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Devoted to News, Politics, Agriculture, General Miscellany and Commercial Intelligence. VOL. 4. CHARLESTOWN, TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 21, 1848. NO. 37.

AGENTS. The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as Agents for our paper, and will forward money for subscriptions, &c., or receive any additional names to our list that can be procured.

WONDERFUL SUCCESS! Embrace the Opportunity! THE most wonderful success has attended the late lottery of M. ANSEL.

50,000 DOLLARS! To be drawn on WEDNESDAY, March 29th. 78 numbers and 15 drawn ballots.

25,000 Dollars! To be drawn on THURSDAY, March 30th. 75 numbers and 15 drawn ballots.

NEW HARDWARE STORE. THE undersigned would respectfully inform their friends of Jefferson and the adjoining counties, and all who may call on them.

The Great Attraction in Charlestown, IS THIS NEW READY-MADE CLOTHING EMPORIUM, Whose Fame is Drawing "the Knowing!"

Having a wholesale establishment in Baltimore, embracing all the articles here enumerated, they are enabled to compete with, and UNDERSELL, any other establishment.

Here's the Place to Save Money! HATS, CAPS, BOOTS & SHOES. ASH & CO. have on hand the cheapest assortment of the above articles ever brought to this place.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership. THE Partnership heretofore existing between William J. Stephens and John Wells, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Political. LANCASTER COUNTY MEETING. At a large and respectable meeting of the Republican party of Lancaster, on the 21st day of February, 1848, Col. Samuel Downing was called to the Chair, and James B. James appointed Secretary.

General Intelligence. SHOCKING MURDER.—We learn from the Richmond papers, that the house of Mr. William L. White, in the county of Henrico, Va., some six miles from Richmond, was entered on Saturday night, and he himself murdered with an axe, and Mrs. White left insensible on the floor.

Great Bargains. HAVING taken the stock on hand of the late firm of Stephens & Wells, I take the opportunity of thanking the numerous friends and customers of the establishment for past patronage, and request a continuance of the same.

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Resolutions adopted by the Democratic State Convention of Virginia, on Tuesday, February 20th, 1848. We, the Democratic Convention of Virginia, unlike the late Whig Convention, who voted in favor of the people, who suffered their country, no declaration of doctrine of assertion of principle, believe it to be our high privilege and solemn duty to state to the country frankly and without reserve the views and opinions for which, as our cherished creed, we seek approval and support—and do therefore resolve,

1st. That if any thing could increase our confidence in an Independent Treasury and a Revenue Tariff, it would be found in the signal success which has attended their practical operation since, under the auspices of the present administration, they have been established as laws of the land.

2d. That we proudly point to the fact that, even in time of war, our great constitutional measure of currency and taxation have worked without a jar, and to the unprecedented prosperity of all the interests of our country, who are indebted to the matter of fair and conclusive proof of their efficiency, equality, wisdom and justice.

3d. That we cordially approve the Presidential veto of the River and Harbor Bill of the last session of Congress, as an interference of a grand constitutional check in the way of a system which is utterly without constitutional warrant, and which would, if carried out, beget a course of wild, wasteful and corrupt expenditure, the mischievous consequences of which cannot be overestimated.

4th. That, in our judgment, the war in which the country is now engaged, originated in the injustice and hostility of Mexico; that it is consistent with the national honor, just, righteous, constitutional and unavoidable on the part of the U. S. States; and that, while we insist that the old issues, involving as they do the honor and most vital questions of internal policy, shall not be kept out of view by our opponents, [unless, indeed, they are willing to recant their opinions,] we cannot but eagerly accept the side of the new Mexican issue which they tender to us—that side being, as it is, the side of truth, justice, right and our country.

5th. That although deeply convinced of the justice and necessity of the war between the United States and Mexico, and through advocates of a vigorous prosecution during its continuance, and full indemnity at its close, we have never dreamed of the annihilation of Mexican nationality, or the absorption of the Mexican people, and half the present prospect of a just and honorable peace, as the crowning glory of a conflict which has illustrated our annals by a series of exploits which make our history the grand epic of the age.

6th. That we tender to the Administration, the President and his Cabinet, our hearty thanks for the fidelity and firmness with which they have redeemed the pledges of the party which brought them into power, and maintained the cause of their country against a foreign enemy, through difficulties and trials both at home and abroad.

7th. That the late Keprens and city resolutions of the free and equal States of this Union, we do most earnestly protest against the Winthrop and Wilmot Provisions, as wanton violations of the Constitution and willful assaults on the rights and interests of one portion of our confederacy, and do most solemnly declare that there is no power either in Congress or in any department of the Executive, which is its creatures, nor anywhere else, save only in the people of a territory in the adoption of a State Constitution, preparatory to admission into the Union, to prevent the migration of any citizen of any State, with his property, whether it be slave or free, or to deny to any domicile which may be acquired by common blood and treasure of the people of all the States.

8th. That this Convention heartily responds to the noble Resolutions of the Alabama State Democratic Convention, and will "under no political necessity whatever," support either for the "Fugitive Slave Law," or any other measure which shall not be the firm and avowed opponent of any plan or doctrine, which in any way interferes with the right of citizens of any one State to possess and enjoy all their property in any territory, which may be acquired by the Union; as fully, completely and as citizens of that other State shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as if unwilling to disturb the Missouri compromise we are content with adherence to its principles.

9th. That subject to the indispensable condition already stated, we will support any Democrat who may receive the nomination of the National Convention which will meet in Baltimore on the fourth Monday in May next, and that it be and is hereby recommended to the Democracy of Virginia, to hold at their earliest convenience, Conventions in the different Electoral Districts of the State, for the purpose of appointing four Delegates from each of our counties, to attend said National Convention, and also an equal number of gentlemen to act as alternates.

LOTTERIES FOR MARCH! To be Drawn March 22d. 75,000 DOLLARS! In 5 Prizes of \$15,000 each, &c., &c.

MAGNIFICENT Susquehanna Canal Lottery, Class 18. To be Drawn in the City of Baltimore, Md., MARCH 29th.

50,000 DOLLARS! 1 PRIZE OF \$15,000! 10,000! \$35,000 divided into 5 Prizes of 5,000 each!

SPECIAL NOTICE. LOTTERIES DRAWN EVERY DAY. Capitals from \$1,000 to \$50,000! TICKETS VALUED IN PRIZE FROM \$1 to \$20.

THE subscriber will sell off at greatly reduced prices, in order to close out. No respect paid to cost now; so great bargains can be had.

Watches, Jewelry and Silver Ware. Having arranged all their goods in the Optical line on one side of their store, this branch of the business will occupy the undivided attention of one of the firm, (surviving partner of T. FENTON HAMILTON & Co.) who dates himself from his long experience in adapting glasses to the sight, to give satisfaction.

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ADDRESS

Democratic State Convention TO THE PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA.

FELLOW CITIZENS: The time will soon arrive when you must exercise the most important privilege...

It is necessary to follow the party which was formed through its whole history, under the various names it has since adopted...

Not satisfied with this scheme alone to strengthen the Union, and weaken the States that compose it, the Whig party propose to place prohibitions and restrictions on our commerce...

The Treasury of the United States derives extensive revenues from the process of the sales of the public lands...

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incorporate a banking institution which must, if successful, hold in its power the currency and commerce of the country...

The mind turns with pleasure from contemplating this subject, and a sense of relief is experienced when the prosperous condition of the country in every branch of its industry is seen...

All are familiar with the fact, that the Proclamation, the Force Bill, and the removal of the Deposits, followed by the events of Mr. Van Buren's Administration...

Protection may be carried to a point which will destroy all revenue; duties may be levied for other purposes besides revenue...

since the last presidential election, fellow citizens, the Whig party have been in the Convention cannot pass over in silence...

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she waged a war of self-defence, and on the part of her foe a war of conquest. It terminated at San Jacinto in April, 1836, and Texas established her freedom and her independence...

If the argument by which Mexico justifies her cause, constituted the whole ground of complaint against the Government of the United States, the subject would demand no further consideration...

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party necessarily, perceived at once that it was brought on by the President of the United States. Many who had never questioned our title up to the Rio Grande, discovered that the Nueces was the true boundary of Texas...

But all these things have failed to array the people against their country. They have, with reason, distrusted men who were eager to condemn the United States for not declaring war before our troops moved from Corpus Christi...

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FOR STATE SENATOR.

Democratic Nominee, HERBIE L. OPIE, ESQ.

Whig Nominee, JOHN S. GALLAHER, ESQ.

Col. ANDREW KEYSER will be supported as a Candidate for the House of Delegates...

MANY VOTERS. We are authorized to announce that THOMAS BUSEWELL, as a candidate for re-election to the Legislature of Virginia...

DEMOCRATIC ADDRESS. We commend to our readers this document, published in another place, as comprehensive, perspicuous, and strong in its arguments and facts...

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LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION.

Delegates appointed from the several counties of this Electoral District, to attend the Electoral Convention, to appoint four Representatives and four alternates to the National Democratic Convention...

FROM JEFFERSON.—Charlottesville.—Wm. Lucas, R. Parker, J. W. Beller, G. B. Beall, J. Humphreys, Smithfield—J. Smith, S. Cameron, G. M. Davis, Jas. Grantham, John H. Smith, Harpers-Ferry—G. B. Wager, John Strider, John G. Wilson, Wm. Smallwood, George Maury, Shepherdstown—John Wyson, Col. R. Lucas, Wm. Osborne, Jacob Morgan, Wm. G. Butler, Dr. R. Parran, Minor Hurd, S. Billemyre, Samuel Knott, Dr. R. A. Lucas...

FROM CLARKE.—P. D. Shepherd, R. S. Littlejohn, Geo. D. Moss, John Burchell, Jacob Isler and Dr. Cyrus McCormick.

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JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES.

The bill to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace to sums not exceeding \$50, was on Tuesday ordered to its engrossment in the House of Delegates, by the very decided vote of 62 to 46...

COMMISSIONER TO MEXICO. The President on Tuesday nominated the Hon. Ambrose H. Sevier, U. S. Senator from Arkansas, as Commissioner to Mexico, with full powers to negotiate and close the treaty...

WITHDRAWAL FROM CONFERENCE. We learn from the Baltimore Sun that quite an interesting discussion took place in the body of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, on Wednesday last...

THE SUBJECT elicited remarks from many of the prominent members of the Conference, more on account of the mode of expression by which the application should be granted than on account of the mere abstract question of withdrawal...

THE ANTI-DUELLING OATH. The following are the sections of the amended law on the subject of duelling as it passed the House of Delegates on Monday, which refer to the subject of the oath to be taken by all persons holding office under the State...

RE-APPOINTMENT BILL LOST. The bill to re-appoint representation in the Legislature, was under consideration in the House of Delegates, on Monday last, and after various efforts to amend, was lost upon the question of engrossment, by a vote of 51 to 62...

METHODIST PROT CONFERENCE. The Methodist Protestant Conference which had been in session in Georgetown, for a week adjourned on the 14th inst. About \$300 were collected for the superannuated fund...

THE FOLLOWING is the list of annual appointments for the ensuing year: Josiah Vandoren, Clerk; Wm. T. Sutherland, Alexandria station—S. B. Sutherland, Cumberland station—Wm. T. Eva, East Baltimore station—Dr. John S. Reese, Georgetown station—Wm. Collier, Harpers-Ferry station—John Roberts, 9th street, Washington—L. R. Reese, West Baltimore—J. J. Murray, 1st M. E. Church, Washington—J. W. Everett, Ann Arundel circuit—R. S. Norris, sup. (One to be supplied)...

ALLEGANY circuit—D. Wilson, Accomack circuit—Wm. Fisher, sup. (One to be supplied) Baltimore circuit—Elm. Handle, sup; J. W. Smith, sup. (One to be supplied) Cecil circuit—W. K. Hamilton, Caroline circuit—G. D. Hamilton, Cambridge circuit—D. Evans Reese, J. C. Davis, sup. (One to be supplied) Clearfield circuit—T. M. Bryan, Carlisle circuit—Fred'k. Swentzell, Dar Creek circuit—J. Eldridge, Wm. Reimold, sup. (One to be supplied) Dorchester circuit—D. Smeret, Frederick circuit—H. P. Jordan, Howard circuit—S. Webster, C. Cox, Huntingdon circuit—D. W. Bates, J. Wait, Jefferson circuit—L. W. Bates, Kent circuit—Wm. T. Wright, W. J. Dale, Liberty circuit—Jas. M. Eldridge, New Market circuit—D. W. Bates, J. Wait, Newmarket circuit—D. F. Ewell, T. Burton, Pipe Creek circuit—J. Morgan, W. Roby, Prince William circuit—Nicholas Leiby, Potomac circuit—Jas. Shreve, Queen Anne's circuit—T. M. Wilson, H. J. Day, Snow Hill circuit—W. T. Dunn, Sussex circuit—Richard Akinson, Talbot circuit—T. L. McLean, J. Clelland, Union circuit—W. C. Poole, T. A. Moore, Williamsport circuit—T. D. Vallant, J. McFadden, sup. (One to be supplied) Ex. itin. mission—D. F. Waters, Lewes mission—(To be supplied) Smyrna mission—J. A. Jackson, Charleston—S. R. Cox, loaned for one year, by order of Conference...

Bethlehem, Philadelphia—P. L. Wilson, loaned for one year, by order of Conference. Superannuated—Alfred Baker, L. A. Collins, Pleasant Hill—Unaffiliated List—J. W. Porter, J. M. Henkle, Left without appointments at their own request—George Herriage, Daniel Collier, J. K. Nichols, F. Sizer.

AN ACT. Authorizing a separate election at the house of Levi Hiett, in the County of Clarke. Passed March 15, 1848.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That whenever hereafter an election shall be held in the County of Clarke, in which all the lawful voters of the County are required to vote, there shall be, at the same time, a separate poll opened and held for such election, at the house now the residence of Levi Hiett, in the North Western part of said County.

This act shall be in force from its passage.

Poetry

LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Let us love one another - not long may we stay...

Variety

THE USED UP POLITICIAN.—Something appropriate. The following sketch of a "Used up Politician" is not inappropriate at this time.

NOTICE

THE Legislatures of Maryland and Virginia having passed Laws, authorizing the erection of a Bridge across the Potomac River...

At the Hotel of Henry Smith, in Middleway, Jefferson County, under the direction of Dr. Saml' Scottley, John P. Smith, Dr. Mann P. Nelson...

At the County Clerk's Office, in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, under the direction of Charles J. Faulkner, Philip C. Pendleton, Edmund H. Ingham...

At the Hotel of Mr. Leggett, in New Market, Shenandoah County, under the direction of John Strayer, John D. Zinke, Zachariah Shirley, John Strayer...

At the Hotel of Mrs. Pollock, in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, under the direction of Col. Edward H. Smith, Col. Algernon S. Gray, Jonathan Peale, William Eller, Col. John Kenney, Col. Abraham Lincoln, and Henry Christman...

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