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Winchester Medical College.

THE Course of Lectures in this Institution will commence on the 1st Monday of October, and terminate on the last of May. The chairs are filled by the following gentlemen...

NOTICE.

IN the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the County of Jefferson, May Term, 1846.

A CARD.

BEHAVING that misapprehensions may have existed, and do now exist in regard to the authority of persons necessarily employed by the undersigned in the prosecution of his business...

Carrell's Western Exchange.

Dining Point on the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road. SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

Fare only 25 Cents.

Ice Cream, Cake, Jellies, and Fruit, and every thing the Baltimore market will afford...

Charlestown "Our House."

THE undersigned tenders his warmest thanks to his friends and the public, for the encouragement extended to him in his business at a time when all health and adverse fortune had sunk him into despondency...

To Country Dealers.

I HAVE just fitted up, in the best manner, my establishment in Charlestown, for the manufacture of CANDIES, and will furnish Country Dealers on the most favorable terms.

To the Ladies.

THE subscriber still continues to manufacture, at his shop in No. 6, Miller's Row, every description of LADIES SHOES.

Remember the White House.

GOLD Pens and Silver Pencils, for sale by A. M. CRIDLER, Harpers-Ferry, May 8, 1846.

Soda Fountain.

I HAVE put in operation my Soda Fountain, and invite a call from the ladies and gentlemen of the town and country.

Mexico Used Up, in Good Time!

WHILST all eyes are directed towards the Seat of War, with the greatest anxiety, hourly expecting to hear of another glorious triumph of the American Arms...

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Arrival of the Caledonia.

FIVE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

Mediation offered by England between the U. States and Mexico...

The steamship Caledonia, Capt. E. G. Lott, was telegraphed this morning at 12 o'clock.

The cotton market has been reduced again to a state of comparative quietude.

Prince Louis Napoleon has arrived in England, and is about to leave for Florence...

It would appear from what Mr. O'Connell stated, that Sir Robert Peel is determined to press forward the Irish Coercion Bill...

The Oregon question has now ceased to give any anxiety.

Freights at Liverpool.—The Warlike tidings per Cambria, have tended to check shipments in some degree...

The Paris paper La Presse, of Monday, reached our office last night, which announces that orders had been sent by the Minister of Marine to Brest...

The Overland mail of May 1st reached London yesterday. It possesses no political, and little commercial interest.

Portugal has been the scene of another attempt at revolution, consequent upon a change of the ministry.

OREGON TERRITORY.—British Parliament.—Mr. Hume asked whether the government had been officially informed that the President of the United States had received directions from Congress...

Sir Robert Peel—I can have no objection to answer the question the honorable gentleman has put to me, by stating that the American President has given to their Majesty's Government the formal notice necessary for the termination of the existing convention...

England has offered her mediation between the United States and Mexico.

The second reading of the Irish Coercion Bill is to take place on Monday next.

Respecting the fate of the Ministry the impression is, that Sir Robert Peel is far in advance of his colleagues, and that he is anxious to apply to sugar the free trade principles which he has extended to corn.

The annual statement of the exchange is given, comparing the income with expenditure for current year—anticipated surplus of two million two hundred pounds.

Connected with the mission of General Armstrong, we may notice a rumor which has obtained currency in London.

The intention to tender this mediation was communicated to the diplomatic representatives of the two States yesterday, and the necessary papers will be forwarded to Mr. Pakenham...

Measures will also be taken to have the proposition made to the government of Mexico with the least possible delay.

The rates of insurance.—The underwriters are making a rich harvest out of the fears of the fastidious.

By the way, some of the French papers insist that the experimental squadron, which recently left the Downs, has other objects than those which are avowed.

The closing scene in the French Chamber of Deputies showed that M. Thiers has lost none of his pugnaciousness.

The Commercial Treaty between Prussia and Turkey, which has been so long in preparation, was signed on the 30th of April.

The news from Caucasus is not important.

The Cholera.—We have already stated that the cholera had made its appearance in some of the provinces of Persia, carrying death into the principal towns.

other side the cholera broke out unexpectedly at Orenbourg...

THE MARKETS.

THE LIVERPOOL CORN MARKET, June 3, 1846.—No improvement has taken place in the grain trade here...

Flour was almost unobtainable, though freely offered at the recent reduction.

Flour was very dull at Liverpool. Fine and good useful wheats, on a limited demand, receded again still further in value...

Choice lots of fresh Irish flour were in moderate request at quotations, while other descriptions fell; Canadian mail to be noticed rather than cheaper.

Phosphate of lime, under lock, is offered at 20s. 6d. to 21s.

THE WAR WITH MEXICO.

FROM THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER NEW YORK.

The New York arrived at New Orleans on the 14th instant, bringing advices from Brazos St. Iago to the 9th instant...

A YOUNG ROGUE.—A boy named Edwin Bray, about 12 years old, in the employ of Dr. Marden, at Skowhegan, Me., has been playing the impostor after a strange fashion.

DEDICATION OF JACKSON HALL.—Jackson Hall is to be dedicated, with patriotic ceremonies, in Washington, on the Fourth of July.

THE MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.—The Telegraph between New York and Washington is so full of business that it is almost impossible to forward any news for the papers.

DEATH OF THE HON. HENRY MIDDLETON.—The Hon. Henry Middleton, who from early life has held a distinguished place in the politics of South Carolina and of the Union...

MILITARY.—At Fairfax Court House a Volunteer Company is forming under the command, we believe, of an admirable commander, Major FAIRFAX.

At Union and Upperville a similar effort is making. Upwards of fifty names have enrolled.—John C. Murray, Esq., a gentleman eminently qualified, has been elected Captain, and Messrs. Edward C. Murray and C. Hittler, first and second Lieutenants.

THE PHILADELPHIA FURNITURE SOLD.—Mr. Pakenham, the British Minister, has purchased the magnificent suit of chamber furniture manufactured by Crawford Riddell, of Philadelphia, and exhibited at the Fair, valued at \$8,000.

DESTRUCTIVE FRESHET.—The Norfolk Beacon contains letters from Roanoke, Va., giving accounts of a destructive freshet which has occurred on the Roanoke, Neuse, Tar, and Cape Fear rivers, inundating and destroying all the crops through large sections of country.

DEATH OF A MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The Washington Union of Saturday says:—“We regret to announce the death of Hon. Richard P. Herrick, representative in Congress from New York, which occurred this evening at 6 o'clock, at his boarding-house, (Mrs. Harrison's Pennsylvania avenue) after a painful illness of about three days.”

MILITARY SPIRIT IN THE WEST.—A correspondent from Memphis, Tennessee, of the 6th instant, remarks on “the volunteer spirit of our little city of 8,000 people. It had six companies ready for the field before the act passed Congress, authorizing the President to call for 50,000 volunteers; and it sends out three companies in a few days to the tented field. No place in the South and West has been so prompt, or has turned out so largely in proportion to numbers, as Memphis.”

CURIOUS FISH.—A large fish, sixteen or eighteen feet in length, and weighing probably some two or three tons, was towed into Portland harbor on Wednesday. It was taken on the fishing ground about eight miles distant from the city. It was of a lilac color, and in general, resembled a shark, but had no teeth, and its vertebrae appeared to be little else than hardened jelly.

PAREDES AND THE MEXICAN WAR.—Captain Fitzhugh, of the steamship Mississippi, of Pensacola, according to the N. O. Delta, reports that Paredes has several thousand men and one million of dollars, with which he intends to take the field in person and prosecute the war.

REMAINS OF COM. BARNEY.—The remains of this brave officer are to be removed to the Allegheny Cemetery as some early day, which we believe is not yet appointed.

MATCH FOR \$1,000.—There is a report in town, says the New York Spirit of the Times, that a match has been concluded between Peyton and a slashing young fellow in Kentucky, called Brown Kitty, (by Birmingham, dam by Fiver, 4 years), to run “a single dash of two miles.”

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Fire at Quebec.

The Gazette of that City, furnishes the following particulars as to the destructive fire at Quebec:—“Our unfortunate, we had almost said doomed, city, has been visited by another conflagration, which, as regards the loss of life, exceeds by far the two awful visitations of last year.”

Yesterday (Friday) evening, about 10 o'clock, a fire broke out in the building known as the “Theatre Royal, St. Louis,” in the neighborhood of the old Chateau.

Forty-three of the bodies have been got out of the ruins; some of them awfully mutilated—others, only partially disfigured, having apparently died from suffocation.

A general gloom has been thrown over the city by this fearful calamity—which has occurred, as near as may be, midway between the two periods of the fires of last year—all the melancholy recollections of which are added to the yet more disastrous circumstances of the present catastrophe.

The boys' department was uninjured except in the roof, and in about two feet square of the ceiling, which was broken through in several places.

CORN MEAL IN IRELAND.—“The Dublin correspondent of the Morning Chronicle says:—“The use of Indian meal has now become quite general throughout the country, and the people prefer it to the potato, the common price of which, for some months past, had placed it beyond the reach of the laboring classes.”

THE CHOLERA.—Rumors are mentioned in the Montreal papers that the dreadful cholera has again made its appearance at Quebec—striking this point of the Western continent first, as it did before.

PROSPECTS AHEAD.—Business, &c.—The business interests of this country are on a sound footing than they ever were in any former period of our history.

ROBERT TYLER, Esq., has been elected Captain of the Washington Guards, of Philadelphia, a company of volunteers who are organizing for the purpose of offering their services to the President.

NEW COTTON FACTORY.—A cotton factory is about to be erected at Reading, Pa., with a capital of \$300,000.

MAJOR RINGGOLD'S EFFECTS.—A letter from New Orleans to the Charleston News, says:—“The coat, boots, and complete uniform of the late Major Ringgold, with his holsters, ‘housing and saddle bloody red,’ were sent to his friends at Baltimore in the brig Archer, Capt. Grey, which cleared for port yesterday.”

LIBERALITY OF A WASHINGTON MECHANIC.—We record with pleasure the following instance of liberality, which has been communicated to us by a respectable gentleman who is well acquainted with the fact, and thinks that the worthy mechanic referred to is deserving of honorable mention along with those who have made generous donations towards the Bible Society and other excellent institutions and religious bodies.

HURRY UP THE SOUP.—There is much significance in Gen. Scott's declaration, that he set down to answer Secretary Marcy's letter after “a hasty plate of soup.”

When to the army Worth was sent, And Scott was told to troop, The one went off on fighting bent, The other staid to see a soap.

MARRIAGE EXTRAORDINARY.—On Saturday, at 7 o'clock P. M., at the church of St. Martin, says the Attakapas Gazette, (La.) a very uncommon and interesting ceremony took place at the foot of the altar.

Spirit of Jefferson.



CHARLESTOWN.

Friday Morning, June 26, 1846.

Gen. Taylor and the Presidency.

Though the movement recently made in some quarters to bring the name of Gen. Taylor before the people as a candidate for the Presidency, may be rather the impulse of feeling, than the calm deliberation of a better judgment, yet we think it is of no consequence to us, whatever, whether Gen. Taylor be Whig or Democrat, he has proved himself to be a Soldier, and there let him remain, for the present, at least, to lead our forces to victory.

Let not his political ambition be aroused, and he made to enter the arena of party politics—let not party spirit be invoked to cripple his influence, and weaken his efforts, which must surely be the case, if this ill-advised movement is seconded by the discreet and thinking men of the country.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger thus speaks of the recent movement in that city relative to Gen. Taylor and the Presidency:—

“The meeting called for last evening for the purpose of nominating Gen. Taylor for the Presidency was a decided failure so far as its avowed object was concerned. But eighty people attended. Amongst them, however, very fortunately, were a few discreet heads, who, by their judicious management, turned the current of affairs from their intended channel, and converted the meeting into a mere, and very laudable assemblage, for giving utterance to the gratitude entertained by our community, toward the General, for his late brilliant military services, and to the great and universal esteem in which he is held here, as an officer and a fellow citizen.—‘All's well that ends well.’”

Congress.

But very little of interest, save the rather irregular discussion of the Tariff Bill, has taken place in Congress during the last week. The Whigs are confident in their predictions that no change can be made in the iniquitous Bill of '42, but we shall rely on the patriotism of our party and their duty to the whole country, to rise superior to self-interest and base subservency to the manufacturing interest of the North.

IT is now universally believed, that the north-west boundary treaty has been ratified by the Senate. It is also stated that the ratification was adopted by a vote of 41 to 14.

It is well known, indeed, that Great Britain has claimed, steadfastly and from the first, as her boundary line, the channel of the Columbia river from its mouth up to the parallel of 49th, and that she has more than once proclaimed the impossibility of receding from that basis of negotiation.

Assuming this to be true, or very nearly so, it is manifest that the treaty settles our long vexed controversy upon terms far more advantageous to us than have ever before been offered by England.

The National Intelligencer of Tuesday says:—“The most important item which we find in the newspapers in connexion with the news brought by the Caledonia—viz: that instructions have been sent out to Mr. Pakenham to proffer the mediation of Great Britain between the United States and Mexico—though concurred in by all the papers of Boston and New York, is not confirmed by anything which has transpired here (in Washington.)”

The following views from the Washington Union, on the same subject, are not without interest at the present time:—

“One interesting item is, that the Caledonia brings instructions to Mr. Pakenham to offer the mediation of England between the United States and Mexico. If Mexico offers to receive a minister from the United States to settle all our differences, whether it be owing to the appeal of the British minister to Mexico or not, it can scarcely clash with the sentiments of the President, who has twice declared his desire to make an honorable peace. But we must recollect, as we said in our article of last evening:—

“Mexico has a prodigious turn for big and swelling and pompous words. Their pronunciation are terrible. Their rhodomontade is ridiculously extravagant. They try to keep up the spirit of their people by such bombast; and if we were to suffer ourselves, every time she even pretends to ask an armistice, or to offer a dilatory negotiation to stop the march of our troops, and waste all this expense of arrangement, with our enthusiastic and ardent mass of volunteers, impatient of long delay, we should permit Mexico first to deceive, and then to laugh at the trick she had played upon us. If Mexico wishes to negotiate, she must do it in good faith, and in few words. Meantime, we must continue to advance with all possible alacrity, press on with the greatest vigor, strike at her strong-holds, strike down her troops, and negotiate with a minister backed by our triumphant army.”

Masonic Celebration.

On Wednesday last, the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, was duly celebrated by Charity Lodge, No. 111, of Harpers-Ferry.

The procession numbered about 100, and presented an imposing and commanding appearance. The new Amateur Band of that place proceeded the line, and gave an additional interest to the scene.

After marching through the streets, the Procession moved to the Methodist Episcopal Church, where a large number of citizens, among them a goodly number of the fair ladies of the town and neighborhood, were already in waiting.

The Rev. Mr. HEAD opened the ceremonies with an eloquent and appropriate Prayer. An Address, briefly recapitulating the origin, rise and progress of Masonry—its claims to the favorable consideration of the world, and the advantages resulting from its being duly appreciated and acted upon, was then delivered by A. J. O'BANNON, Esq., of this town.

From the short time which Mr. O'Bannon had to prepare his Address, it was a most creditable production, and gave very general satisfaction to the members of the fraternity and the large concourse of citizens and strangers in attendance. The ceremonies were concluded at the Church by a Benediction, from P. G. M. REED, of Winchester.

CONVENTION MEETING IN CLARKE.

We are requested to say that in consequence of the harvest interfering, the Convention meeting proposed to be held in Clarke County on Monday last, did not take place, but was postponed until the fourth Monday of July, (court-day.) Several Speakers may be expected to be present on the occasion, and the citizens of the County generally are invited to attend.

THE COUNTY LEVY.

More than usual difficulty was experienced in fixing the Levy for the ensuing year. To meet the necessary appropriations for the County, a slight increase had to be made. The County Levy this year is ninety cents on the \$100—last year eighty.

THE PARISH LEVY this year is seventy-five cents—last year sixty cents.

Among the appropriations made by the County, we are gratified to name the following:— For erecting a new Bridge over the Opegon, above Smithfield, on the road leading to Winchester, \$500.00.

For putting Railing around the Court-House yard, \$250.00.

For alterations to the Jury Boxes, \$35.00.

Berkeley Springs.

These Springs have long since become the favorite resort of the health-seeking invalid. The present season it is anticipated will be a very full one, as the accommodations are now superior to any which have been heretofore presented.

O'FERRALL & Co., it will be seen by reference to advertisement, have leased, in addition to their own fine hotel, the “Pavilion House,” recently kept by Col. Strother. This will enable these gentlemen to afford ample accommodations for all who may visit them, and that too, in the most pleasant and agreeable manner.

DENTISTRY.

Dr. McCormick, Surgeon Dentist, is now on a visit to this place, and we advise our friends to give him an early call. The reputation Dr. McC. has acquired, would render it a work of supererogation on our part to say anything of his skill.

And we would only remark that our citizens would find it more advantageous to give their dental work to an almost resident practitioner in preference to an itinerant Dentist, who is “here-to-day and gone to-morrow,” and consequently has no reputation to gain or lose by his operations.—Free Press.

In addition to the above very deserved notice of Dr. McCormick, we need but say that during a practice of several years in our immediate neighborhood, he has given the most entire satisfaction. Being thoroughly skilled in his profession, and having a reputation to be sustained, he looks farther than his own immediate interest in executing work entrusted to his hands.

Threshing Machines, &c.

See the advertisement of Messrs. YONSON & HANVEY in to-day's paper. They are prepared to accommodate the farmer at the shortest notice, with the various articles necessary to his calling. Their Threshing Machines, particularly, are spoken of in the highest terms. One of the firm, Mr. YONSON, will be in our neighborhood about the 1st of July, when those wishing to examine his machines, &c. will have an opportunity of doing so.

OLD FELLOWS PROCESSION.

The Dedication of the new Lodge at Harpers-Ferry on the 4th July, promises to be a most interesting occasion.—If a fair proportion of the Brethren who have already signified their intention of being present, are enabled to do so, at least 500 Odd Fellows will be in Procession. A general attendance from all the Lodges in the immediate neighborhood will of course be expected. An extra train of Cars will run on the Winchester road for the accommodation of those who may wish to be in attendance.

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. MR. TUSTIN.—The Rev. Mr. Tustin was installed pastor of the “Central Presbyterian church,” Washington, in the presence of a large and deeply interesting audience, on Sabbath week, by a committee of the Presbytery of Baltimore appointed for that purpose.

U. S. SENATE.—Mr. McDuffie after a long balloting was elected chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, in place of Mr. Allen, who resigned on Wednesday week.

Gen. Scott, when asked, a few years ago, if he would consent to run for the Presidency, replied promptly and emphatically “I will.” His political friends since his late discreditable exhibition of himself, say, with equal emphasis, “we won't.”

JOHN K. KANE OF PENNSYLVANIA, has been appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate, judge of the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, vice Archibald Randall, deceased.

GEORGIA CROPS.—The Millidgeville Journal of Tuesday, says that there were never finer prospects in Georgia for a bountiful crop year.—Throughout the whole State, the wheat crop, it says, is an abundant one. Even in that section of Georgia, called the “cotton belt,” from its great production of cotton, and the engrossing attention paid it by the farmers, almost every person, says the Journal, has wheat to sell.

The “Proceedings of the Overseers of the Poor,” are necessarily postponed this week.

