Hamilton Rogers, Wm. B. Tyler, Wm. H. Gray.

By the Stockholders:—Thomas Griggs, John Moler, Jos. E. Lane, Wm. F. Alexander, Richard Henderson.

By the Executive:—Jacob Morgan, Wm. C. Worthington, Gerard D. Moore, David Howell.

By the Stockholders:—David Gibson, John B. White, Wm. Vance, Michael Miller, David Vanmeter.

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Southern Methodist Episcopal Convention.—This Convention, which had been in session in Louisville, Ky., sixteen days, adjourned sine die on the 19th inst.

On the first of the present month, (May, 1846,) the British Navy, in commission, amounted to 230 vessels.

The Washington Constitution furnishes the following abstract as to the strength of the British Navy. It is larger, possibly, than has ever been heretofore, and daily increase is being made from the apprehension of a collision with our Government.

The U. S. Navy.—The Washington Union publishes a list of the Navy of the United States, according to which it consists of 10 ships of the line; 1 razer; 12 first class frigates; 2 second class frigates; 17 sloops of war, (first class; 6 do. do. (2d class); 8 brigs; 6 schooners; 8 steamers; 4 store-ships.

The French Army.—The average strength of the French Army for the current year is estimated at 100,000, of which 81,698 are mounted troops.

The Bull (Pa.) Democrat announces the decease of the Hon. John Gilmore, at that place, on Saturday last.

The Rev. P. J. Sparrow has been elected President of Hampton Sydney College, in Virginia.

DEBT OF TEXAS.—The actual public debt of Texas, the Journal of Commerce says, is between 12,000,000 and 13,000,000; the country is extremely prosperous; business good; the products of the earth abundant; and the currency unquestionable, consisting of gold and silver.

Shall we have War? We think there is no danger of it. Great Britain has too many domestic troubles, to muster energy and power to attack a formidable rival.

Great excitement has prevailed in Philadelphia for the last week, in consequence of an anticipated meeting on Wednesday last, over the Camden Course, of the distinguished racers Fashion and Peytona.

Runaway Slaves.—A Grand Battle.—The Hagerstown Torch Light and News publish accounts of a grand battle that came off on Monday morning last, between twelve runaway slaves from Leesburg, Va., and eight citizens of Smithsburg, Md.

Hon. C. Cushing.—We have heard from various sources that this gentleman is now engaged in preparing a work descriptive of the countries, people, and scenes falling under his observation, whilst engaged in his late mission to China.

Who is Protected?—The advocates of a high tariff are attempting to deceive the people by classes with the flimsy pretext of PROTECTING LABOR.

Who, that makes the least pretension to common sense and common honesty, will contend that a tariff which nearly doubles the price of all that the Farmer or Mechanic buys, is for their advantage?

DEATH AT A WEDDING.—At a wedding feast which took place near London, (C. W.) on the 15th inst., a man, the name of Morris, the step-father of the bride, was shot by one of the party during what is termed in that neighborhood, the charivari.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT. At the Camden Race Course.—Great loss of Life.—No Race.

The passengers variously report the number killed at from eighty to two hundred, amongst whom were a number of ladies. The news had just reached Philadelphia as the boat started, consequently our correspondent was unable to furnish us with further particulars.

General Jackson.—The reports in circulation the early part of the week, as to the death of Gen. Jackson, prove to be incorrect. He is, however, exceedingly low—the vital spark is well nigh extinguished.

DESTRUCTIVE TORNADO AND HAIL STORM.—A violent and most destructive tornado and hail storm occurred in DeSoto county, Miss., on the 13th inst., destroying every thing in its course.

PRICE OF NEGROES.—An officer of the U. S. brig Triton, now on the coast of Africa, writes that a good healthy negro costs there but \$20; and is purchased for powder, tobacco, cloth &c.

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KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—A dead blue-bird was found dead, last week, clinging with its feet to one of the wires of Morse's Electro-Magnetic Telegraph, a few miles from Washington city.

TO DESTROY FLIES.—A correspondent of the Cincinnati Chronicle gives the following: "It is perhaps not generally known that black pepper (not red) is a poison for many insects."

The First of July. In common with our brethren of the press, we shall expect an accession to our subscription list when the new Post office Law goes into operation.

Those of our citizens who are fond of a Concert of "soft and harmonious strains" are referred to the Card of the Misses Macomber—which will be found in our advertising columns—who have been received with great eclat wherever they have appeared.

The editor of the Augusta Democrat who was present at their Concert in Staunton, says: "We had the pleasure of being present on both evenings of the performance, and never in our lives have we felt so much like melting under ecstatic influence, as when the sweet notes of their music fell and died upon the tympanum of our ravished ears."

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An Abundant Season. A friend, who has recently travelled through a portion of the rich agricultural region of Pennsylvania—York, Lancaster, Dauphin, Lebanon, and Berks, for example—presents to us as in a highly flourishing and promising condition. Nature is everywhere scattering her gifts from her well-filled cornucopia, with a liberal and profuse hand; and the husbandman has promise of a rich return for his labors.

The New Post-Office Balance.—The Postmaster General has selected the U. S. Journal, from a vast number of models, after patient and careful investigation, the Balance of Messrs. Stephenson, Howard & Davis, of Boston. It is as simple as Fairbank's small balance, very much like in principle and appearance, and so graduated as to stand unmoved when a half ounce letter is placed upon it, but kicks the beam when a straw is added to it.

Terms of News.—Mr. Fox, late minister of Great Britain, being about to leave Washington, has presented his large stock of flowers, said to be worth \$500, to adorn the public grounds belonging to the United States.

The Oregon Fever. The "Expositor," of the 3d inst., a paper published at Independence, (Mo.), the very extreme part of our border civilization, comes to us in a kind of ecstasy at the throng of emigrants to Oregon now collected at that place.

German Colony.—A German colony is to be established in Tennessee. About two hundred thousand acres of land have been purchased, and two or three hundred emigrants are daily expected to arrive.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Truly, says the Louisville Journal, Cincinnati is a wonderful city! In forty-five years her population has increased from five hundred to seventy thousand souls.

FROM MATAMORAS.—CHANGE OF FEELING.—The N. O. Picayune of the 17th says the schooner Equity arrived the day previous from Matamoros, whence she sailed on the 8th instant.

CHEESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL SCRIP.—We perceive by the Allegheny papers that Mr. John Brant advertises several large tracts of mineral land for sale, which probably enhance his value, and in conclusion says: "The whole or any part of the above property can be had for Chesapeake and Ohio canal scrip at par, at very moderate prices."

Green, the reformed gambler, says that the game of ryo is 20 per cent stronger than stealing.

DIVISION OF THE M. E. CHURCH.—The vote in the New York Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to rescind the restrictive rule, so that the property of the Church may be divided, is lost—the requisite number not having voted in the affirmative.

That remains to be tried, and the courts may possibly decide differently.

