

WASHINGTON, June 15, 1846.

Editor of the Spirit of Jefferson: DEAR SIR:—After a hasty plate of soup, I snatch up my pen to give you a little of the political gossip now agitating the different circles in this city.

General Scott's immortal letters are still the themes of universal wonder, admiration, and the great apprehension he has expressed relative to his rear, has called forth from the wits, both in and out of Congress, innumerable pointed, and pungent hits, epigrams, and the town terms with pretty little songs, which the boys chant most melodiously along the streets, in honor of the "Scourging soldier."

Another says:—"Go fight the Mexicans in front! I'll follow you, I can't wait!" On Palo Alto, I'll be there, For I should, I greatly fear, Some fatal deadly Polk in rear."

Thus the immortal hero of Chippewa hears his praises sung at all corners, and places as he passes, throughout this Metropolis. But if I be not mightily mistaken, that "hasty Plate of Soup" has most effectually sealed his Presidential prospects.

You will be glad to learn that the Senate, yesterday, by a vote of thirty-six to twelve, resolved to advise the President to accept the last proposition of Great Britain relative to the Oregon Territory. So the question may be considered as settled, and the country may breathe freer once more, and Mexico may make up her mind to be licked in the most approved manner and in the shortest imaginable time.

New Hampshire. By a base coalition between Whigs, Abolitionists and Anti-Texas Democrats, the Granite State has been betrayed. The first message of the newly elected Whig Governor, is decidedly anti-American and fanatical. We give but a couple of extracts:—"Ours is a country of benevolent principles, and southern slavery excepted, of unequalled liberty."

Gen. Taylor Nominated for the Presidency. A large and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of General Taylor, met at Trenton, N. J., on Friday evening, for the purpose of nominating the Hero of the Rio Grande, as a candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

Resolved, That we, citizens of Trenton, without reference to party lines, or party questions, as generally understood, do nominate General Zachary Taylor, the Hero of Palo Alto and Resaca de Palma, to the Presidency of the United States, and that we hereby invite all true-hearted Republicans to unite with us in this effort to elevate a brave soldier, a successful General, and a true Republican to that high office.

Resolved, That here, on the proudest battle field of the American Revolution, we boldly raise the standard of the People's Candidate, and invite a union of honest men of all parties, for the sake of our common country, and the true interests of the people.

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Harpers-Ferry Armory.

The Military System which has been in operation at this Armory for the last few years, may be productive of some good results, but our daily observation and experience convince us, that it is in the main oppressive and unjust. The mode of working, the strict discipline enforced, the whole regime pertaining to military rule, is repugnant to men accustomed to the civilities of civil life, and daily sensible of their own rights and the rights of others.

The greatest matter of complaint, however, at this time, in connection with the management of the Harpers-Ferry Armory, is the regular, systematic course which is being pursued, in cutting down the wages of the workmen. They have been curtailed to an extent which we think is not warranted by that good old maxim, that the laborer is worthy of his hire.

We are gratified to learn that our Representative has succeeded in getting through one House of Congress, an increased appropriation of some 20 or 30,000 dollars for the Armory, and in connection with this, we hope he may be able to devise some plan by which the workmen will be secured of receiving a fair compensation for their labor.

U. S. MOUNTED RIFLEMEN.—Captain Stevens T. Mason, of the U. S. Army, is in our town for the purpose of enlisting men into the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, authorized to be raised by a late act of Congress.

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Medical College.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that the object so long desired, has at length been accomplished, by the establishment of a Medical College for Western Virginia. A charter was granted for this purpose by the Legislature some eight or ten years since, but owing to various causes, the efforts heretofore made to carry it into effect have proved unsuccessful.

This Institution will appeal first to Virginia for support. Annually, thousands of dollars are taken out of the State, to build up similar institutions at the North, having, to say the least, no stronger claims than the one now in our own midst.

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The Markets.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—From the Baltimore Sun, of Wednesday. BEEF CATTLE.—About 200 head were sold to city butchers at prices ranging from \$4 to \$7 net, per 100 lbs., according to quality.

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STRAY HORSE.

STRAYED from the farm of Mrs. Crane, near Charlestown, during the last week, a large BAY HORSE, with three white feet—a small star in his forehead,—and about nine or ten years old.

Any information concerning this horse will be thankfully received, and a reward will be paid if required. JOS. C. RAWLINS. Charlestown, June 19, 1846.

Administrators Sale, OF DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c. ON FRIDAY the 10th day of July next, the undersigned, Adm'r of R. D. Doran, dec'd., will sell at public auction, at Harpers-Ferry, a considerable

Stock of Merchandise, Consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, China, Hats, Shoes, and a great variety of other articles, belonging to the estate of the said deceased.

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