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CONDITIONS.

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ADVERTISING. For a square less, \$1. for three insertions—larger ones in the same proportion. Each continuation, 5 cents per square.

BANK STOCK. HAVE 19 Shares of Valley Bank Stock for sale. J. T. DAUGHERTY.

TRANSPORTATION. On the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal being now completed and open to navigation from this place (Keopyst or Old Furnace) to the Potomac, we have the honor to inform the public that they are at present engaged in, and will continue transporting, in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, without delay, any and every kind of goods, produce, and other points on the line of the Canal.

Flour and all other Articles. That may be entrusted to their care.

The undersigned, with no improper motives, but in justice to themselves and for the information of the public, will proceed to set forth some of the great advantages of the Canal, and in what manner they will be especially benefited by the same.

IN CHANCERY. A Court continued and held for the said county of Jefferson, on the 17th day of December, 1833.

Lumber Yard in Shep. The subscriber has on hand a large quantity of lumber, and is prepared to supply all demands for seasoned White and Yellow Pine, PLANK, either 1 inch, 1 1/2 inch, 2 inch, 2 1/2 inch, 3 inch, 4 inch, 5 inch, 6 inch, 8 inch, 10 inch, 12 inch, 14 inch, 16 inch, 18 inch, 20 inch, 22 inch, 24 inch, 26 inch, 28 inch, 30 inch, 32 inch, 34 inch, 36 inch, 38 inch, 40 inch, 42 inch, 44 inch, 46 inch, 48 inch, 50 inch, 52 inch, 54 inch, 56 inch, 58 inch, 60 inch, 62 inch, 64 inch, 66 inch, 68 inch, 70 inch, 72 inch, 74 inch, 76 inch, 78 inch, 80 inch, 82 inch, 84 inch, 86 inch, 88 inch, 90 inch, 92 inch, 94 inch, 96 inch, 98 inch, 100 inch.

Charlestown Academy. The exercises of this institution will be resumed on the first Monday in January.

Harpers-Ferry Academy. The Principal of the above institution feels happy in announcing to those who have patronized it, that he has, after the usual Christmas recess, resumed the duties of his charge.

White-House Tavern FOR RENT. The very valuable and well-known tavern, very stand known by the name of the WHITE-HOUSE, with all its appurtenances, stable, kitchen, wash-house, garden, &c. &c. is for rent.

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MEMORIAL. A BANK AT HARPERS-FERRY.

The following memorial is now in circulation in this county. It is upon a subject which no doubt many of our readers feel a lively interest. We therefore lose no time in giving circulation to the views it contains.

To the Honorable Senate and Delegates of Virginia.

YOUR MEMORIALS are fully apprized that the general disposition of the Legislature has been heretofore adverse to Banking, on that extensive plan which many States of the Union have adopted; and there is no doubt of the fact that such disposition has protected the citizens of Virginia from many of the evils which have occasionally happened from superfluous legislation on the subject of banking, and the abuse of prerogative in the management of banks.

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THE BLIND BOY. The day was bright and beautiful. The boys to play had gone. Save one, who sat beside the door.

He could not see the setting sun. He could not see the falling moon. He could not see the stars that shone.

S. W. LEIGH, ESQ. The following patriotic letter from one of Virginia's most distinguished sons, HENRY WATKINS LEIGH, Esq., we copy from a late number of the Richmond Whig.

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Eloquent Extract. How different is the scene we this day behold from that of fifty years ago.

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CHARLESTOWN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1854.

The tidings from Washington give but little reason to hope for any thing like a speedy settlement of the great question which now agitates the country.

The last Monday Intelligence contains the proceedings of a public meeting, on the subject of the Deposites, held at the Court-House of Hampshire county, on the 27th ult.

A bill has passed the lower house of the Legislature of Maryland, for the abolition of the Slave Trade in that State.

No nomination of a Secretary of the Treasury has yet been made to the Senate by the President, although that body has been about two months in session.

JOSEPH H. STERNBERG, Esq. has been unanimously re-elected President of the Farmers' Bank in Winchester.

JOHN R. COOKE, Esq. has accepted an invitation to deliver an Address before the Berkeley county Temperance Society, at its anniversary meeting on the 26th February next, in Martinsburg.

Gen. STAMFORD TUCKER, formerly a representative in Congress, died at his residence in South Carolina on the 4th ult.

A great freshet has occurred within the last two weeks in the Ohio and Kanawha rivers. The Kanawha was 15 feet higher than it has been since the great freshet of 1832.

Good News, if true.—The following cheering intelligence is from the New York Mercantile of yesterday. We only fear that the news is of a nature too gratifying to be true.

Better Prospects.—It is with the sincerest pleasure that we announce to our readers that we know, from an undoubted source, that there is a prospect of a compromise, which may result in the charter of a new National Bank, and also in the re-charter of the old one.

Happy indeed are we to congratulate our fellow citizens upon this good news, and still more rejoiced shall we be, when it shall be in our power to lay before them the manner and form in which it is proposed to heal the wounded credit of the country and restore that confidence, without which all the blessings and advantages of our institutions can never make us either a thriving or a happy people.

United States Bank Director.—The nomination of Mr. J. Bayard, of Wilmington, Delaware, as one of the Government Directors of the Bank of the United States, has been confirmed by the Senate; but it is not known whether that gentleman will consent to serve.

Post Office Reform.—An Ohio paper says that at the Van Buren Convention of the 6th ult. which assembled in Columbus, there were eleven Post Masters from one county.

"Honest" George Kremer is in Washington—in consultation, it is said, with Mr. Van Buren. [Alex. Gaz.]

The Regents of the University of the State of New York, at a meeting held on the 23d ult., conferred the degree of Doctor of Law on the Hon. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BURMAN, Attorney General of the U. States. [Alex. Gaz.]

Messrs. Gales and Seaton have published in pamphlet form the speeches of Messrs. Clay and Bioney, on the Deposite question. The typography does credit to their office.

It is said that Col. BART HALL, the history of whose travels in the United States has amused and provoked thousands, was killed in November last in South America.

Transportation.—A resolution has been adopted in the Massachusetts Legislature, and referred to a Special Committee. It was offered by Mr. Austin, of Charlestown, with a preamble declaring the total failure of the Penitentiary System as a means of preventing crime, and declaring the expediency of petitioning Congress to negotiate for lands in the South Sea, or elsewhere, at a suitable place for the transportation of convicts.

LEGISLATURE OF VIRGINIA.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

The House of Delegates, on Saturday last, passed two very important bills, in aid of the Internal Improvement of the State: the first, a bill appropriating \$36,000 for the completion of the North Western Turnpike, (better known as the Winchester and Parkersburg Road); the second, making a further appropriation to the stock of the James River and Kanawha company.

The Senate were engaged, in committee of the whole, on the resolutions from the House, on the subject of the public deposits. On Tuesday, Mr. Faulkner offered a resolution, proposing a joint committee to report on the proper method of proceeding in the case of Judge Green.

On Wednesday, Lawson Burfoot was re-elected Treasurer, James B. Heath Auditor of Public Accounts, James Brown, Jr. Second Auditor, and William Selden Register of the Land Office, for one year, without opposition.

On Thursday, the joint committee reported, by their respective chairmen—Mr. Maxwell in the Senate, and Mr. Faulkner in the House, that it is expedient and proper to proceed against Judge John W. Green, a Judge of the Court of Appeals, with a view to remove him from office, for two causes: 1st. His absence from the Court for nearly two years; and 2dly, on account of his disability, occasioned by a severe illness, which has prostrated his bodily and mental powers.

The Senate, on Thursday, laid the report on the table, and on Friday the subject was discussed, and again laid on the table. The greater part of Thursday was spent in the House, in committee of the whole, upon the militia bill, (a very long one,) about one half of which was gone through with. The Senate continued the discussion of the removal of the Bank deposits. A motion is pending in that body, to strike the name of the Bank of the United States from the list of banks of the United States.

This day (Friday) was principally occupied in the election of a brigadier general and a major general of militia—the first, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Gen. John P. Hunterford; the second, to supply the place of Major-General Gordon Cloud, deceased.

For the first vacancy, Col. Robert W. Carter, of Richmond county, and Col. Corbin Braxton, and Philip Aylett, both of King William, were the candidates. On the first vote, no choice was made; and Col. Braxton receiving the smallest number of votes, was dropped, according to rule. On the second vote, the poll stood: For Col. Aylett 80, Col. Carter 75.

For the office of Major General, three candidates were nominated: Gen. Moses Hoge of Montgomery, General David Campbell of Washington, and Col. Harold Smyth of Wythe. Gen. Hoge was subsequently withdrawn; and the vote stood: For Campbell 94, Smyth 59.

Though the period for closing the session, now begins to occupy every mind, it is yet very difficult to form any conjecture as to the time of adjournment. The case of Judge Green may protract the term—but there is very little other business of general importance, to justify its extension beyond the 1st of March.

From the Richmond Enquirer. TUESDAY, JAN. 25. Mr. Faulkner offered the following resolution: Resolved, That a joint committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, be instructed to inquire into the most regular and convenient mode of conducting the proceedings, which in pursuance of the 6th section, 5th article of the amended Constitution of Virginia, have by a resolution of this House been ordered against John W. Green, a Judge of the Superior Court of Appeals of this State, and that they make report thereupon as early as possible to the General Assembly.

Mr. Faulkner, in presenting the resolution, that it is expedient and proper to proceed against Judge Green, a Judge of the Court of Appeals, with a view to remove him from office, for two causes: 1st. His absence from the Court for nearly two years; and 2dly, on account of his disability, occasioned by a severe illness, which has prostrated his bodily and mental powers.

On Mr. Williams' motion, the House came to a resolution, instructing the Committee of the Road and Navigation to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for administering an oath to all toll gatherers employed on turnpikes, canals and rail roads, to secure their fidelity in office, and provide further for the punishment of all embezzlements of money that may be made by them.

On Mr. Barton's motion, the same Committee were directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law the Board of Public Works, to subscribe \$500,000 towards the stock in the North Western Road, running through the county of Alleghany, in the State of Maryland.

Neither House of Congress was in session on Saturday. MONDAY, JAN. 27. Remarks in favor of the Removal of the Deposites: before he concluded, the Senate adjourned.

The House of Representatives were principally engaged in the transaction of private business. After the presentation of memorials, &c., the Committee of Conference, appointed on the subject of the disagreement of the two Houses on the Appropriation Bill, reported a compromise, which, after considerable debate, was adopted.

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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

From the Williamsport Banner of Feb. 21.

THE CANAL DISTURBANCES. From present appearances, we should judge that hostilities have ceased among the contending parties of laborers on the Canal in this neighborhood.

The Deposits in the Treasury. Still are both Houses of Congress occupied almost exclusively with the subject of the removal of the Government Deposits from the Bank of the United States, and its consequences.

MR. PRESTON. The new Senator from South Carolina has delivered a speech on the Deposites which has put him, as an orator, by the side of Mr. Clay, and before any other.

MR. CALHOUN'S SPEECH.—This able and valuable speech is wholly free from passion or prejudice—interest or affectation—it is terse for the patriot and politician, and sustains the high character which this eminent citizen holds in the esteem and consideration of the American people.

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By one of a series of resolutions adopted at a meeting of the citizens of this place, recently held, (a copy of which resolutions I have the honor to enclose herewith,) you will perceive that it is my duty to communicate to you the thanks of that meeting, for your laudable though ineffectual effort to preserve the public treasure from the invasion of the Federal Executive; and to assure you that in the retirement to which your independence has driven you, you possess the best wishes for your welfare & happiness.

My fellow citizens could not have imposed upon me any task, in the performance of which I should have desired more satisfaction. Although personally unknown to you, I have watched, with keen anxiety, the course you have pursued under trying circumstances, which you have found yourself most unexpectedly placed in. As many as could be reached were dispersed all over the country, and nothing has been practicable, since the arms of the laborers of both parties, found on their persons, and in their dwellings and houses, both along the line of the canal from one dam to the other, and in the town.

Besides the troop of horse above mentioned, a company of Infantry and a Rifle corps have been formed among the citizens of the place. They are under the command of Brevet Captains Holman and Allen, and will in a short time be completely equipped.

The peace agreed upon has been far observed, and it is currently hoped that it will remain unviolated. There is every determination now on the part of the civil authority and the citizens and soldiers, acting in aid, to prevent further breaches of the peace, and to bring offenders within the operation and punishment of the laws.

All the prisoners in jail for riotous conduct on the Canal have been recognized to appear, and discharged from custody.

The authorities at Washington have promptly responded to the request made them for a regular force to quell the riots along the line of the Canal. As soon as the regular resolution, passed by our Legislature on the subject, orders were issued for two Companies to proceed to this place, and to report to and aid the civil authorities here in restoring and preserving tranquility. One company, under command of Captain PARKER, arrived yesterday evening, and was conducted to the quarters prepared and in readiness for it.

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