



Spirit of Jefferson.



CHARLESTOWN: Friday Morning, March 12, 1847.

MARCH COURT. Monday next is the first day of our March Court. It will be a favorable time for our friends to give us a call, and settle the Printer's Bill.

JEFFERSON COUNTY. The Whig leaders seem determined to hold a Convention to nominate Delegates for the Legislature this Spring. As to the necessity, or the expediency of this move on the part of the wire-workers, it is not our province to speak.

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WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE.

The distinguished Fakir of Ava, and the renowned Spanish Ventriloquist, young Francisco, purpose giving our citizens an entertainment at the Court House on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD. Dr. Woods, Superintendent of Transportation, &c., on the Baltimore Rail Road, replies, at some length, to the various communications which have recently appeared in the public papers, charging the Company with inefficiency or neglect to convey to market the produce offered at the depots of the Road.

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END OF THE LIBEL CASE.

The case of Thomas H. Benton vs. Francis Thomas, for libel upon the wife of the latter, has at last been settled. When it came up in the Circuit Court of Washington, on Monday last, the following proceedings took place.

WASHINGTON, March 8, 6 P. M. Gen. JONES has just announced to the Circuit Court, as Senior Counsel for Governor THOMAS, the end of this deplorable controversy, and has read a paper which the Court has recorded, signed by the counsel for the defence, Messrs. Jones, Mansley, and Scott, declaring their belief of the unfounded character of the offences imputed by Gov. Thomas to his late wife; and also stating the conviction of the learned counsel that their client, however sound his mind on other subjects, in relation to the subject matter of this deplorable controversy, labored under an unhappy and morbid delusion.

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A CORRECTION.

We have received, from the Hon. Wm. Lucas, the following communication, which we cheerfully give place to:

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TO THE DEMOCRACY OF THE TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

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