

THE FREE PRESS. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1850.

Our subscribers will perceive that this number completes the 22d volume of the VIRGINIA FREE PRESS and FABRICA'S REPOSITORY. Bills will be made out ready for settlement, and we need scarcely say that payment from those who are in arrears is earnestly desired.

Subscribers who wish to avail themselves of the privilege of paying for the year in advance, may do so at any time before the first of April next.

To the Patrons of the Virginia Free Press. Having other engagements, which will occupy my time for several months, the editorial department of this paper will, until further notice, be entirely under the management of J. S. DAVIS, Esq. Retaining, however, my interest in the establishment, my friends will add another to the many claims which they have upon my gratitude.

The career of an editor, though marked by many vicissitudes, is, nevertheless, attended with something of pleasure. Ties of reciprocal friendship will grow up between patrons and publisher, and strengthen with the lapse of years. In severing such ties, even temporarily, my heart would be dead to sensibility.

The kind and charitable construction which has ever been placed upon my humble efforts, during nine years' devotion to duties somewhat irksome in their nature, leaves upon my memory the most grateful impressions. Whether I shall ever again claim the exercise of that expanded charity, is a matter to struggle bosoms for a similar boon, will depend upon events yet undeveloped, and perhaps beyond my control.

JOHN S. GALLAHER. P. S. I shall devote several weeks to the adjustment of balances due to me individually.

The next session of the Legislature is likely to be a very important one. It directs the polls for re- ratification to be opened in due season, to be by the Executive. It dispenses the Extra Session of the Legislature, and saves by this measure \$50,000 dollars.

It will not be accounted an officious intermeddling with what does not concern us, we would recommend to the good people of Maryland to invade Virginia in reforming the fundamental laws of the Commonwealth. We have counted 148 appointments of Justices of the Peace in one county, made by the new Executive, besides Judges of the Orphans Courts, &c.

Representation to the legislature, by counties, without regard to population, was in Virginia reckoned a sufficient cause, of itself, to have a Convention assembled to amend the Constitution. This evil still exists in Maryland.

mark for its monstrous reign, when concealment is necessary to its purposes.

The WIRESS, we fondly hope, has taken its departure—and yet we see no reason to find fault with the old fellow's reign, though it was a rigorous one. If he drove us to our firesides, he gathered home, too, the wandering affections of the heart, and taught us that there is no season without its round of joys or its store of substantial comforts.

But the Spring—that season of budding hopes and flowers, and of thrilling emotions—who can refuse to hail it with songs of gladness! Already its influence is felt in the renovated aspect of Nature. The rustling leaf, instead of the mournful cadence of departing pleasure, now conveys to the sense a feeling of elastic gaiety. The streams, which were lately bound in icy fetters, are unlocked, and we have now the gush of the mountain torrent and the "laugh of the leaping rill."

The population of the town of Wheeling, in 1850, was less than 2000. It is now about 6000.

Another new Invention.—A carriage has been invented in England which is propelled by two persons inside, turning a windlass. It moves with surprising rapidity.

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THE NEW CONSTITUTION. From all we have been able to gather in reference to public opinion on the subject of the constitution, we entertain no doubt that it will be ratified by a substantial and wholesome majority. To be sure, some few prelates have worked themselves into a fit of opposition, and others are labouring to find fault with it with as much zeal, and with about the same sincerity, that a lover would use when he would perjure the idol of his heart; that he is desperately angry with her.

The Senate has not got through its business of an Executive nature, but has taken a recess from it, in favor of the routine of its Legislative business, which was yesterday resumed. As the Executive business is transacted with closed doors, little can generally be known of what is done of that nature, except from its results. It is rumored and believed, that, on Wednesday, the nomination of Mr. WILLIAMS, to be Collector of the port of New Bedford, was rejected, by a vote of 34 members to 11.

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Gen. Harrison, late Minister of the United States to the Republic of Colombia, has arrived in this city, and we are happy to say, in good health.

Mr. Clay.—The N. Orleans Courier, Jan. 25, says: "The Hon. HENRY CLAY of Kentucky arrived here yesterday in the steamer Belfast from Louisville, and occupies the house in Blenville street, prepared for his reception, where he was waited during the day by immense crowds of people, including members of the legislature, and judges of the different courts. This visit of Mr. Clay to his daughter and son-in-law, has long been expected in this city, one of whom he has not seen for years—it is therefore altogether of a private nature."

We regret to learn, (says the Savannah Georgian, of the 21st inst.) by a private letter, the decease of the Hon. THOMAS W. COOK, Judge of the Columbus Circuit, and late Senator from Georgia, in the Congress of the United States.

City of Washington.—The population of Washington is estimated at nineteen thousand three hundred and nineteen. There were erected one hundred and forty-eight dwellings in 1850. The total number of dwellings is three thousand and fifty.

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A number of hot springs, having a more intense heat than any known, have been discovered about five miles from the river Washita, in the territory of Kansas.

We are sorry to hear of so many Courts Martial, in the military and naval services. In addition to those already noticed, we learn that a Military Court is to be held in this city, on Monday, the 22d inst. to be composed of the following officers:

Brigadier General Atkinson, President; Brigadier General Francis, McNeill, Wool, Armstrong; Colonel Houser, Lindsay, Croghan, Lawrence, Morgan; Lieutenant Colonel Bankhead, Worth, Brooks; Capt. R. L. Armstrong, Judge Advocate.

It is said, also, that another Military Court Martial is to convene on the 23d inst. at Philadelphia, of which Lieut. Col. CRAKE is president. We wish our gallant officers had more agreeable employment than this.

STEAM.—The following animated description of the powers of the steam-engine, is from the pen of Dr. Arnott, in his work on the subject: "In the present perfect state of the steam engine, it appears a thing almost endowed with intelligence. It regulates with perfect accuracy and uniformity the number of its strokes in a given time; and counts or records them, moreover, to tell how much work it has done, as a clock records the beats of its pendulum; it regulates the quantity of steam admitted at work—the briskness of the fire—the supply of water to the boiler—the supply of coals to the fire. It opens and shuts its valves with absolute precision, as to time and manner; it oils its joints—it takes out any which may accidentally enter into parts that should be vacuous—and, when any thing goes wrong which it cannot of itself rectify, it warns its attendants by ringing a bell. Yet with all these talents and qualities, and even when possessing the power of 600 horses, it is obedient to the hand of a child. Its aliment is coal, wood, charcoal, or other combustible; it consumes none while idle—it never tires, and wants no sleep—it is not subject to malady when originally well made, and only refuses to work when worn out with age. It is equally applicable to all kinds of work, and of any kind—it is a water pump, a miner, a sailor, a printer, a cotton spinner, a weaver, a blacksmith, a miller, &c.; and a small engine, in the character of a steam-pony, may be seen dragging after it on a rail road a hundred tons of merchandise, or a regiment of soldiers, with greater speed than that of our fleetest coaches. It is the king of machines, and a permanent realization of the genius of eastern fable whose supernatural powers were at the command of man."

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Dissolution of Partnership. THE partnership heretofore existing under the firm of M. FRAME & SON, is, by mutual consent, dissolved. All persons indebted to the said firm, either by note or book account, are requested to call and settle them, and all claims against said firm, must be presented for settlement at their old stand. As it is the wish of the concern to settle their business as speedily as possible, it is hoped that some will fall to comply with the above request.

M. FRAME. J. J. FRAME. Charleston, Feb. 24, 1850.

NOTICE. THOSE who hired slaves from me last year, and have not paid the amount of hire, are earnestly requested to do so immediately. Those who neglect this notice, may look out for MARCH COURT. ELIZABETH WHITING, Feb. 24, 1850.

TO THE PUBLIC. THE subscriber has again obtained a thorough bred Horse from the lower part of Virginia, which will stand at his farm the ensuing season. His unexceptionable blood, his fine size, (upwards of 15 hands high), his form, beauty, and soundness of appearance, must and will recommend him to all admirers of fine horses. His pedigree, and other particulars, will be published in due time. CARVER WILLIS, Feb. 24, 1850—3t

FOR SALE. On a credit of six months, At the Court House in Charleston, on the 10th inst. the Household & Kitchen Furniture of the late deceased, all nearly new, and of the very best quality. Among which, are: A splendid Mantel Glass, Mahogany sideboard, do. Tables, brass Andirons, Carpeting, &c. &c. Also, Maps, Books, Thermometer, &c. A handsome Harouche and Harness, and a pair of Match Horses, said to be excellent riding horses—a Filly three years old, and a Cow. A credit of nine months will be given on all sums of five dollars and under, the cash will be required. The sale to commence at ten o'clock, when due attendance will be given by the Administrator. All persons having claims against said estate, are requested to bring their demands, properly authenticated, for settlement; and persons indebted, are desired to make immediate payment, as no indulgence will be allowed. GEO. B. BEALL, Administrator. Feb. 24, 1850.

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PUBLIC SALE. IN conformity to two deeds of trust, executed by Walter B. Selby to the subscriber, the first bearing date on the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year 1825, and the second on the twenty-fifth day of May, 1831, and duly recorded in the office of the county court of Jefferson, and made to secure to Jacob Morgan the payment of the money in said deeds mentioned, together with the interest which might accrue thereon; and in conformity to a decree pronounced by the Superior Court of Chancery, holden at Winchester on the second day of December last, in two cases in that court, pending between the said Selby and said Jacob Morgan and the subscriber, I shall proceed to sell, at public auction, on Saturday the twelfth day of March, at the following property, to wit:

Two Tracts of Land, Containing about TWO HUNDRED and EIGHTY-THREE Acres, Lying on both sides of the road leading from Shepherdstown to Henry's Mill, adjoining the lands of the heirs of James S. Lane, and others, and now in the possession of Mr. George Fells. Also, A House and Lot in Shepherdstown, known as Selby's Store House. And supposed to be one of the best stands for business in the said town—being the property comprised in the said deeds—or so much thereof, as may be necessary to raise the amount due on the said deeds of trust, and the interest and costs. The said sale will take place before the front door of Daniel Deber's tavern in Shepherdstown. The terms of sale are as follow: One-eighth of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the residue in equal payments of eight, sixteen, and twenty-four months, the purchaser or purchasers giving bonds and security for the payment of the said residue, and the title to remain in the subscriber, as additional security. The deed, or deeds, to be made to the purchaser, as purchaser, or on the payment in full of the said bonds. DANIEL MORGAN, Executor. Feb. 24, 1850—3t

STOP THE RUNAWAYS. RAN AWAY from the subscriber, on the 4th inst. two negro fellows. TOM & HUMPHREY. TOM is a fellow of black complexion, about five feet nine inches high, was clothed in dark colored clothes, and a new fur hat. HUMPHREY is of dark complexion, about five feet six inches high, and was clothed in a blue coat and a dark woolen cap. The above negroes were purchased in the county of Culpeper, where I have strong reason to believe they are secreting themselves at this time. A liberal reward will be paid for the above negroes, delivered at Culpeper Court House, or secured in jail so that I get them again. Any information will be thankfully received, directed to the subscriber, or to Wm. G. Allen. The above negroes rode away two horses, one a roan with a black face and one black eye; the other a bay with a white back. JAMES MARTIN. Fairfax, Culpeper county, Va. Feb. 24, 1850—3t

VIRGINIA FREE ROAD LOTTERY, CLASS VI, To be drawn in Winchester, on the 31st of March, 1850. HIGHEST PRIZE, 4,000 DOLLARS. 1 prize of 4,000 Dollars is 4,000 Dollars 1 prize of 2,000 Dollars is 2,000 Dollars 1 prize of 1,000 Dollars is 1,000 Dollars 2 prizes of 500 Dollars is 1,000 Dollars 10 prizes of 100 Dollars is 1,000 Dollars 100 prizes of 10 Dollars is 1,000 Dollars 1,000 prizes of 5 Dollars is 5,000 Dollars 4,000 prizes of 3 Dollars is 12,000 Dollars. PRICE OF TICKETS. Whole Tickets \$3—Half \$1 50—Quarters 75 cents. To be had in the greatest variety of Nos. at Stevenson & Point's Office, Staunton, Virginia. *Orders either by mail (post paid) or private conveyance, enclosing the cash or postal tickets, will meet the same prompt and punctual attention as if on personal application. Address to STEVENSON & POINTS, Staunton, Jan. 20, 1850. Managers. Tickets to be had in the above Lottery, at the Stores of Messrs. Joseph L. Russell & Co. Harpers-Ferry; of Mr. H. B. Eay, Smithfield; of Messrs. Jefferson & Cleveland, (Charlestown); of Mr. Charles Harper, Shepherdstown; and Mr. Wm. Sturm, Darksville.

AND FANCY STORE. NATHANIEL BUCKMASTER respectfully announces to the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and the community generally, that he has opened a Store of the above description, where every thing connected with such an establishment may be found and can be had on the very best terms, for CASH. In addition to his stock of Baltimore and Northern made shoes and Boots, he will keep on hand work of his own manufacture, which will be found in point of appearance and durability inferior to none. Boots and Shoes made to order in the most expeditious and elegant style. He will keep on hand a good and general assortment of Hats of all prices. And lately, a general assortment of FANCY GOODS, Comprising almost every thing to be found under that head. He deems particularizing as a state and uses best practice, and shall conclude with an invitation to all who feel disposed to call and examine for themselves. The Store will be found one door west of Mead's & Kim's, and adjoining the dwelling of P. G. McCabe, Esq. February 10, 1850.

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