

Spirit of Jefferson

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THE IMPEACHMENT.

The questions connected with the impeachment of President Johnson, and the consequences which may flow from his conviction and removal, are of so grave a character, and so absorb all others. Reconstruction for the Union, is scarcely spoken of, and when mentioned at all, only to be regarded as a part of the unholy scheme instituted for the continuation of power in the hands of the party that is now seeking, through unconstitutional means, to get possession of the Executive Department.

One hundred millions of gold in the Treasury, and a Presidential election to come off within the year, are considerations which might well be expected to furnish motives for action with any party whose career has been marked with unblinking fraud and wanton disregard of the true interests of the country. The radical party, with its present patronage, does not mean to leave any obstacle in the road to its complete success, and sooner than run the risk of defeat in November, its leaders will seize the reins of government and drive the country to irretrievable ruin. And this they are about to do.

It is too late now to inquire whether this might or might not have been prevented. We are not of those who find it convenient to denounce the inaction of Mr. Johnson, and say that he ought to have done this and so. We give him credit for patriotism, and believe the present welfare and future glory of the country has been his aim, but from the very inception of his administration the odds have been against him and his hands tied. It is true he has been allowed to talk well and write elegantly, but these innocent exercises of his, whilst they have doubtless been a relief to him, have not weakened his opponents or created the slightest diversion in their original and digested plans for the overthrow of the constitution. If action was needed, Mr. Johnson was but one man, and though clothed with high official trust, he was without any guarantee of support in the event he attempted to resort to force. His protests have been many and vigorous, and at any period of the government prior to 1861, would have been perfectly resistless.

But the seed which are now about to produce such a harvest of destruction were sown during the reign of Mr. Johnson's predecessor, and the present President may not be entirely blameless for the root they have taken. It was then that the constitution received those stabs from which it has not yet, and is not likely ever to recover. The first infraction, quietly submitted to, opened the flood-gates to general demoralization, until the dominant party found it convenient to base their legislation and consolidate their structure upon the ruins of, and outside, all measures of constitutional restraint. What all this is to lead to, it needs no keen prophetic sense to foretell.

As a matter of course Mr. Johnson will be convicted. No other result ought to be looked for. Like the military commissions which sent Mrs. Surratt and hundreds of others to the scaffold, the tribunal before which Mr. Johnson is arraigned, has been organized to convict. Any other verdict would not be in keeping with the grand scheme of secessionism that is to make the government a despotism, or deluge the country with blood. But the end is not here; the evil stops not with removal of the President. He must have a successor, and he must be one upon whom the revolutionists can rely, to carry out in detail, and to its very minutia, the programme that is marked out. What is that programme, and what the result of its faithful performance, are questions which we find admirably answered in the columns of the Dyleston (Pa.) Democrat, whose editor was a Provoist in this town during its occupancy by Gen. Patterson. After a careful survey of the field, he has arrived at the conclusions presented in the extract below:—

We have often remarked in our columns, that the Radicals have struck for Empire in this country, and we are still of this opinion. To attain it, they will use all the means that unblinking impudence and love of tyrannical power may suggest. Their object is to elect the next President at all hazards, and they will not scruple at the means. They do not intend the people shall have a fair ballot if they can prevent it, and they will use every proper means to prevent it. They know that they stand in danger of losing the vote of the majority of the Northern States unless the ballot is given to the negroes. The measure is now before Congress, and we expect to see it pass before the adjournment. This bill enhances the value of the vote in all the States they do not already vote, and they hope thereby to secure New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other States. Before the present session of Congress adjourns, a test oath bill will be passed, in some shape or other, which will exclude from voting enough Democrats to give the Radicals a majority in all the close districts. This will enable them to carry every State and again to have a two-thirds majority in Congress. Our friends must not argue that the Radicals will not dare to do such outrageous things, that they will be afraid and all that. They dare do anything that becomes necessary to secure them in power, and which is proved by the history of the past six years. None of the acts we have specified are likely to be done by them in the future are more monstrous than what they have already done. What so outrageous, and in such clear violation of the Constitution as the establishment of military despotism in the States that will be the greatest stretch of power to disfranchise a few hundred thousand Democrats in the North, than to do the same thing in the South and enfranchise nearly a million of negroes.

Some one may ask whether the people will stand all this? Stand it? Yes, and more too. They have stood more of things and why not this? The Radicals will obtain permanent power by it, and we cannot expect them to offer any resistance, while the Democrats will not resist. We are satisfied of this. A few will bluster, but it will not come to anything. The experience of the past few years has continued us that no considerable portion of the Northern people will fight to preserve

constitutional liberty to themselves and their posterity. They have lost that. They wish for free government that distinguishes their ancestors. As long as they are left free to pursue their daily avocations and to reap and enjoy the fruit of their own labor, they really care but little about the government, or who manages it. This is the feeling of the majority, while, no doubt, there is a considerable minority who are ardent lovers of liberty, and who would suffer and sacrifice much for it. When Wade comes into the White House and assumes the reins of government, Democrats may expect to feel the full weight of Radical power. If we cannot overthrow this tyranny at the ballot box, we see no other course than to submit. These considerations which we believe the political situation justifies, make the coming contest of more than usual importance.

IS VIRGINIA A STATE?

The question whether Virginia is a State in the Union, says the Virginia Opinion, seems to depend upon varying circumstances. For instance, Virginia is a State in the Union for Underwood, both as a Judge and a Senator; but she is not a State in the Union for anybody else, brought before Underwood on habeas corpus, and seeking relief from military imprisonment. That Underwood's documents may go free, Virginia is in the Union; but that a citizen of the State may not go free, she is very much out of the Union.

Yet the Supreme Court has plainly responded to the query in the affirmative, and it should not be any longer a mooted question. In a very recent decision, following up former ones of the same tenor, that high body says that the "efforts to draw off eleven States from their allegiance to this Government, and the setting up of the so-called Confederate States Government were illegal, the States being still constitutionally in the Union."

In like manner Congress, during the whole war, recognized Virginia as a State in the Union, by allowing certain men to represent her as Senators; and it was not until the war was over that this representation (such as it was) was put an end to. It is certainly difficult to explain how Virginia was a State in the Union during the existence of a condition of war, and yet ceased to be such on the establishment of peace. Judge Fisher, of Washington, however, like Underwood, finds no difficulty in suiting the status of Virginia to the occasion, and he, in contempt of the Supreme Court, has decided that she is not a State in the Union. As to the fact, Fisher is right; but it was his province to declare the law. It was his duty to uphold Virginia's right, and not to recognize the actual condition put upon her through flagrant wrong.

Another strange circumstance in this matter is, that a fragment of Virginia, composed of certain seceding counties, has been acknowledged by the Government as a State in the Union, has its senators and representatives in Congress, and is accredited in every way as an equal among the other States, while Virginia herself is treated as an unrecognizing territory; Congress thereby reversing one of the plainest demonstrations of Kuchel, and proving that a part is greater than the whole. No wonder, after this, that that ingenious body essays to show that black is white, or, at least, that a negro is the equal of the white man.

The New York Herald says "that the Republican party is already crumbling to pieces, and that Johnson's acquittal would fall into the party camp like a bombshell, and blow it into atoms!" The removal of Johnson will probably finish it; but his acquittal would do this thing at once. They are in the Rubicon, and hit or miss, they must cross it. Their chances look blue on either side, but a retreat is certain destruction. The National Intelligencer thinks that "Macaley is responsible for the whole of the tomfoolery in the Capitol at Washington, about the impeachment. Members have been reading his account of the trial of Warren Hastings, and imagining that they can figure like Burke, Sheridan, and the rest of the glorious group, in that celebrated case." The Alexandria Gazette wishes that Macaley were alive now to write an account of President Johnson's trial as a contrast to that of Hastings. How the "glow-worms of the hour" would "pale their ineffectual fire."

GRANT AND THE RADE.—Robert Tyler, Esq., editor of the Montgomery Advertiser, writes from Washington to his paper, that "there has been a regular contract of bargain and sale between the Radical party and Gen. Grant, by which they have agreed to accept him as their Presidential candidate, and he has agreed to defend them and their usurpations with his sword." A QUERY.—The Charlottesville Chronicle puts this question: If a white man, with the education and social position of a gentleman, abandon his own race and makes common cause with negroes and foreign adventurers, is he any longer, entitled to the consideration usually accorded to a white man and a gentleman?

Nashville papers state that the military are about to come down upon the Ku-Klux-Klan in that State with a strong lead. This action, it is said, is to be taken under orders direct from Washington, where reports of the numerical strength of various organizations, with the names of the members, are alleged to be in the hands of the military authorities.

DAMAGES AGAINST A RAILROAD.—In the superior court of Baltimore, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company was ordered to pay Conrad Fryer \$2,500 for damages in killing his child by being run over by the cars of the company in the streets of Baltimore. Mr. Fryer claimed \$10,000 damages, but the jury awarded the sum named.

A religious newspaper says that "such a revival as has not been witnessed since 1832 is now prevailing in Connecticut. Multitudes of hardened sinners are confessing the evil of their ways, and bringing forth fruits meet for repentance." We hope this indicates the probability of a Democratic victory in April next.

WADE AND THE PRESIDENCY.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Gazette, writing on the 26 instant, says: A question of some magnitude, and one of especial interest to the Hon. Ben. Wade, President pro tem in the Senate, is now being privately discussed among the Radical Congressmen of the anti-Wade stripe. The sixth section of the second Article of the Constitution says that Congress may by law provide for the case of the removal by death, resignation or inability, &c., both of the President and Vice President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, &c. A question is now raised by those opposed to Mr. Wade, whether the President pro tem of the Senate is such an officer as is contemplated by the Constitution. They contend that the officer must be an officer of the United States, and not an officer merely of the Senate or House.

This same question was raised in the winter session of 1873, and was debated during the entire session without a decision. The same discussion was continued in 1874, when Mr. Madison, then a member of the House of Representatives, spoke and voted against the proposition that an officer of either House of Congress was eligible to the Presidency under the clause of the Constitution quoted above. The bill as passed by the Senate passed the House by only one majority, Mr. Madison voting against it. The hostility to Mr. Wade in the Radical camp is very great, and no stone will be left unturned to prevent his reaching the Presidential chair. It is a fact that eminent counsel have been consulted. Hon. Reverdy Johnson has given the opinion that the President pro tem of the Senate is such an officer as is contemplated by the Constitution, and in this opinion Judge Woodward fully concurs.

The question is undergoing a lively investigation by the parties in interest, with the advantage of the law as it now stands in Wade's favor.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Dispatches of the 29th say that Gen. Grant has prepared the order assigning Gen. Hancock to the command of the Department of the Atlantic, and that the latter is daily expected in Washington.

The Senate has not formally decided to suspend general legislation pending the impeachment trial, but it seems to be tacitly understood by the prominent radical members that very little if any business shall be transacted for the coming three or four weeks, save which appertains to impeachment. Some influential Senators, however, are decidedly opposed to any such suspension, and will insist upon devoting one to two hours per day to general legislation, and occasionally a brief executive session.

The Supreme Court will probably make a final disposition of the McArdle case to-morrow. The statement in these dispatches a few days ago, as to the action of the court in the consultation room, was correct. As the law has passed over the President's veto, the court will now decide the case either by dismissal of the cause or by rendering an opinion upon the merits.

Negro Suffrage at the South.

A correspondent of the Chicago Republican, writing from New Orleans, after putting several things together, is not as favorably impressed with the situation as he might desire. After stating why the negroes are disinclined to labor—had crops and no pay—the writer says: "The facts, together with negro suffrage, is fast widening the gulf of discord into a sea of troubles, political and industrial. I think that if Congress had limited representation to actual voters in the South, allowing such States to give the ballot to the blacks, gradually, when educated and thus increase their representation in Congress at their own option that we should have had no trouble with reconstruction. It is folly to attempt to force negro rule upon the South. "It can only be done by military power.—What Ohio, New York and Illinois will not accept themselves, they should not impose upon Southern States. The pill is too big and too black to be taken down en masse.—It should have been subdivided."

And even if the blacks of Ohio, New York and Illinois were admitted to the polls, that would not justify bestowing suffrage on the newly-emancipated from slavery; for the negroes of the Northern States are, as a class, far more intelligent than are those of the Southern States. We may write to the Republican that the indisposition of the blacks to labor and negro suffrage are "fast widening the gulf of discord into a sea of troubles, political and industrial."

Sheriff Thomas, of Pickens district, in South Carolina, it is said, sold last week several tracts of land for arrears of taxes, at the following ruinous prices for each parcel: Three hundred and sixty acres for \$36, two hundred for \$29, one hundred and fifty for \$17, three hundred for \$21, ninety for \$14, two hundred for \$10, one hundred for \$10, one hundred for \$9, and sixty acres for \$12.20. There must be great distress where a large farm will bring no more at auction than a coat or a pair of pantaloons. And yet it is upon a country like this, thus utterly ruined, that the Radicals leaders, are "operating," "turning the screws," and "Reconstructing" upon "party principles"!!

THE BREITERS BUSINESS.—John Hawthurst, Chairman of the Republican Central Committee for Virginia, publishes a card in the Richmond Dispatch, charging "Judge" Underwood with having attempted to secure the support of the Republican party of Virginia in behalf of Judge Chase for the Presidency, by offering a bribe of \$100,000, which Senator Sprague was to pay. Hawthurst says that the offer was never accepted, nor is there any evidence that Underwood was authorized to make the proposition. It is said that Underwood hopes to be Chief Justice, if Chase is made President, or, at least, to "continue his present almost unlimited control of Federal patronage in the State."

Senator Hendricks, of Indiana, stated in Congress, on Saturday, that at present the expense annually of each soldier in the army was \$2,000, and nearly \$2,000,000 for each regiment; the total cost being about \$100,000,000 a year for an army of 50,000 men.

Murder in Augusta County.

One of the greatest outrages ever perpetrated in the Valley, occurred on Monday night, the 16th inst., at the residence of Mr. Christopher Stover, in Augusta county, when Mr. Stover was killed and Mr. Robert McCroskey seriously wounded, by three or four armed and disguised men. The circumstances are given in the following letter published in the Staunton Visitor:

PETERSBURG, March 18th, 1868. Mr. Editor:—I have just returned from the house of Mr. Christopher Stover, near the Greenville and Waynesboro road, and about 7 miles from the latter place, where one of the most brutal murders occurred on Monday night, the 16th inst., that has ever taken place in our country. Mr. Stover's family consisted of his wife, an old man in his 88th year, his son, and two young daughters—his other children being married, left the paternal roof some years ago. Messrs. William and Robt. McCroskey and two Messrs. Kinley, with five young ladies, were on a visit to Mr. Stover on the night mentioned. About 9 o'clock some one knocked at the door and one of the ladies advanced to open it. A voice on the outside said, "don't let the dog bite." The door having been opened, a tall man, with pistol in hand, followed by two others armed with revolvers, entered, and the first said, "I will blow his brains out." Mr. Stover rose from his seat and said, "what is your name? What do you want?" The three advanced, calling to him to "sit still, or we'll blow your brains out." Mr. Stover then seized a small axe near him and struck at the tall man, who dodged the blow and edged the axe against the right chest, and taking effect in the right shoulder. All seized the axe and twisted it out of his hands. In the scuffle a sap on one of the pistols slipped out, and was seen by the murderers, who followed, crying "stop! stop!" and fired upon him. When they were upon him, the house two additional shots were fired and all became quiet.

Mr. M. R. Coalter, who lives but a few hundred yards away, attracted by the pistol shots came over, and found Mr. Stover on the ground, within a few feet of his door, perfectly dead. He then went to the house of Mr. McCroskey, who was found about one hundred yards off, about through the right lung. He was shot at the door of the house when Mr. Stover was killed, and, in trying to escape, had gone as far as his strength would permit. He is having every attention, but it is feared his wounds are mortal.

An old wagon wheel was left in the yard by the murderers. On the axle and on the felloe where they crossed, are drops of blood, supposed to be from wounds produced by the axe. The scoundrels are supposed to be white men, blacked to avoid detection, whose object was to rob Mr. Stover of his money. Mr. McCroskey was found about one hundred yards off, about through the right lung. He was shot at the door of the house when Mr. Stover was killed, and, in trying to escape, had gone as far as his strength would permit. He is having every attention, but it is feared his wounds are mortal.

The whole neighborhood, as you may suppose, is very much excited, and it is to be hoped that some means will be immediately used to ferret out and bring these demons to justice.

Another Scene.

In the Virginia "Reconstruction" Convention, on Monday, Bayne arose to a privileged question. Words had been spoken upon the floor on the 17th of the month, which vilified him, and he wanted the member from Petersburg to be brought before the House and made to account for his conduct. He had written publicly an explanation from the gentleman, but it hadn't come. Platte stated that he had no explanation to make. He was prepared to do as he had done again if attacked as he had been by the member from Norfolk in so miserable and low lived a manner.

The chair decided that it was now too late to call the gentleman from Petersburg to account. The words should have been taken down at the time uttered. Bayne appealed from the decision of the Chair, and spoke upon his appeal, repeating the remarks previously made about his having written an explanation from the gentleman. Platte repeated that he would do the same thing under the same circumstances. He considered the remarks made by the member from Norfolk towards him as a just provocation for him to reply as he did. He believed then, and he believed now, that Bayne's remarks were made in malice. He said then, and he would say now under the same circumstances, that he was an impudent scoundrel; and he was prepared to account for the remark in any way.

Lewis Lindsey: "Mister President,—Ef dis House will quality de remark of scoundrels and recognize us as sich, I'm prepared to do it." Norton spoke in favor of hauling Mr. Platte up. He had made a remark personally insulting to one of that race with which he has identified himself. They were all in the same boat together, and they would demand to be treated politically and socially equal. He thought the preliminary rules had been violated, and the gentleman ought to be hauled up. He could get justice before the House.

Platte said that if the gentleman wished to take the matter up, he could get what he wanted. Morrissey: "I was speakin' to a parliamentary question, and when I have completed my remarks upon that subject, I will turn my attention to the gentleman."

Finally the appeal taken by Bayne was decided against him. Bayne said that the Convention had decided against him, "and was therefore clear of de subject. He had just received a notice to go to a meeting" outside, and he de gentleman from Petersburg could regulate de matter elsewhere. (It is rumored that Bayne threatens to prove Platte a scoundrel at the next Radical meeting)—Richmond Dispatch.

THE SUPREME COURT and the McArdle CASE.—The intelligent Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette, "Agate," who is republican, says that "it appears probable that, whatever may be the result of the bill taking away the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in habeas corpus proceedings, (which the President has just vetoed,) the McArdle case will be decided. The court is expected to insist that a case already under consideration must move on to a judgment, and that what will be applied to the bill to such a case would be a clear instance of ex post facto legislation." The same correspondent says that "it seems probable that one half the judges, if not by the aid of Mr. Justice Davis) an actual majority, will pronounce the reconstruction laws unconstitutional. The result of what will be the result of such a declaration none can predict; that they will be far-reaching, none can doubt."

Mrs. Senator Sprague, eldest daughter of Chief Justice Chase, having become disgusted with her "rotten hall" and radicalism generally, has declared for Democracy. Good for Kate.

Lindsey Speaks a Speech.

In the Seclawgerie on Friday, Lewis Lindsey became very much excited on the money question, and making his voice to a very high pitch, said, "Mister President, I have said, as a Representative man, and I don't think nobody but de Commonwealth and my constituents in Richmond. I am expected, sah, to be as lenient as anybody else on de levy question; but, sir, I propose—dat if it is an absurd idee to tie down de body so radically, we ought to go on to de committee to combine at de medium of de Treasury. Day say we ain't got no right to money. We has, and we'll claim 'em too. It is a ridiculous idee dat a legal body like dis, is founded upon de word ob Congress, has not de power of de supreme body being General Schofield says dat Congress is de body ob de appeal for anything and everything, and I don't care for General Schofield no nobody else, because he ain't got nothing to say about it. As to dis question ob de screw loose in de treasury, I ain't got nothin to say, because I don't want to demoralize any man's character, and I don't want to get de money, but to resort to the supreme power. We are de destitute power, and what we can't do, Congress kin do it for us. Who objects to scientific men being placed on dese records?"

Lewis' voice had reached a deafening pitch. Mr. Babcock arose to an inquiry. He wished to know if there was any objection to members present; that the member should speak so loudly? "—It is very much obliged to my Almighty God for de power ob speaking he has given me, and I am pleased in de idee dat he don't consult any member on dis floor how high my voice is raised. All I has to say is, dat I don't desire to enter into de question ob de screw loose in de Treasury, because I don't desire to stigmatize the character ob any man. 'Tis my duty not to stigmatize men's character, but to attend to my own business." [Laughter]

REMOVED.—JONN W. KENNEDY, Esq., has removed his law office to the brick building adjoining the Drug Store of Campbell & Mason. We understand he has been appointed and qualified as United States Commissioner.

K. K. K. All those interested in the organization of a Society of the Ku Klux Klan, are requested to meet at the U. M. S., to-morrow (Wednesday) morning, at 9 o'clock, where the object of the organization will be fully explained. By order of the Eminent Klu Klux Klan.

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AGRICULTURAL AND HARDWARE STORE.

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COME TO GRIEF.—Some six weeks ago a well-dressed gentleman from the moral and enlightened North got off the train at Harper's Ferry, and took up his headquarters at the Boarding House of Mrs. Krebs. Being "flush," he concluded to go into the "shaving" business, and consequently bought up a lot of paper on different parties at that point—among them a note for \$900, which he obtained at the moderate discount of \$100. Other operations he engaged in, with a keen eye for profitable investment, and was getting along swimmingly, until Saturday week, when a small circular fell into the hands of Constable Yantis, giving a description of an abducting thief from the State of New York, and the Harper's Ferry note-shaver filled the description with photographic accuracy. He was at once taken in charge, and parties in New York telegraphed to him. On Monday he came on, and recognized the speculator as the gentleman who had stolen \$1,450 about two months ago, and made his escape. On Tuesday they started with him on the return trip. Only a part of the money was recovered, and the notes which he had bought up. While at the Ferry he passed as George W. Parrot, representing himself to be a nephew of the inventor of the Parrot gun, but it turns out that his real name is George Robinson. A reward of \$125 was offered for his capture, and a like reward for the recovery of the funds. The first was paid over to Mr. Yantis before he was taken away.

DEVILMENT AT DUFFIELD'S.—Some depraved creature, envious of the reputation acquired by the "Moon Ghost" in Albemarle, has been attempting some fantastic tricks at Duffield's Depot in this county, but there is a suspicion that his object is to plunder the citizens of that vicinity, rather than to keep up a condition of alarm by systematic annoyances. The houses of Messrs Billings, Melvin and Kildow have been entered by this visitor, and as we are informed, various articles of furniture displaced and overturned. Notices have been heard at all hours of the night, indicating boldness, persistence and determination on the part of the thief, if such he may be called. At the residence of Mr. Billings a window was hoisted and a trunk thrown out, which was afterwards found, but none of its contents taken away. The visit, as we have been told, have occurred on different nights, showing that it is some one who does not reside at a great distance from the point. We have heard different versions of the affair, but the above has more semblance of truth about it than any that has reached us. Somebody wants to steal, and as soon as he finds such articles as suit his taste, he will take them, when there will be an end of it, unless he is discovered and sent to the penitentiary, where he ought to be now.

RUSSELL'S REAPER AND MOWER.—This superior machine, for which Messrs. D. Humphreys & Co., of this town are the agents, is now on exhibition in the Court-House yard. The general satisfaction which it has given wherever tried, in substantial manner in this county, is a sufficient proof of its merits. It is constructed, in its simplicity, and its lightness of draft, should commend it to our farmers, in these times when economy of labor is so essential. With our limited introduction of machinery, we hardly think it necessary to go into a detailed description of this reaper, and yet it combines such obvious advantages as a reaper and mower, that we feel we are doing our agricultural readers a service in calling attention to them. The ease with which the machine is transformed from a reaper to a first class mower, the facility with which the Drop is worked while the machine is in operation, the smoothness of the working of the Reel, without jar—the peculiar arrangement for raising both ends of the Cutter-Bar at any required height, and the superior seat arrangement, at once easy and perfectly adjustable, without the use of a wrench, are all features which should and will doubtless attract the attention of the farmer. As this class of our community will have occasion to examine it before harvest, we direct them to Messrs. Humphreys and Hooff, who will take great pleasure in explaining the advantages of the Reaper.

ELGANT POTATOES.—For some days we have been feasting on a large basket of delicious potatoes, sent us by Mr. HENRY ROUER. They are of the "Calico" variety, the seed were brought by him from Pennsylvania, and are certainly superior to any potato we have ever eaten at this season of the year. Among the lot sent us there is not one unsound or faulty potato. We learn that Mr. R. has about 150 to 200 bushels of these potatoes, which he will dispose of to farmers for seed. His address is Rippon, this county.

ACCIDENTS TO STOCK on the Winchester Railroad are becoming frequent. On Wednesday last, Jan. 21st, a fine cow had a leg injured, and on Friday, Jonathan Haines had a two year old heifer killed. We think the company would do well to put in cattle stops at the crossing of the Beeton road, otherwise they may be made to pay damages for some of the oft-occurring accidents.

RELIGIOUS.—On Sunday next, the 5th of April, the Rev. W. S. Penick, will preach at Zoar, at 11 o'clock. A. M. Rev. J. W. Toogus will preach at Middle-town on the morning of the 5th at 10 o'clock, A. M., and at Wiltshire's School House at 3 o'clock. He will preach the funeral sermon of the late Richard Morris, in the church in Charlestown, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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Baltimore Cards. THE HOWARD HOUSE.—On our last trip to Baltimore, we took up headquarters at this house, now under the proprietorship of Messrs. BULL & SEWELL. It had never been our good fortune to meet these parties before the trip in question, but we are now happy to say that we have met them, and are surely convinced that they are the men to "keep a hotel." One must be hard to please indeed, if he visits this house and does not find everything to please the fancy and gratify the appetite. Their chambers are neatly furnished, and their beds clean, roomy and comfortable. The location of this house has always made it a favorite with the Valley people, and now that it is in the hands of those who have a care for their guests, we may look for it to regain and retain its hold upon their affections.

WALTER CROOK, J. A., a thorough business man and clever gentleman, introduces his house to the people of this region through the medium of our columns. He is a manufacturer of and dealer in window shades, venetian blinds, &c., and his store-room, 220 W. Baltimore street, is well filled with the articles named in his card. Parties desiring anything in his line should give him a call. CLOTHING.—Those who wish to buy cheap, handsome, and durable sets of clothes, should call on or send their orders to the old established house of NOAH WALKER & Co., 107 and 109 W. Baltimore street. Their stock is large and assortment very complete.

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