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THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY. Will issue Policies on all kinds of Property...

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD. Two Daily Lines between Baltimore and Wheeling...

Table with columns for destinations (Cincinnati, Louisville, etc.) and fares.

TO WHAT SELLERS. The undersigned is prepared to buy quantities of wheat for the Baltimore market...

THE LOUDON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE AND CHEMICAL ACADEMY. The above Establishment will be opened for the reception of Students on the 1st day of March, 1854...

HARDWARE. The subscriber has now opened the largest stock of hardware ever introduced in this section...

Poetry.

A WINTER EVENING HYMN. The Frost had smitten the hill-tops, And the fields beneath her came...

AMERICA FEEDING THE BEST OF MANKIND. The Savannah Republican publishes an interesting letter from Paris, from which we take the following extract...

THE NAPOLION AND THE CHEVALIER RAY. We transfer to our columns from one of our exchanges the following complimentary notice of two of our distinguished editors...

CHILDREN IN 1853. I went with a friend, the other day, to look at some "rooms to let". She liked the rooms, and the man who owned them liked she should have them...

MISCELLANEOUS. RESTRICTIVE LAWS OF THE OLDEN TIMES. We were reading, recently, a history of Connecticut, from its first settlement...

Miscellaneous.

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THE GROWTH OF EXTRAVAGANCE. Every newspaper should write once a week, and every minister should preach once a month...

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CHARLESTOWN:
TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 31, 1854.

TO OUR PATRONS.
When we commenced the publication of our paper in 1844, it was scarcely one-half its present size, and we are sure, contained not one-half the matter published at one-half the expense it is done at present.

OUR STAFF.
The question is now being considered in our Legislature, whether the State of Virginia shall change 16,000 flint muskets to percussion locks, under the control and direction of the superintendent of the Armory at Richmond, or still distribute the arms of the State, utterly worthless and useless as many of them are.

OUR STATE BANKS.
The time of their re-charter is at hand, and hence a rigid examination into their condition is being proposed. We have not heard as yet of the report of the committee appointed on the part of the Legislature, to examine into the condition of the new State Bank, (being based upon State Stock, and known as the Independent Bank), located at Alexandria, and designated as the Bank of the Old Dominion.

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THE POPE'S NUNCIO.

It is no doubt known to our readers, that Archbishop Bedini, the ecclesiastical Representative of the Pope of Rome, is now on a visit to our country, to examine into the condition of the Catholic Church of this country, the happiness and prosperity of its members, as well as the general and political prosperity of the country.

THE NUNCIO ARRIVES.
The Nuncio arrived in Washington last week, and having letters from the Pope of Rome to the President, his visit has excited considerable interest. The U. S. Senate a few days since, was the scene of an interesting discussion, involving all the nicest considerations of national hospitality and courtesy, as well as the sanctity of the ambassadorial character.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

The Enquirer represents that the members of the Legislature are actuated by a praiseworthy determination to dispatch the public business, and that from present indications, without leaving any great amount unfinished, an adjournment may be expected at the end of a ninety day session.

THE HOUSE.
On Monday the House of Representatives met at ten o'clock, and after the usual prayer, the Speaker, Mr. Taylor, called the roll, and reported the names of the members present.

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CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

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VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.

At a meeting of the Corps of Cadets at the Virginia Military Institute, Jan. 27th, held in consequence of the death of Gen. BLACKBURN, of Jefferson, the following resolutions were adopted:

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 1854.
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