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It is the people of the Valley who are...

The proposed road from the Chesapeake to the Allegheny...

A CARD. WILLIAM LUCAS, Attorney at Law.

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VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.

one of the managers, commenced his reply. His speech was able, eloquent and argumentative.

The only business transacted by the House of Representatives to-day, previous to its attending the Senate...

FRIDAY, JAN. 25. In the Senate, the bill for amending the law respecting Copy Rights...

MONDAY, JAN. 26. In the Senate, Mr. Benton presented a memorial from the inhabitants of St. Louis in the State of Missouri...

TUESDAY, JAN. 27. The Senate had a written message from the President of the United States...

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On motion of Mr. Caldwell, leave was given to bring in a bill, incorporating a company to construct a turnpike from Leesburg to Spicker's Gap in the Blue Ridge.

CONGRESS. From the National Journal. SATURDAY, JAN. 22. In the Senate, Mr. Smith of Maryland presented a memorial from sundry respectable merchants in Baltimore...

TUESDAY, JAN. 25. A communication was received from the Senate stating that they had passed the bill, "to amend and revive an act to incorporate a Company, to erect a toll bridge across the Shenandoah River."

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26. A message was received from the Senate, informing that they had passed the bill making an appropriation for the repairs of the Governor's house...

THURSDAY, JAN. 27. Mr. Baxter submitted the following resolution, which was rejected—ayes 29, nays 58.

FRIDAY, JAN. 28. On motion of Mr. Kinney, leave was given to bring in a bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Rail Road from Staunton to some point on the Potomac.

SATURDAY, JAN. 29. On motion of Mr. Atkinson, the Committee on Courts of Justice were directed to inquire whether any, and if any, what amendments are necessary in the laws relating to Commissioners of the Revenue.

SUNDAY, JAN. 30. The House of Delegates was engaged during the whole of to-day, in Committee of the whole...

[The bill provides, in the 1st section, that the county courts, at their May or June terms, shall appoint freetholders, to act as Commissioners of the County Surveyor to be one, ex officio, and the setting Justices to be two, ex officio.]

Sec. 3. Provides, That applications for new roads, or for altering old ones, shall be referred to the Commissioners of the Surveyor, who shall survey the roads, and report thereon to the County Court.

Sec. 4. Provides, That the county courts shall, upon such report as aforesaid, divide the roads into sections, and bid the same to be constructed, and report thereon to the County Court.

Sec. 5. Provides, That for the purpose of defraying the expense of keeping the public roads in repair, the county courts, at the court when the county levy is made, shall be authorized to assess and levy upon such taxable, a tax not exceeding one centum on the amount payable on the same property by the respective laws of the Commonwealth.

Sec. 6. Charges the Commissioners of the Revenue with the duty of making lists of persons chargeable with assessments, &c.—provides, that all acting Justices shall be enumerated when the assessment is made—and that the courts shall, annually, at the time of levying such levy, assess the value of the labor per diem of each male or female, who shall be subject to the payment of such levy; and that if any person shall elect to discharge the amount with which he or she, or his or her property may be chargeable, in labor, he or she shall be at liberty to do so, by person or substitute, at the rates fixed by the court.

Sec. 7. Respects the duties of the persons contracting to open or repair roads.

Sec. 8. Fixes the compensation of the Commissioners of Roads.

The Committee did not get through with the subject. A provision it was intimated by Mr. Gilmer, will be offered in the shape of a new section, leaving it discretionary with each county to adopt or reject the proposed reformed system.

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after an hour spent in the reading and passage of sundry bills. Mr. Leigh again took the floor and occupied it for 2 1/2 hours, in a speech of much power, feeling, and indignity.

He deprecated the establishment of a policy which he believed would be injurious to the community. He thought the system of "bringing justice home to every man's door," might be pushed to such an extent, that by the aid of lawyers, and people too familiar with each other, and feeling of mutual veneration and respect, which he deemed essential to an impartial administration of justice, would be destroyed.

The judges would become too familiar with the parties; the respectability of impartiality to one, and of injustice to the other—and the stimulus to an honorable fame, which always exists with judges and lawyers, when before people to whom they are strangers, would be destroyed.

He said he felt a deep solicitude for the welfare of Virginia, as connected with her judiciary, and he, for one, would not, when the people asked for bread, give them a stone—or, instead of a fish, give them a serpent with deadly and poisonous qualities.

The conclusion of his speech was eloquent and impressive, evincing a deep interest in the subject; and he laid upon the table, for the consideration of the members, his project of a system which might obviate some of the difficulties.

Mr. Barbour moved an adjournment, and will occupy the floor on the opposite side on Monday. Mr. Gilmer, Mr. Jones, and others, will also oppose the views of Mr. Leigh.

It seems certain, that a majority of the House will go for a system, giving the law judges for each county chancery powers, as to all cases where the parties reside in the county; but I think it not improbable that superior courts of chancery, for cases where the parties are scattered through the State or elsewhere, will also be established.

The subject, will consume the whole month of February. The bill authorizing a subscription by the Board of Public Works, to the stock of the "Smithfield, Charlestown, and Harpers Ferry Turnpike Company," was this day ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

On Wednesday, the report of the Judiciary Committee was taken up, and nearly the whole day spent in the discussion of a motion to strike out the clause in one of the resolutions, which confers the courts of law and chancery, courts to each election district sending a delegate to the General Assembly.

THE LEGISLATURE. FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT. RICHMOND, JAN. 27, 1831.

A minute detail of the proceedings of the Legislature can at this time be of interest to readers generally, but particularly at this moment, Saturday last was principally occupied with a debate on the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Manufactures, upon resolutions proposed to that committee, on motion of Mr. Barbour, concerning the endowment of a professorship of Agriculture in the Virginia University, and the purchase of a pattern farm.

The committee reported in favor of referring the first branch of the inquiry to the Hon. and Learned Judges of the University, and declared it inexpedient to purchase a pattern farm. Upon these resolutions a wide and general but irregular discussion arose.

Mr. Barbour, moved a substitute, proposing to give the last inquiry the same direction as the first, and that the report and substitute be laid upon the table, with a view to have them printed. This motion was negatived, 40 to 60.

Mr. Eppes, of Sussex, then attacked the whole scheme, which he considered as a branch of the odious tariff policy of the general government, and alluded somewhat severely to the origin of the committee of agriculture in the house. He said he well knew the genealogical tree from which it sprung.

This called forth an eloquent reply from Mr. Barbour, and some severe strictures from Mr. Eppes. Mr. Broodhead, on the course of Mr. Eppes, proposed a substitute, and Mr. Atkinson, of Isle of Wight, moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject, which was carried, ayes 75, nays 40.

On Monday, the order of the day was a bill to provide a new system of opening and keeping in repair the roads of the Commonwealth. The house went into committee of the whole, Mr. Miller, of Rowhan, in the chair, and adopted various amendments to the bill.

The day being thus consumed, the committee rose, and had leave to sit again. This is a very important bill. It provides an entire change in the present road system—abolition, instead of a tax, of the privilege of opening the roads in labour, the present plan every body admits to be inefficient, oppressive, and unjust; but whether the idea of taxation will be a popular one in the Legislature, or not, cannot yet be determined.

The bill has since been referred to a select committee. Tuesday was wholly consumed in debate upon the new contest in the Orange election. The committee of privileges and elections reported that the contestant (Mr. Davis) had not presented his petition within the 20 days required by law.

compensation paid for the use of a benefit, if proportioned to that benefit, its equity requires, it should be greater upon a large canal than upon a smaller one; because the carriage of commodities is attended with greater facility on the former than on the latter; and that, in the measure of the benefit afforded by any canal. But the profit on its stock, which the toll is designed to pay, should be proportioned to its cost, or to the amount of that stock.

In this case I do not think that the toll on the smaller canal should be less than on the larger canal, since the profit on the larger canal will be much augmented by its more extended use, although the same tolls be levied on both.

To conclude this long letter, if you enter heartily into the noble enterprise you propose, I would recommend it to you, your friends, to call a convention, at some suitable point, of representatives from all the counties and towns interested in the navigation of the Shenandoah; and the higher up the valley you have your place of meeting, in order to accommodate the southern western counties of the commonwealth, the more likely you will be to ensure its piousness attendance.

If your preliminary measures encourage you to proceed farther, as I doubt not they will, then I would advise you, before the route of the canal be fixed, to obtain a voluntary concession of the ground, on which it may be located, along both sides of the river, from the proprietors of its banks. After this has been done, let a skilful practical civil engineer, of a reputation calculated to invite the public confidence in his judgment, be employed to survey and fix the route, suggest the plan, and form the estimate of the cost of the proposed canal.

A charter, and I trust, a subscription to your stock, from the state, would follow your preparatory steps; all of which could be completed in a single year.

I have written in great haste, and under the pressure of my public duties, the preceding reply to your interesting letter. I wish that this, or any other service that I can contribute to your liberal purpose, may prove of any use. No man deprecates more than I have long done, the great indifference of our commonwealth to works, which constitute in peace, the glory, as well as the riches of the state, and in war, an essential part of her defence; while they are recommended to us by their tendency to preserve the liberty, of which our Union is both the offspring and the only efficient safeguard.

With much respect, I remain, Sir, Your Obedient Servant, CHARLES F. MEICER. To James M. Hirs, Esq.

COLD WEATHER. No human being, save Monsieur Chaubert, could write other than a frozen paragraph during this weather, and he would wear icicles the moment he left his oven. Since Tuesday last our weather would laugh a Laplander out of all countenance.

Worky Statesmen.—"In it possible," exclaimed the thoughtless Miss, the other day, "is it possible that the mechanics expect to be made judges and senators? Miss had a brother too lazy to work, and therefore sent to college—too stupid to study, and therefore sent home again; too heedless to manage his own affairs, and therefore selected by his president and influential friends, to manage the affairs of the state. The family were of course alarmed at the new doctrine that had brought up a thrifty mechanic as a rival candidate. Miss protested herself much upon her family. The family attached its high standing by the intelligence of her industrious and worthy grandfather, who was a mechanic, a statesman, a carpenter, and a senator.—[People's (N. E.) Advocate.]

THE FREE PRESS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1831.

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A CARD. WILLIAM LUCAS, Attorney at Law...

DOCTOR WILLIAM J. BROOKE, located himself at Harpers Ferry...

NOTICE OF REMOVAL, Mr. Thompson's Hotel...

PUBLIC SALE, Thomas H. Hammond and Henry Bond...

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE, the estate of John Deane...

TO 170 ACRES, the estate of John Deane...

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The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Public Works...

The importance of constructing a road at public expense from Winchester to the Ohio river...

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE American Colonization Society...

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to its Officers...

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The Legislature of Kentucky finally adjourned on the 15th ult. without effecting the election of a Senator to Congress...

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From the Richmond Enquirer, Jan. 23. A letter has appeared in the last Charleston Free Press...

From the same, Jan. 27. We publish the following prompt and ingenious Card from Mr. Stallan...

From the same, Jan. 27. I have perceived, by an editorial note in the Enquirer of this morning...

From the New Bedford Mercury. THE STORM—A respectable friend who has seen the snows of sixty winters...

Extraordinary mortality. The records of deaths doings have seldom exhibited an instance of more desolating exterminating havoc...

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The following proclamation was issued at Santa Martha just before the Pomona sailed...

Colombians!—You have witnessed my efforts to plant Liberty where Tyranny before reigned...

Colombians!—Should my death be the means of laying the rage of party spirit, and consolidating the Union...

THE STORM—A respectable friend who has seen the snows of sixty winters, has opportunely furnished us with the following: The snow storm of the 15th and 16th ult. was the most severe probably...

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Post Office Robbery. On Monday night week, Mortimer Cunningham, the Postmaster at Abingdon...

Sleep Walker. A young man by the name of Isaac Chandler, residing in Fryeburg, State of Maine...

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE APOTHECARY & DRUGGISTS ESTABLISHMENT...

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PUBLIC SALE. WILL be sold, on Tuesday the 23d of February, at the late residence of Samuel Hinkle...

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TAILORING. Saum & McFarland, Tailors, RESPECTFULLY inform the citizens of Harpers Ferry...

FRESH ORANGES & LEMONS. WE have just received a fresh supply of Sicily Oranges and Lemons...

LAND IN JEFFERSON FOR SALE. PURSUANT to a decree made by the Winchester Chancery District Court...

LAND TO BE RENTED AT AUCTION. PURSUANT to a decree of the Winchester Chancery District Court...

LAND FOR SALE. PURSUANT to a decree of the Winchester Chancery District Court...

LAND FOR RENT. PURSUANT to an order made at the last term of the Winchester Chancery District Court...

FOR SALE, A HOUSE AND LOT in Shepherdstown. PURSUANT to a decree rendered by the Winchester chancery court...

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ARTIFICIAL HAIR. WE have a handsome assortment of Hair, which we are selling cheap...

BAR IRON. THE subscriber has on hand a large quantity of Bar Iron, which he will sell at a low price...

