

VIRGINIA FREE PRESS.

THE CONVENTION.

The Select Committee, to which all the resolutions of the Convention had been referred, with instructions to draft a Constitution, made a report, on the 4th instant, of the subject-matter:

LEGISLATIVE.

1. The right of suffrage shall continue to be exercised by all who now enjoy it under the existing Constitution, and shall be extended, 1st, to every free white male citizen of the commonwealth resident therein, above the age of twenty-one years, who owns or leases land for six months, or who has acquired by marriage, descent, or devise, a freehold estate, assessed to the value of not less than twenty-five dollars, for the payment of taxes, if such assessment shall be required by law; 2d, or who shall own a vested estate in fee, in remainder of reversion, in land, the assessed value of which shall be fifty dollars, if such assessment shall be required by law; 3d, who shall own, and be himself in actual occupation of a leasehold estate, with the evidence of title recorded, of a term originally not less than five years, of the annual value or rent of twenty dollars; 4th, or who for twelve months next preceding, has been a house-keeper and head of a family, within the county, city, borough, or election districts, where he may offer to vote, and who shall have been assessed with a part of the revenue of the commonwealth, within the preceding year, and actually paid the same; provided, nevertheless, that the right of suffrage shall not be exercised by any person of sound mind, or who shall be a pauper, or a non-commissioned officer, soldier, sailor, or marine, in the service of the United States, nor by any person convicted of any infamous offence.

2. No person shall be elected a member of the Senate of this State, who is not at least thirty years of age.

3. No person shall be elected a member of the house of delegates of this State, who is not at least twenty-five years of age.

4. In all elections in this State, to any office, or place of trust, honor or profit, the votes shall be given openly or *viva voce*, and not by ballot.

5. No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry, whatsoever; nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burdened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief; but all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion, and the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.

The legislature shall have no power to prescribe any religious test whatever, nor to establish by law any subordination or preference between different sects or denominations, nor confer any peculiar privileges or advantages on any one sect or denomination, over others; nor pass any law requiring or authorizing any religious society, or the people of any district within this commonwealth, to levy on themselves

any tax, or contribution, or repair of any house for public worship, or the support of any church or ministry; but it shall be left free to every person to select whom he pleases as his religious instructor, and to make for his support, such private contract as he pleases: Provided, however, that the foregoing clause shall not be construed, as to permit any minister of the gospel, or priest of any denomination, to be eligible to either house of the general assembly.

6. No bill of attainder, or ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be passed.

7. Private property shall not be taken for public uses without just compensation.

8. The members of the legislature shall receive for their services a compensation, to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the public treasury; but no law increasing the compensation of members of the legislature shall take effect until the end of the next annual session after the said law may have been enacted.

9. No senator or delegate shall, during the term of which he shall have been elected, be appointed to any civil office of profit under this State, which shall have been created, or the emoluments of which shall have been increased during such term, except such offices as may be filled by elections by the people.

10. The representation in the Senate and House of Delegates of Virginia, shall be apportioned as follows:

There shall be 13 senators west of the Blue Ridge of mountains, and nineteen east of those mountains.

There shall be in the house of delegates one hundred and twenty-seven members; of whom twenty-nine shall be elected from the district west of the Alleghany mountains; twenty-four from the valley between the Alleghany and Blue Ridge; forty from the Blue Ridge to the head of tide water, and thirty-four thence below.

EXECUTIVE.

1. The chief executive office of this commonwealth shall be vested in a governor, to be elected by the qualified voters of the most numerous branch of the legislature, for three years, and be ineligible for three years thereafter. His term of office shall commence on the first day of January succeeding his

election, or on such other day as the legislature may fix; time to time designate.

2. In case of the removal of the governor from office, or of his death, resignation, incapability to discharge the duties and powers of his office, the said powers and duties shall devolve upon such person as the general assembly shall by law have provided.

3. The mode of appointing militia officers shall be provided for by law; provided, nevertheless, that no officer below the grade of a brigadier general, shall be appointed by the general assembly.

4. The governor shall be chosen from among the citizens of the United States, who have attained the age of thirty years, and have been citizens of the State during the five years immediately preceding his election.

5. The governor shall receive for his services compensation to be determined by law, and to be neither increased nor diminished, during the term for which he shall have been elected; and he shall be liable to be impeached and removed from office, for treason, bribery, or other crimes or misdemeanors.

6. It shall be the duty of the governor to execute, or cause to be executed, all the laws of the commonwealth; to communicate to the legislature, at every session, the condition of the State, and to recommend to their consideration, such measures as he may deem expedient. He shall also be commander-in-chief of the land and naval forces of the State; shall have power to convene the legislature, when in his opinion the interests of the State may require it, or on application of a majority of the members of the house of delegates; to appoint persons to fill vacancies occurring during the recess of the legislature, in offices, the appointment to which is vested in the legislative body; provided, that such persons, unless re-appointed, shall continue in office only until the end of the next succeeding session of the general assembly; to grant reprieves, and pardons except where the prosecution shall have been carried on by the house of delegates, or the law shall otherwise provide.

7. Resolved, That the select committee raised to prepare and report a new Constitution, or amendments to the existing one, &c. be instructed to report an apportionment of the representation in the Senate and House of Delegates, among the several counties, boroughs and election districts of the Commonwealth, conformably to the resolutions to them referred.

8. Judges may be removed from office by a vote of the general assembly; but two-thirds of the whole number of each house must concur in such vote, and the cause of removal shall be entered on the journals of each. The judge against whom the legislature is about to proceed, shall receive notice thereof, accompanied with a copy of the causes alleged for his removal, at least twenty days before the day on which either house of the general assembly shall act thereon.

RIGHT OF RIGHTS.

The freedom of speech, and of the press, shall be held sacred and guaranteed by the Constitution.

Miscellaneous Resolutions adopted.

Resolved, That the legislature have power to provide by law, that no person shall be capable of holding or being elected to any post of profit, trust, or emolument, civil or military, under the authority of the State, who shall hereafter fight a duel, or send or accept a challenge to fight a duel, the probable issue of which may or might be the death of the challenger or challenged, or who shall be a second to either party, or shall in any manner aid or assist in such duel, or shall be the bearer of such challenge by acceptance; but no person shall be so disengaged from publication,

Various communications were presented from the chair, and among them a letter from Dr. Smith of Baltimore, praying for the privilege of franking packages of vaccine matter by mail, which was referred, on motion of Mr. Howard, to a select committee of five members.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5.

In the Senate, Mr. Silsbee introduced a bill to authorize the payment of the claims of the State of Massachusetts for certain militia services during the late war, which was read and passed to a second reading. The bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands was passed. The bill from the House of Representatives for the relief of Elijah Carr, was passed. A Report of the Committee of the Public Buildings, showing the amount expended during the last year, some time was spent in the consideration of Executive business.

Wednesday, January 6.

In the Senate, Mr. Holmes presented the petitions of sundry citizens of the State of Maine, praying for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. The bill authorizing the retrocession on the part of the State of Illinois, of a township of land, granted by the United States, for literary purposes, and the location of other lands in lieu thereof, was passed. The bill for the more distinct demarcation of the Northern Boundary Line of the State of Missouri, and for the division among the half-breeds of the Sacs and Fox tribe of Indians of the reservation of land within that State; and the bill allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Louisville, St. Louis, and other places in the Western Waters, to be secured and paid at such port, as may be designated, and after being amended, to be engrossed for a third reading.

In the House of Representatives, sundry petitions were presented, and a great many resolutions offered. After the hour appointed had expired, a number of resolutions were presented on leave, so that the hour for considering resolutions expired before the House called up the unfinished business of yesterday: the Resolution of Mr. Hunt, and the amendment of Mr. Martin. Mr. Hunt has the floor to-morrow in continuation of his speech.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the Whole, on the contested election between Thomas D. Arnold and Pryor Lea. Mr. Arnold addressed the House in support of his claim, until the hour of adjournment. He resumes to-morrow.

FRIDAY, JAN. 7.

In the Senate, Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Finance, reported a bill to continue in force the act allowing a drawback on brandy imported in casks of not less than fifteen gallons; a bill to alter the terms of credit on bonds given for goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the United States; and a bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to redeem the public debt of the United States; which were severally passed to a second reading. A bill to cause the northern and western boundary lines of the State of Missouri to be more distinctly defined, and for the division of certain lands among the half-breeds of the Sacs and Fox Indians; a bill allowing the duties upon goods imported into Louisville, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places; a bill to increase the pension of Charles Larabee; and a bill for the relief of the Mayor and city of Baltimore, were severally read a third time and passed. The Senate adjourned till Monday.

In the House of Representatives, the considerable number of petitions were presented. About sixteen bills, the majority of them of a public character, were reported, and forwarded. Among these were the following bills from the committee on military affairs: a bill for the gradual increase of the engineer corps; a bill for the organization of the topographical engineers; a bill supplementary to, and declaratory of, the intent and meaning of the act of Congress passed the 24th of April, 1816, entitled "an act for organizing the

general staff, and making further provision for organizing the army of the United States; a bill for the regulation of the pay and emoluments of the officers in the army of the United States;" a bill supplementary to, and declaratory of, the intent and meaning of the act of 16th March, 1802, entitled "an act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States;" a bill making appropriations for the protection of the western frontiers of the United States; a bill to increase the pay of the master armorers in the service of the United States; a bill for the erection of a national armory on the western waters; and a bill for the payment of the unadjusted claims of the militia of the state of Georgia, for services rendered in the years 1792, '93, and '94. A report in part was also made on that part of the President's message which was referred to that committee. A report was made by Mr. Buchanan, from the committee on the judiciary, on the subject of the documents to be printed in the case of the contested election between Arnold and Lea, by which the printed documents were rejected.

[Nat. Jour.]

The reader will see, by the minutes of proceedings in the House of Representatives, that a bill was yesterday reported in that body by the Committee on Internal Improvement, of greater importance probably, than any that will come under consideration of the House at the present session. We refer to the bill for the construction of a road from Buffalo, in the State of New York, passing by this city, to New Orleans. In this noble project, the whole Union has an interest, and several of the states are more interested than any others. The bill was introduced by Mr. Heyden, consisting of four lines of battle ships, 1 fregate and 2 sloops of war, (one of which was captured from the Turks) of the English squadron, 4 lines of battle ships, 1 frigate, and 2 brigs, were at Varna, in the Gulf of Smyrna; when the Lexington sailed from that port.

Constantinople 16th Oct., with all her armament on board, a courtesy not heretofore accorded to any armed ship.

PRIDAY, JAN. 8.

The Senate did not sit to-day. In the House of Representatives, the discussion on the resolution offered by Mr. Hunt, in reference to the Public Lands, was resumed, when Mr. Burgess addressed the House, but before he had concluded his remarks, they were arrested by the expiration of the hour. Several bills were reported, among which was one by Mr. McDowell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, making an appropriation for the payment of Revolutionary and Invalid Pensioners. The House then resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of Elections on the petition of Thomas D. Arnold, when Mr. Lea took the floor, and addressed the Committee in reply to Mr. Arnold. — [Nat. Jour.]

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

West India Trade.—The editor of the Portland Argus says, he "has seen a letter from Washington, dated Dec. 27th, in which it is stated that despatches have been received from our Minister in England which furnish strong grounds of hope that the trade with the British West Indies will be opened to us on terms satisfactory to this country. Indeed the letter states that there is now but little doubt remaining." We cannot but repeat the suggestion made last evening, that we hope the direct trade will only be accepted upon the same terms of perfect reciprocity, which were insisted on by all preceding administrations. But that English ships shall be permitted to make the triangular voyage that is by sailing from Liverpool direct to the West Indies—from the West Indies to New York—and hence to Liverpool, freighted with our cotton, &c.; can never be allowed. The truth is, the loss of the British Colonies has made it difficult to induce these servants to emigrate to Liberia. Their ignorance, attachment to the family of their late master, apprehensions of danger, a partiality for the place of their birth, have rendered them for some time reluctant to accept the privilege secured to them by the benevolence of their late proprietor.

John Braden, Esq. (the brother of Major Robert Braden, of Waterford, Loudoun county, Va. anxious to emancipate his slaves, yet convinced that in this country they could never enjoy the privileges and immunities of citizens, directed by his will that all of them should be liberated, on the express condition that they should, with their own consent, be transported either to Liberia or Hayti.) To their removal to Hayti there were strong objections, arising from the wide difference between the habits, manners, and language of that island and those prevailing in our land, and from the dissimilar and (as it was thought) unsuited character of the government; and, consequently, every argument has been used to induce these servants to emigrate to Liberia. Their ignorance, attachment to the family of their late master, apprehensions of danger, a partiality for the place of their birth, have rendered them for some time reluctant to accept the privilege secured to them by the benevolence of their late proprietor.

Dr. Albert Heaton and Mr. Townsend each cheerfully emancipated a valuable servant, (one of which was the husband of a female in the company,) that they might be spared a separation from their friends, and be delivered from the darkness and degradation of slavery. With similar generous views, a man servant was liberated by Samuel B. Harris.

Various useful articles were contributed by the liberal citizens of Loudoun who were acquainted with these people, and they are well supplied with clothing for many months after their arrival. The whole company are highly recommended for their industrious and correct moral habits, and will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to the colony.

The annexed bulletin is going the "grand rounds" of the newspapers.

A CARD.—The production of some letters written from Washington is given in the rounds of the opposition presses, implicating the undersigned in regard to a supposed defalcation of Purser Timberlake deceased. A liberal public cannot expect that the anonymous imputations of the tellers of ribaldry and scandal, in the shape of letters from Washington, should receive a more particular notice from those who are intended to be affected by them, than is done in the present instance, which is to say, that whenever a responsible name is vauched, in support of the charges referred to, measures will be taken to unveil the conspiracies by which they have been produced, and to prove that the author is a base calumniator.

J. H. EATON.

January 4, 1830.

Judge Williams acquitted.—After an arduous and it may be presumed anxious trial, before the Senate of Tennessee, Judge Williams has been acquitted on all the articles charged against him in the impeachment. On the 1st article, (charging him with failing to hold a Court,) he was pronounced not guilty unanimously. The 2d (sleeping on the bench) was withdrawn by the managers. On the 3d, (charging him with partiality in his decisions,) he voted on the 1st specification, 15 guilty; 15 not guilty; and on the 2d specification, 5 guilty and 14 not guilty.

Articles 4, 5, and 6, were based on one alleged offence, that of taking an acknowledgment of a deed out of Court. On this the vote was closer, but the constitutional number of two-thirds not declaring him guilty, he was of course acquitted. — [Ball. Pat. Jour.]

ARRIVAL OF THE DELAWARE.

The U. S. ship Delaware, of 74 guns, (late of the Mediterranean squadron,) Capt. William M. Crane, anchored in Hampton Roads on Sunday, after a 7 days passage from Port Mahon; and we have the pleasure to state, (says the Norfolk Beacon,) her officers and crew are all in good health. Left U. S. ship Lexington, Capt. Hunter, from Smyrna, (the only U. S. vessel there,) well.

The U. S. Ship Fairfield, Captain Parker, relieved the Lexington, at Smyrna, and was left there on the 21st of Oct. all well.

We learn from an officer of the Lexington, who arrived in the Delaware, that the Russian squadron, under the command of Captain Heyden, consisting of four line of battle ships, 1 fregate and 2 sloops of war, (one of which was captured from the Turks) of the English squadron, 4 lines of battle ships, 1 frigate, and 2 brigs, were at Varna, in the Gulf of Smyrna; when the Lexington sailed from that port.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1830.

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We publish, today, the substance of the report of the select committee appointed to report a Constitution. The last copy received, contains the apportionment of representation among the several counties: Loudoun, Frederick and Shenandoah, each to have three delegates; Jefferson and other counties of similar size, two; most of the small counties, one; and in several instances two or three of the little tide-water counties are grouped together, to elect one. In the Senatorial arrangement, Jefferson is to remain tacked to Frederick. We expect to receive, in time for our next number, an official copy of the new Constitution—the work of a hundred days.

Our last report of the Legislative proceedings presents nothing of public interest, and nothing of particular concern to our readers, except a bill reported to incorporate a company, with authority to raise by subscription \$25,000, for making a road from Smithfield, Blagmire Gap, in Hampshire, to Smithfield, in Jefferson. We expect, shortly, to hear of a similar bill, for a road from the latter point to Harpers-Ferry.

The success of Mr. Burr, in obtaining funds for the use of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, will awaken a new spirit in that part of the community likely to be affected by the improvement. We presume the work will, in the spring, be prosecuted with renovated feelings, and with a vigor proportionate to its magnitude. No part of the country will feel more beneficially the influence of this enterprise, and of the stupendous Baltimore project, than our immediate vicinity. We therefore congratulate our readers upon the favorable auguries which the opening events of the New Year present to them.

The Baltimore American of the 24th ult. contains a very full and minute description of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-road, as far as that work has progressed, with some highly interesting facts and observations in regard to the ultimate success and advantages of the enterprise, and upon the improvements in engines and cars which have been recently made in England and this country. We regret exceedingly that the narrow limits of our sheet will not allow us to copy the whole description. We have heretofore given nearly all the accounts which we have received, of the experiments made on that part of the road, near Baltimore, upon which the rails have been laid, because our readers must be deeply interested in the success of the scheme. The prosperity of our county is intimately identified with that of Baltimore, the trade of our citizens with that port being considerable. We will, therefore, we doubt not, be fully excused and justified for the use of whatever space in our columns the subject may, from time to time, occupy. The subjoined paragraphs present views of an import unusually interesting.

"Starting at Pratt street, at the level of sixty-five feet above tide, the eye takes in, at regular order, the successive inequalities of the various works, which have been taken through or filled up, in order to preserve that level. The dead end terminates at Dorsey's Run, (nine miles from Baltimore,) and the road has then a gradual ascent of about 13 feet in the mile, until it finally reaches the summit at Parr's Spring Ridge. The descent on the western side of the Ridge is equally favourable, and, as far as Williamson's cut, the route presents a favourable character. The surveys which have been made, show that the same facilities are presented as far as Cumberland, and its coal regions; and the astonishing result is therefore established by actual measurement, that between Cumberland and Baltimore, a distance of one hundred and eighty miles, there is only one point, that of Parr's Spring Ridge, which will require stationary power. On reaching Cumberland, consequently, the road will present, except at the single point just mentioned, a moderate and regularly declining line to Baltimore, and will offer facilities for the descent of coal and other commodities to market, at all seasons of the year, which cannot be equalled.

"If we take but twenty miles an hour for the performance of a locomotive road, (and we have seen that twenty-four are thought to be within reach even with the present inventions,) we shall have the whole distance between this and the Ohio river traversed by passenger betwixt sun and sun, in the long summer days. With a little effort, Cincinnati might be reached by the following morning, for it would only be a few hours farther. Pittsburgh would thus be brought as near as us. Hazelwood is now, and Cincinnati would not be so far as Cumberland. A merchant in Louisville would not be further from his correspondent in this place, nor a member of Congress from Washington, than if he lived in Washington county in this State, and was accustomed to perform the journey on horseback. But what a change would be going on in the aspect of the country to be traversed! The vast trees that now decay with age on the soil, would be saved up to be carried perhaps across the Atlantic. The living rock would be hewed out for lime or building stone, to be substituted for the perishable wooden tenements of the South. The coal would be giving an impulse to manufactures more forcible than the best devised tariff—The flocks on a thousand hills would make cheap and excellent lamb and mutton for this market, and would carry, in return, all the foreign delicacies which are collected in seaports, into the most retired glens of the Alleghany. Some articles actually unexchangeable at present, such as fish and shell fish, would then be an ordinary delicacy at any reasonable distance from the sea, say five hundred miles. Farms in this part of the country, which are now useless from the want of fuel and timber, would regain their original value. We shall not pursue this course of ideas, for we do not wish to throw an air of exaggeration or burlesque over a subject which is really pregnant with highly im-

portant consequences, not only commercial but political."

A private letter from Baltimore informs us that the toll on the single railway, between Pratt street and Gwynn's Falls, about a mile and a half, amounted, on Thursday last, for passengers at nine cents a person, to \$32. The proceeds will doubtless increase daily.

An act has passed the Legislature of Georgia to prevent the admission of free persons of colour into the ports of that state. The act imposes a quarantine of 40 days upon vessels, having on board persons of the class referred to—this clause to take effect upon the vessels from ports of the U. States in three months; from all other ports, in six months. The act also prohibits all intercourse with such vessel by free persons on board; renders capital the circulation of pamphlets of evil tendency among domestics; makes penal the teaching of free persons of color or slaves to read or write; and prohibits the introduction of slaves into the state for sale.—[Alex. Gaz.]

We recollect that the legislature of South Carolina, some years ago, enacted a law, similar to the late Georgia statute, so far as it prohibits the introduction of free persons of color within her territory. Under this law, a colored man who was a seaman and a subject of the King of Great Britain, and who came to Charleston on board of a British merchant vessel, was arrested and confined. Judge Johnson, of the Supreme Court of the United States, granted the writ *de homine replegendo*, and upon a hearing, discharged the seaman, deciding that the law was unconstitutional and void. This decision was made on the ground that the treaty between the United States and Great Britain guaranteed to the subjects of the latter power, (and they are of all colors,) the right to trade at the ports of the United States, and to be protected in their persons and property. The decision caused considerable excitement at the time, which it was feared would produce serious consequences.

Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road.—Eight hundred thousand dollars are now paid by the stockholders of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, being the amount of instalments called, or 20 per cent. of their present capital, of four millions of dollars. On Wednesday last an instalment of \$3 per share fell due, the whole of which was promptly paid in, not a single share having been forfeited.

A new car was put on the road on Friday, and another on Saturday, with two floors; the lower apartment was occupied by ladies, and the upper by gentlemen, amounting to 40 persons, drawn by a fast trotting horse, with much ease. Its singular appearance afforded much interest and amusement to the crowds of spectators along the road as it passed. A new car from Boston, invented by Mr. Morgan, is in preparation, and another from New York would have been in operation, but for the vessel bringing it encountering a heavy gale off Cape Hatteras, and was compelled to throw the wheels, which were on deck, overboard. The produce was gathered on Saturday week, the 31st of October, when it was found that the produce of 26 which had taken root, out of the 28 sets, with one eye, was 12 bushels. The produce of the 18 double sets only amounted to 3 stone 11 lbs.; thus proving to a demonstration the superior advantage of planting with single-eyed potato sets.—[Leeds Intelligencer.]

"A SURNISHER," on the best mode of raising turnips, is in type, but is unavoidably postponed.

MARRIED.

On Thursday the 31st ult., by the Rev. Mr. Cadden, Mr. Hiram McBride to Miss Anna McElroy, daughter of Mr. William McElroy, of Harper's Ferry.

At Mount Gilead, Loudoun county, on the 3d instant, by the Rev. Wm. Gilmore, Mr. James D. Cheek, Esq., of Bohemia, to Miss Anna D. Cheek, of Pennsylvania.

On Sunday last, by the Rev. Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Edward Kelly of Harper's Ferry, to Miss Eleanor Brown, formerly of Martinsburg.

At Bogota, South America, Gen. O'Leary,

son of Jeremiah O'Leary, Esq., of Cork, to Sulta Soubrette, sister to General Soultette, and niece to the President Bolivar.

Appointment by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

HENRY BALDWIN, to be an associate Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, vice Judge Washington, deceased.

We understand that the loan obtained by Mr. Ryan for the Corporations of the District, is at five and a half per cent.; and that one half was to be paid on the first of January, and the remainder on the first of July of the present year.—[Nat. Journal.]

A letter from London, dated Nov. 28th received in New York, says—“The loan in Holland for the Canals in America, secured by three towns, Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, for three millions, was full in a few minutes. The sums down in three hours, amounted to seventeen millions.”

Great Western Rail Road.—The New York Journal of Commerce contains a communication from De Witt Clinton, Esq. well known as an able and experienced engineer, respecting a rail road from the city of New York to the State of Missouri. The project is one of immense magnitude, and must require to execute it several years of labor and an immense expenditure of money. According to the calculations of Col. Clinton, the expense of a rail-way on the contemplated route, being upwards of 1000 miles in length, would be about \$15,000,000, and notwithstanding its cost, it would afford a liberal profit on the amount invested.

[Balt. Pat.]

James E. Heath, Esq. was re-elected Auditor of Public Accounts on the 5th inst. by the Legislature, and James Brown, Jun. Esq. 2d Auditor.

Lewis Hopper, Esq. the veteran cashier of the Bank of the Valley, resigned his office on Friday last, (the 1st inst.) from declining health. Mr. Harvey M. Brent was unanimously elected to succeed him.—[Winchester Repub.]

Age of Mechanism.—A machine has lately been invented in Paris for threading needles. It operates so certainly and readily, that a blind man may use it.

The poet Campbell has undertaken a life of Shakespeare.

Important to Gardeners and others.

We have been favoured by an esteemed correspondent, with the following curious particulars, which have been noted to decide a wager made in the early part of the year by two agricultural gentlemen, residing in this neighbourhood, respecting the comparative merits of two modes of planting potato sets.—A single potato was cut into 28 sets, each having one eye, and another potato was divided into 18 sets, each having two eyes; these respective sets were planted in garden at Harewood, on the 25th of April last, and the produce was gathered on Saturday week, the 31st of October, when it was found that the produce of 26 which had taken root, out of the 28 sets, with one eye, was 12 bushels. The produce of the 18 double sets only amounted to 3 stone 11 lbs.; thus proving to a demonstration the superior advantage of planting with single-eyed potato sets.

A new car was put on the road on Friday, and another on Saturday, with two floors; the lower apartment was occupied by ladies, and the upper by gentlemen, amounting to 40 persons, drawn by a fast trotting horse, with much ease. Its singular appearance afforded much interest and amusement to the crowds of spectators along the road as it passed. A new car from Boston, invented by Mr. Morgan, is in preparation, and another from New York would have been in operation, but for the vessel bringing it encountering a heavy gale off Cape Hatteras, and was compelled to throw the wheels, which were on deck, overboard. The produce was gathered on Saturday week, the 31st of October, when it was found that the produce of 26 which had taken root, out of the 28 sets, with one eye, was 12 bushels. The produce of the 18 double sets only amounted to 3 stone 11 lbs.; thus proving to a demonstration the superior advantage of planting with single-eyed potato sets.

"A SURNISHER," on the best mode of raising turnips, is in type, but is unavoidably postponed.

MARRIED.

On Thursday the 31st ult., by the Rev. Mr. Cadden, Mr. Hiram McBride to Miss Anna McElroy, daughter of Mr. William McElroy, of Harper's Ferry.

At Mount Gilead, Loudoun county, on the 3d instant, by the Rev. Wm. Gilmore, Mr. James D. Cheek, Esq., of Bohemia, to Miss Anna D. Cheek, of Pennsylvania.

On Sunday last, by the Rev. Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Edward Kelly of Harper's Ferry, to Miss Eleanor Brown, formerly of Martinsburg.

At Bogota, South America, Gen. O'Leary,

son of Jeremiah O'Leary, Esq., of Cork, to Sulta Soubrette, sister to General Soultette, and niece to the President Bolivar.

THE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.

Flour from wagons 4 50
Wheat 0 80 a Q 50

Corn 0 60 a 0 00
Rye 45 a 48

Whiskey 0 20 a 22

Clover Seed 4 75 a 50
Flax seed 1 10 a 0 00

Timothy seed 2 50

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 7.

Flour (new) 4 27 a 0 00
Wheat 0 70 a 0 80

Corn 0 25 a 0 32
Rye 0 40 a 0 45

Whiskey 0 24 a 0 25

Bacon 7 00 a 7 50

CAUTION.

EXTENSIVE depredations having late-

ly been committed upon the fences around the lot of land, east of Charles-

town, belonging to the heirs of Samuel O.

Offutt, dec'd, notice is hereby given, that

offenders in future will be punished to the

utmost rigor of the law.

ELIZABETH OFFUTT,

Jan. 13, 1830.

CHEAP CARPETING,

For sale by HUMPHREY KEYS.

Jan. 6, 1830.

THE PRINTING OFFICE

OF THE

VIRGINIA FREE PRESS will be remov-ed, to-morrow, to the second story of the new brick building, on the main street in Charlestown, opposite Mr. James Brown's Bookstore.

Jan. 13, 1830.

NO. 1, FOR 1830.

EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS.

ODD AND EVEN.

MARYLAND State Lottery No. 1, for 1830, draws in Baltimore,

On Wednesday the 27th January.

THIS SCHEME,

Is arranged on the ODD and EVEN SYS-TEM, by which the Holder of Two Tickets, or Two Shares, is certain of obtaining at least One Prize, and may draw THREE PRIZES.

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Address J. I. COHEN, Jr. & BROTHERS,

Baltimore, Jan. 13, 1830.

JEWELLERY AND FANCY ARTICLES.

THE undersigned, wishing to dispose of some fine Jewellery and Fancy Articles, takes this opportunity of offering them to the public on low terms. The assortment is as follows:

Fine Gold Patent Lever Watches,

Gold plain Watches,

First rate Lepine Watches,

Excellent Silver Watches,

Fine Gold Breast Pins and Rings of every variety,

Gold plated Chains, Seals and Keys,

Ear Rings handsomely ornamented,

Silver Spoons, Bracelets,

Patent Pencil Cases,

Keys, Seals, Slides and Rings,

Musical Boxes, Pocket Books, &c. &c.

All of which is offered in low terms.

ALSO,

Watches repaired and warranted for twelve months.

SAMUEL JOHNSTON,

Agent for Michael McElroy,

Harper's Ferry, Jan. 13, 1830.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

BE AWAY, on Sunday morning the 3d instant, a negro girl named MARY JANE, belonging to the estate of Bacon Burwell, dec'd. She is about 18 years old, of low stature, heavy set, and quite black; has full, large eyes, and speaks slow. Her clothing consisted of a blue linen dress, calico sun bonnet, and coarse shoes. She may have other clothing. She lived for the last six months with Mr. J. Fowler, in Winchester, from which place she closed. The above reward will be paid for her apprehension, if taken out of the State; Two Dollars if in Berkeley, Frederick, or Jefferson counties; or Twenty Dollars if out of those counties; and all reasonable expenses in addition, if brought home to the

VIRGINIA FREE PRESS.

EIGHT READING.

[From Hood's Comic Annual.]
 "It's very hard; and so it is,
 To live in such a row,
 And witness this that every miss
 But me has got a beau.
 For love goes calling up and down,
 But here he seems to shun:
 I'm sure he has been asked enough
 To call at Number One!
 I'm sick of all the double knocks
 That come to Number Four!
 At Number Three I often see
 A lover at the door,
 And one in blue, at Number Two,
 Calls daily like a dove.
 It's very hard they come so near,
 And not at Number One!
 Miss Bell, I hear, has got a dear
 Precious to her mind,
 By sitting at the window pane
 We know whereof you speak.
 But I go in the balcony.
 Which she has never done.
 Yet she sits there at Number Five,
 Don't take at Number One!

They were all plenty in the street,
 And plenty passing by.—
 There's nice young men at Number Ten,
 But only rather shy;
 And Miss Smith across the way
 Has got a grown-up son.
 But he is hardly anxious to know
 There is a Number One!

There's Mr. Wick at Number Nine,
 But he's intent on peff.
 And tho' he's pious, will not love
 His neighbor as himself.
 At Number Seven there was a sale—
 The goods had quite a show!
 And here I've got my single lot—
 On hand at Number One!

My mother often sits at work
 And talks of prays and styes,
 And what a comfort I shall be
 In her declining days!

The very maid about the house
 Have set me down a nun,
 The sweethearts all belong to them
 That call at Number One!

Once only when the flu took fire,
 One Friday afternoon,
 Young Mr. Long came kindly in,
 And told me not to swoon.
 Why can't he come again without
 The Phoenix and the Sun?
 We cannot always have a flu
 Or die at Number One!

I am not old! I am not plain;
 Nor awkward in my gait—
 I am not crooked like the bride.
 That went from Number Eight;
 I'm sure white satin made her look
 As brown as any bun—
 But even beauty has no chance
 I think at Number One!

At Number Six they say Miss Rose
 Has slain a score of hearts,
 And Cupid, for her sake, has been
 Quite prodigal of darts.
 The imp they show with bended bow—
 I wish he had a gun!
 But if he had, he'd never deign
 To shoot with Number One.

It's very hard and so it is,
 To live in such a row!

And here's a bald-singer come
 To aggravate my woe:
 O take away your foolish song—
 And tones enough to stun—
 There is 'neat lack about the house,
 I know at Number One!"

From the N.-E. Galaxy and Boston Mercury.
THE ADVENTURES OF A WOODEN LEG.

Before you had those timber toes
 Your love I did allow,
 But then you know you stand upon
 Another feeling now.

I am one of those unfortunate wights
 Who have found themselves obliged to
 call in the carpenter for the purpose of
 mending their wooden frame. I was
 born complete, as sound as a pumpkin,
 and with a pair of as sturdy nether
 limbs as ever kicked. I stampeded about
 merrily on both of them during my
 youth, never dreaming that I should
 one day be indebted for the same per-
 petual faculty, to a stick of wood.

During the last war with Great Britain, I served in our army on the frontier. I was in many battles, but managed throughout nearly the whole of the conflict to keep lead and cold iron out of me. I began to think myself bullet-proof, but never was a conjurer more mistaken, as I soon found out, at the battle of Plattsburgh, by the help of a cannon ball which took off my leg just below the knee. This happened in the beginning of the action, and I fell into the enemies hands. We got the victory at last, as is well known, and when the British retreated I was carried off by them along with some of their own wounded. I was duly reported by the American returns, "among the missing," and my friends all imagined me dead.

After lying some time in the British hospitals I was sent to Montreal, where I met with very ingenious French mechanists, who fitted me with a new limb, so admirably constructed with springs and hinges, that after a short practice, I found myself able to manage it with so much dexterity that it passed with the world for the real bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. I was sent home to Boston after the peace, and received by my friends as one risen from the dead. They little imagined on seeing me safe and hearty, that I had one foot in the grave.

Now, though I might have claimed and received a pension for the loss of my leg, yet I resolved to keep the matter secret, as who would not? Nobody wishes to be pitied for his wooden shins, when he can have the credit of owning a pair of real live stumps. No mortal of my acquaintance suspected that I had a sham leg, and I was resolved to take no pains to divulge the secret, but if I got a kick upon my wooden shin even to scratch where it did not smart.

The pertinacity with which I have stuck to this determination, has led me into the oddest adventures. I was

kicked, by a horse on my facitious limb, and to the astonishment of everybody walked home after it, without so much inconvenience as a sprained ankle. I was bitten by a mad dog most furiously in the same place, and everyone prophesied that I should die, but I got well of the bite and amazed them all. A cart wheel ran over my foot and jammed it into a cocked hat; no one but admired the fortitude with which I bore the pain. Walking home one cold day with the Doctor, I stepped with one foot mid-leg deep in a puddle of water. The Doctor was positive that I should take cold in consequence of it, and I won a wager of him not coming off the next morning by his utter astonishment.

But this unfeeling limb of mine has sometimes brought me into awkward scrapes. I never shall forget how supremely foolish I felt one evening when I had been ridiculing most unmercifully a certain furnish, conceited, pre-
 sumptuous fellow about the town; all this I did in the presence of his sisters, whom I did not know to be such, and never imagined that my friend Walter who sat next, would let me run on in such a strain without apprising me of the blunder I was committing. "Why you incomprehensible fellow," said he to me, as soon as we came away, "what the vengeance possessed you to keep on talking in that style when I was treading upon your toe every instant to make you stop?"

Poor Babbleton was utterly confounded, and the artifice by which I escaped detection had the strongest effects. Who would believe that the ghost of a wooden leg could break off a match? or that by saving my limb, I made Mr. Beau Babbleton lose his mistress? I will tell the whole story, for it is seldom that a wooden leg has kicked up such a dust.

One very dark evening I was walking homewards through a street where the side-walk was somewhat narrow, and the cellar entrances projected quite out to the curb stone. One of these happened to be covered with wooden grating, and in walking over it I trod in the dark upon a defective part, and my foot broke through. It was my wooden leg, and in my endeavor to extricate it the unfortunate limb broke loose and fell into the cellar!

Here was a terrible awkward situation for a fine gentleman to be in. There was no getting my lost leg out of this limbo in the dark, and to apply for help would discover me. Luckily I had my walking stick, and with the help of that, made a shift to hobble to my lodgings where I arrived undiscovered, thanks to the darkness and lateness of the hour. But the difficulty was not over. I had lost my leg, and no one could make me such another; or, if it could be replaced, the thing could not be effected without a delay of many days and the story would infallibly get wind. What should I do?

I knew the house into which my stray limb had stepped, but was not upon the right terms with the occupant to trust him with the secret, this was the most unlucky circumstance of all; he was Joe Clackabout, a person with whom I had been involved in a quarrel, and was, moreover, an arrant busy body.

Consequently, I was compelled to walk the secret of a sham leg.

At last a thought struck me of a method to get my leg and save my credit, for I saw plainly that my leg must be had immediately, or else the cat would be out of the bag. I thought of Beau Babbleton, the loquacious fellow mentioned above, a personage on whom I might easily get away, play the trick of fathering my lost limb. I had got myself into bad odour with his sisters, and two or three score of their gossiping acquaintances by means of his flippancy and the insensibility of my timbres, and I determined now to re-enact upon the same means of the same intractable members. The plan was this,—to send by a trusty servant a note to Mr. Clackabout, requesting the leg in the name of Beau Babbleton, by which means I should get my limb again without being suspected, and Beau might account for the superfluity of his skin-bones in his own animal economy as well as he was able.

The plan succeeded to admiration, and much better than I looked for. I had the luck to see a darky passing under my window in the morning, and him I sent off with the note. You may judge of the surprise and astonishment of Mr. and Mrs. Clackabout and his two sisters, as they sat at breakfast, when they received the following:

"Mr. Babbleton's compliments to Mr. Clackabout and requests he will have the goodness to despatch his leg by the bearer; it will be found in the cellar. Mr. B. hopes to be executed for stepping through Mr. C.'s cellar last evening."

Nobody knew what to make of this strange epistle at first. One thought it a hoax, but on sending into the cellar to examine, the leg was found sure enough, and the breach in the cellar door where the misspelling had been made. And then what a staring and wonderment there was among the Clackabouts at the discovery of Beau Babbleton's artifice. Who would have thought it they all exclaimed—a tip-top dandy, a buck of the first water, an irresistible creature among the ladies, and yet, doing all this with a wooden leg! Oh! monstrous!

However after a pretty close scrutiny of this unfortunate limb, it was delivered to Cuffy, who passed for Beau

MORE NEW GOODS

Just ready for Sale!

FROM indisposition and the press of business, the subscriber has not been able to get all his **NEW GOODS** open and ready for sale until the present. They are all now in order. He deems a catalogue unnecessary, his assortment of Dry Goods, Groceries, Quenware, Glass, China, Hardware, and Cutlery will be found complete, and will be sold unusually cheap, on accommodating terms, for cash or on credit.

WM. F. LOCK.

Charlestown, Dec. 2, 1829.

WE HAVE IN STORE,

A FEW double-barreled PERCUSSION
 4-POUNDR GUNS; also Dupont's celebrated
 lower-proof canister POWDER; and SHOT
 by the bag or single pound.

Jefferson & Cleveland.

Charlestown, Dec. 23.

ANOTHER SUPPLY.

The Subscriber is now receiving
 A HANDSOME ASSORTMENT of SEA-
 SONABLE GOODS.

HUMPHREY KEYES.

Dec. 23, 1829.

GROUND ALUM SALT,

Liverpool, do.
 Polished Wagon Boxes, do.
 Nails—Twisted Ropes, do.
 Grapes, Raisins, and Almonds, do.

FOR SALE BY HUMPHREY KEYES.

Dec. 23, 1829.

DR. W. JUDKINS'

Patent Specific Ointment.

PAINS have been taken to make this sup-
 plly very good. It may be had at the fol-
 lowing places, viz:

The Branch of the Bank of the United States
 at Washington.

The Bank of Washington, at Washington.

The Patriotic Bank, do.

The Merchants' Bank, do.

The Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, at George-
 town.

The Bank of Alexandria, at Alexandria.

The Bank of Potowmack, do.

The Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, do.

The Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, do.

The Hagerstown Bank, in Hagerstown, Md., do.

The Bank of the Valley, in Charlestown, Va., do.

By order of the President and Directors:

JOHN P. INGLE, Clerk
 Ches. & Ohio Canal Co.

Nov. 18, 1829.—#120E.

5000 WEIGHT OF PORK

THE subscribers wish to purchase five
 thousand weight of Pork, for which
 they will allow the highest market price,
 payable in goods, at cash prices.

JEFFERSON & CLEVELAND.

Dec. 9.

Goods suitable for the Season.

WHILED BAGS prime chewing Tobac-
 co, ground alum and lime Salt, Sheet
 Iron, Strap Iron, country Blister, Shear, and
 Crowley Steel, Nails, &c. &c. for sale by

WM. F. LOCK.

Charlestown, Dec. 2, 1829.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The following communication, addressed to the proprietor of Judkins' Ointment, from the late John Taliaferro, member of Congress, is highly interesting. The gratuitous manner in which it is made, exhibits feelings of an ordinary character towards suffering humanity; and is certainly well deserving of public attention.

THOMAS C. LANE & CO.

Charlestown, Dec. 10.

CORN SHELLERS FOR \$1.25.

THE subscriber wishes to inform the citizens of Jefferson county, that he has purchased the right for said county, of a patent Corn Shellling Machine, the cheapness and simple structure of which, having no machine's notion to compare with it, it is object worthy of examination.

GEORGE W. HAMMOND,

Who will take in exchange for Goods at cash
 prices, WHIAT, RYE, CORN, WOOL
 or SOLVENT PAPER.—Dec. 16, 1829.

BOLTING CLOTHS.

THE subscribers have on hand, and are offering very cheap Bolting Cloths, from No. 1 to 6 inclusive, of the most improved staves and qualities. Also, No. 8 SCHEE WIRE, adapted for Miller's use.

THOMAS C. LANE & CO.

Charlestown, Dec. 10.

IRON CLOTHS.

Cassimere, Cassimere, do.
 Rose, Whitney and Point Blankets,
 Flannel, Merino Cloth,
 Merino Circassian, Camblet, Plaid,
 Black, scarlet, and white Merino Shawls,
 with Merino Borders.

Carpeting, splendid Rugs, Brass Andirons,
 Shovels and Tonga, Fenders and Umbrellas.

All of which he respectfully invites his customers and the public generally to call and examine.

Nov. 29.

It is my wish to communicate to you the good effect which I have used the Ointment invented by a Mr. Judkins, and which I now understand is made and sold by agents appointed by yourself. I have applied this ointment during the last three years to every species of tumour and wound, without fail, to produce a cure in every instance.

I consider it the most decided and efficient remedy in all cases of tumour, be the cause what it may, and I have found nothing so good for wounds of any description. It may be proper to add that the cure of a tumour called "White Swelling," given over by the most distinguished physicians as incurable, and which they decided would, without amputation, prove fatal to the patient, was under my immediate notice effected by the use of Judkins' Ointment, and the patient is in due health; his limb affected by the tumour being restored to a perfect state of soundness. Also, that the leg of an aged man, which had been wounded, and exhibited one dreadful ulcerated surface from the knee to the foot, and which, for more than two years, had been considered incurable, was effectively cured by the application of Judkins' Ointment. I mention these two cases, which fell under my immediate notice, as evidence of the efficacy of this remedy in cases of tumour and ulcers. I have experienced as follows:

I tried various remedies in vain when I was induced to try Judkins' ointment, and was cured by the use of a single box. I am anxious that others, similarly afflicted, may avail themselves of so valuable a remedy.

ROBERT TULTON.

Charlestown, Dec. 16, 1829.

PRIME CHEWING TOBACCO.

WE have just received, from Richmond, a supply of Mendenland tobacco, which we recommend as being very mild, sweet, and sound, at the reduced price of 62½ cts. per pound. We have in store 250 twilled bags of good quality, which we will sell on accomodating terms.

JEFFERSON & CLEVELAND.

Charlestown, Oct. 29.

NEW MUSIC.

THE subscribers have just received a large quantity of well selected, new, and fashionable Piano Music, consisting of songs, waltzes, marches, cotillions, &c. very cheap.

JEFFERSON & CLEVELAND.

Jan. 6, 1830.

STONE COAL.

I HAVE on hand a quantity of STONE COAL, which I will sell cheap.

CHARLES HARPER.

Charlestown, Dec. 16, 1829.

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