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A CARD.

The subscriber has just returned from Baltimore, with a large assortment of Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, &c.

Printing Establishment FOR SALE.

HAVING determined upon removing to the South, in the course of the ensuing fall, for the purpose of prosecuting his profession, the subscriber offers for sale the establishment of the JEFFERSON GAZETTE.

THE MOTHER.

A softening thought of other years, A feeling linked to hours, When life was all too bright for tears, And hope sang writhed with flowers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE BEAUTIFUL SLAVE. A gentleman of fortune, in this city, has lately received a letter from his brother, who is President of one of the Mobile Banks; who mentions, among other matters relative to the present distressing times, some interesting incidents touching the sale of the effects of a late merchant of that city.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

The accession of Queen Victoria to the throne is the first instance of a woman's reigning since the death of Queen Anne, and we believe she is the youngest person that ever ruled in this part of the world.

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BY virtue of a deed of trust, executed to the subscriber by Joseph L. Russell, bearing date on the 3d day of January, 1835, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Jefferson, conveying certain property...

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nearly arranged his affairs, and was about to leave Mobile. His stubborn creditor had tried, by every means in his power, to procure an incriminating against him, but without success; when one evening before N.'s departure, his friend, at his desire, called upon the creditor to endeavor, if possible, to purchase a release of the title to Martha.

Within one month from the time N. left Mobile, the extensive house of R. M. & Brothers, cotton brokers, stopped payment; and, in due time, the sale of their personal property devolved upon an auctioneer. Among the living chattels disposed of, the title to the beautiful slave Martha—then absent—but who cost \$4,500, was struck off to the friend of N. for sixty-two dollars!

This narrative is no fiction. The writer of the letter first mentioned, being the identical purchaser of the slave Martha. His immediate object in writing to the gentleman, who furnished us with the above, was to ascertain the whereabouts of his friend N.; as he had been unable to hear from him since his important purchase, though he had immediately written to New York, acquainting him with it. We have been promised an introduction to the heroine of this narrative, and her now happy husband.—(N. Y. Sun.)

When I left home the last time, on my way to France, to aid in keeping things right there, I set down at the stern of the Two Pollies, and kept my eye on my native hills till the top of the highest one was lost in a fog-cloud that hung over it. I began to feel that I had hung over it, and could not help thinking of the time when I was a boy, and when the great platter of Inghin dumplings was smoking on the table, and the family taking their seats around it; and then my mind went back to the time when I was a boy, and when the great platter of Inghin dumplings was smoking on the table, and the family taking their seats around it.

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Attention, all creation—eyes right—face front—Major Downing, just returned from foreign parts, addresses you on "great weighty matters." The "big guns" of Biddle, Hamilton, Adams, and Tallmadge, and others, having been discharged, it is now of high importance to know what the illustrious Major has to say.

The Major promises in his next to take up the subject of the currency, and to go to work in earnest to do his best toward putting things in order again. In one of his conversations the other day, it is reported that he said there was but one honest political party in this or any other country, and that he would in good time demonstrate this.

It would be a useless task for me to attempt to go into all the causes, why and wherefore, to show how we got into the scrape we are now in. It is enough to know we are in a scrape, and I don't know a shorter way to explain it than to say, that if a farmer wants to see his farm well tilled he won't take a watch-maker to till it—if a hattermaker, or a shoemaker, or a nailmaker, or carpenter, or a mason, or any kind of manufacturer, wants good workmen to assist him, he won't employ persons who don't know any thing about the trade.

In the natural course of things, I suppose that seeing it is now more than two years since I wrote my last letter from France to my old friend Mr. Dwight, that I ought to tell where I have been, and what I have been about, but this would be a long story—too long to be good for nothing, and I have no time now to finish it if I once begun it.

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others had been as unfortunate as himself, and gravely say, that for his part he was sure there was no safety in steam engines. And now we see some folks equally ready to blow up the hull banking system, because in their mismanagement of it they have burnt their fingers, and now say that all Banks are bad monsters. Just so would a tinker who boasted of knowing all about a steam engine, and after having tinkered changes in its pipes and valves, and blown it all to eternal smash, say all engines are dangerous and anti-democratic—away with them, and let us take to oars and poles again; just so—but this is enough for the present.

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From the Winchester Republican.

SPRING WHEAT.

We do not recollect to have seen any account of the recent experiments with Italian or Spring Wheat, which has succeeded so well as that of Mr. David Hollingsworth, in this neighborhood. This gentleman sowed early in the Spring about seven-eighths of a bushel in about an acre of ground, which produced twenty or twenty-five bushels of handsome, well-filled grain, weighing from sixty to sixty-two pounds to the bushel, this being about the weight of the seed. The ground used was rocky and very badly prepared, so much so that Mr. H. was almost deterred from sowing; indeed, had he obtained ten or twelve bushels, the experiment would have succeeded beyond his expectations, so unfavorable were the circumstances under which the seed were committed to the ground.

The result of this experiment also proves that the Spring Wheat is not so apt to be affected by rust as the common—(for while the wheat in the same adjoining fields was somewhat blighted, this was not at all injured, although the ground was lower, the straw preserving its beautiful yellow colour.

It has been doubted by many intelligent farmers whether this kind of wheat would branch well before coming to maturity. This has also been decided favorably, in the case of which we speak single grain producing from ten to twelve stalks—an important result, as thereby much expense will be saved in seed.

From the success which has attended this and similar experiments, it cannot be doubted that a new era has arisen in the cultivation of this necessary of life, from which the greatest advantages are to result to the farming community. It has been the custom of our farmers, when their winter grain failed, to re-plant their fields in the Spring and plant oats, &c. Now, should it fail, they can make use of the Spring Wheat with as reasonable a hope of raising a good crop of wheat as of any other grain—indeed, we shall not be surprised if it is made to supersede, in a great measure, the oat crop, it requiring no more labor.

Farmers who may wish to procure seed can do so by an early application to E. P. Roberts, Esq., editor of the Farmer and Gardener, Baltimore, who has been appointed agent for the sale of above 140 barrels. It will be cleaned with great care, put up in tight barrels, and sold in lots of one or more barrels, at \$3.50 per bushel, each barrel containing about three bushels and a half. From our knowledge of the ability of Mr. Roberts of judging in matters of this kind, we will state that any person wishing to purchase seed wheat may depend upon its quality being precisely what it is stated by him to be.

Extraordinary Wheat.—Since the above was written, we have received the following communication from a friend:

Mr. Entook—Permit me, through the medium of your interesting paper, to introduce to the consideration of the public a most singular and prolific species of Spring Wheat. Two years ago, Mr. Jeremiah Bowling of this place received fifteen grains of this wheat from a distant part of the Union, which he sowed last Spring a year, the result of which was sufficient to induce him to save what he had reaped for seed for another year. Last Spring, after giving a small quantity to a few of his friends, he sowed what remained of the product of the fifteen grains, which produced; when gathered, a half bushel and a half peck—the half bushel weighing thirty-three pounds. Some persons may consider this yield almost incredible, but all surprise as to this point must cease since it is known as an established fact, that more than forty stalks have sprung from one grain. The growth of this wheat is exceedingly luxuriant and rapid, and its blade and stalk are fully as strong and heavy as Tye or Barley. The grain is about twice the size of the common wheat, and is of a white and starchy nature. I am of the opinion, and I think every practicable farmer will also be convinced, when he sees the peculiar energy of its growth, that it possesses in its nature a power which will always shield and defend it against the ravages of the fly—that greatest scourge which has ever visited our fair and fertile Valley. I hope that the attention of the farming community will be directed to this new species of wheat, for I conceive that no pains ought to be esteemed too abundant to restore to our country that great prosperity, for which our farmers now so patiently and so arduously labor.

FROM FLORIDA.

Gen. Joseph W. Lewis, has succeeded in engaging the services of 1000 Indians of different nations, for the ensuing campaign against the Seminoles. They are from the following named tribes: 200 Delaware, 400 Shawnee, 100 Kickapoo, 100 Sac and Fox from Missouri, to be concentrated at Ft. Lewis, Mo. and 200 C. at Little Rock, Ark. Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Microfilm Collection

THE FREE PRESS.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1837.

WHAT WILL CONGRESS DO?

This question is repeatedly asked, and every eye is anxiously turned to the Capitol, to get that something upon which to build a hope...

It is now evident that the people, in almost every case where the opportunity has been afforded them, have given a decided reprobation of the policy pursued by the Administration.

Had the Banks been allowed to issue bills of 1, 2, and 3, we should have had no occasion for the endless varieties of "shin-plasters" which now inundate the community.

The worthy gentlemen in Richmond need have nothing to fear, else we greatly mistake the character of the people amongst whom they live, and whose confidence they enjoy in an eminent degree.

All these things show, that the madness of party cannot longer "rule the hour." Experience has produced reflection; and some of the most reckless have been forced to pause.

The Sub-Treasury scheme, which was acknowledged at one time to be the plan about to be recommended by the President, has been abandoned.

We are glad to see the course of the spirited editor of the Richmond Compiler on this occasion. Let him continue the use of his columns to the exposure of official arrogance and invidious intermeddling.

THE DEPOSITE BANKS. Gen. Jackson, in his private letter to Blair, published two weeks since, denounced in broad and unqualified terms, the conduct of the Deposite Banks.

Do not let the people be surprised to hear that in less than three months Biddle's Bank will have been made the depository of the public money, and the agent of the government to transact its exchanges.

PRESENTMENTS. We learn, with some surprise, that the grand jury of the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond, have, at the instance of the prosecuting attorney, found bills in twelve different cases against H. W. & J. J. Fry.

It will be remembered that the Messrs. Fry were designated by a meeting of citizens, as proper persons to issue checks for the relief of the city trade, and of the poor, who were the victims of shavers and brokers.

Every reader has observed how frequently the heated partisans of the day, who are as destitute of argument as of correct political information, have harped upon the terms Federal and Democrat.

The Frederickburg Arena, states that a Woolen Factory is about to be put into operation near the Palomoto Bridge.

SHANNONDALE.

It is difficult to describe the pleasure excited in the community far and near, by the suggestion of a renovation of the Shannondale Springs establishment.

It is with heartfelt regret that we announce the death of General JOHN FLOYD, late Governor of Virginia.

On yesterday morning Gov. Floyd was in usual health, and bid fair to live many years. The excitement produced by the unexpected arrival of his son from Texas, and his daughter from South Carolina, is thought caused a return of the paralysis on yesterday about 6 o'clock P.M., and on this morning he breathed his last.

An accident happened on the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road, on the 26th, about 2 1/2 miles from Washington.

The Chambersburg Repository corrects us as to the location of the Cumberland Valley Rail Road. That paper states that the Road commences at Harrisburg, the seat of Government of the State, and terminates at Chambersburg.

Many of the newspapers are in error as to the election of a Public Printer by Congress at the coming session.

A public dinner was given on the 10th inst. to James Barbour, Esq. formerly Governor of the State, by many gentlemen of both parties.

DEATH OF COL. WILLIAMS. The last Western Mail brings us news of the decease, from bilious fever, of the Hon. JOHN WILLIAMS, of Tennessee.

He was a man to be respected and admired in every relation of life. His lofty spirit accorded well with his manly and energetic Herculean frame.

He was a true patriot, a faithful citizen, and a meritorious public servant. In the course of his life he had held many responsible trusts, amongst which were those of Captain in the Army under the administration of the first President Adams.

He was the revered father of a numerous family, one of whom has just been elected to represent in Congress the District in which he drew his first breath, and in which his father breathed his last.

FEDERAL AND DEMOCRAT. We observe that some of the administration press pretend to revive these obsolete party distinctions, instead of assuming the only proper terms that mark present party divisions.

Extract of a letter to the Editors of the Richmond Whig. HENRY CLAY expected at Louisiana Court House about the 21st, where he is engaged to argue the great Harrie case which was transferred to the Circuit Court of Louisiana from that of Albemarle.

Among the Whig members of the Legislature of Kentucky last elected are Henry Clay, Jr. and Gov. Cassin M. Brantley.

BANK CIRCULAR.

New York, August 18, 1837. At a general meeting of the officers of the Bank of the City of New York, held on the 15th of this month, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That a committee be appointed to correspond with such Banks in the several States as may think proper, in order to ascertain at what time and place a convention of the principal Banks should be held, for the purpose of agreeing on the time when specie payments should be resumed, and the measures necessary to effect that purpose.

Having been appointed a Committee in conformity with that resolution, we beg leave to call your attention to the important subject to which it refers.

The suspension of specie payments was forced upon the Banks, immediately by a panic and by causes not under their control, remotely by the unfortunate coincidences of extraordinary events and incidents, the ultimate result of which was anticipated neither by Government, nor by any part of the community.

Such a state of things cannot and ought not to be tolerated any longer than absolute necessity requires it. We are very certain that you unite with us in the opinion that it is the paramount and most sacred duty of the Banks to exert every effort, to adopt every measure within their power, which may promote and accelerate the desired result.

We are quite aware of the difficulties which must be surmounted, and of the impropriety of any premature attempt. No Banking system could be tolerated, which was not able to withstand the ordinary and unavoidable fluctuations of exchange.

Various statements are made in the newspapers as to the probable condition of parties in the House of Representatives at the next session of Congress. We still incline to our opinion expressed a few days ago.

Mr. Van Buren's friends delight occasionally to denigrate him as the author of the letter to Sherrod Williams. Let us see what that title imports.

I sincerely believe that the PUBLIC FUNDS can be as safely and CONVENIENTLY TRANSMITTED from one portion of the Union to another, that DOMESTIC EXCHANGES can be as successfully and cheaply effected, and the CURRENT at least as sound under the EXISTING SYSTEM OF STATE BANKS, as these objects could be accomplished by a national bank.

THE MARKETS. BALTIMORE MARKET. For the week ending Friday evening, Aug. 25. SPECIE.—Coin has advanced in price, since our last, and now quote Mexican dollars 91 & 1/2, 10 per cent premium; half dollars 81 per cent; American gold 81 per cent; Patriot doubloons \$117.50 each; Royal do. \$117.25; and Sovereigns \$5.35.

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LATER FROM ENGLAND.

The ship Emerald, of Liverpool, dated the 19th July, inclusive, Parliament was prorogued by the young Queen on 17 which occasion she delivered a speech with great grace and eloquence.

Throughout the ceremony Sovereign appears to have her self-possession. When it was all over, and she was in the smoking room, she was but a transient affect. The Parliament was prorogued the 10th of August.

The King of Hanover seems, issued a proclamation the constitution given to by George IV. and W. In Spain, the Queen's very discouraging—and direct interposition by Fr. land, or both, Don Carlos is to appear, carry

THE FREDERICK R. It appears by the following Baltimore Patriot that the great dock place some months ago again to be the subject of legislation.

You will recollect how prized you of the great Robert's hotel in this city, by and mysterious disappearance of the Bank of Leeburg from the bar room of the contained \$35,000 in bank also recollect, that the banker was arrested, and ment by the grand jury bill, owing, as was alleged, to sufficient evidence, things here have remained, although public opinion almost unanimous as to real culprit. But to the just learn, since my arrival the whole subject is to again on account of be having taken place, the circumstance of Mr. wife of the hotel-keeper before a magistrate and oath, a full detail of the it was committed, and as you may suppose, the whole matter appears to have been sent for to enter upon a new prosecution as new developments I will advise you of the not transpire through here or some other channel.

P. S. I have just been person implicated by the Mrs. T. has absconded.

Steamboat Accident. Two passengers contain a letter of the steamboat Dub on the morning of the Upper Mississippi, on the 22d inst. and on the 23d inst. two firemen, and probable officer of the boat, no gery, injured.—Balt. A.

Another Explosion. Cincinnati Post of 25th. It was currently termoon at the landing city had burst a boiler. St. Louis, and scalded No farther particulars.

From the Cincinnati Stage Accident.—An accident occurred on last, at the "Ten Mile" of Lexington, on the pike. The stage contained several passengers, besides the driver on the outside. The horse, standing road some seventy or when the driver started the horse, and at full speed, in a single angle from the yard stage upset with great force, and the horses of Louisiana, had been cut, and was other Judge Underwood, daughter, were both in the head, the ously. A young man, Love, from Tennessee West Point, had been broken, and a gentleman of Marin, from New delphia, was very of the right side.

The driver had hit and the extra driver hurt internally, the profusely from his were less though the accident through the reckless of the driver there seems to be apology.

It is almost a miracle the passengers were happy to learn the considered out of it.

It was estimated the accounts which of the disasters in that about ONE THOUSAND had lost their lives.

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TWO DOLLARS A WEEKLY AT...

Payable half yearly; but Two Dollars will be received as payment in full...

Advertisements not ordered for a specific time will be continued until forbid, and charged accordingly.

GEORGE W. HANSON,

Attorney at Law. WILLIAMS & BERKLEY, Office in the building formerly known as Heane's Tavern.

Portrait Painting.

JAMES MACGUGGERY, professional artist, calls in his profession for a few months...

FOR SALE,

A FARM containing 102 acres of the first quality of limestone land...

Notice to Farmers.

The subscribers take this method of informing the customers of the FLOUR MILL and Farmers generally...

MILLING BUSINESS.

At the Ford Mills, on the Shenandoah River, at the Falls of the Shenandoah...

Notice.

In July last I gave notice to all those having uncollected bills...

Wagons and Ploughs.

All kinds made and repaired in the best manner at the subscriber's Shop.

Cash for Negroes.

I will at all times give the highest price in cash for likely young NEGROES...

Bonnets.

I have received a supply of sup'r Green Hair and Plain Straw Bonnets.

FRESH LEMONS.

For sale by J. MILLER. July 13, 1837.

Jefferson Jockey Club.

The races this Fall (the last annual meeting) will be on the 15th of August...

New Drug and Chemical Store.

J. J. H. STRATH, REPECTFULLY calls public attention to his new Establishment...

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WE have just received a supply of new and seasonable Spring and Summer DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES...

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The genuine Hygienic Vegetable UNUNNATURAL MEDICINES OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF HEALTH.

Hypericium in the Tribulus which Vice has ever paid to Virtue.

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I AM now receiving and opening my supply of SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

Straw Bonnets.

OF the most fashionable shape, just received by J. MILLER.

Plaster.

WE are now receiving about 100 tons of PLASTER, which we will sell for cash.

Herring.

NO. 1, Susquehanna Herring, just received and for sale by WM. L. TERRILL & CO.

Iron, Iron!

WE have received another supply of Iron, which we will sell for cash.

Wheat Flour.

THE subscribers have entered into partnership for a term of years, in the MILLING BUSINESS.

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For Sale.

FAMILY FLOUR, Superior Flour, Rye Flour, Prime sifted and unsifted Corn Meal, Oats, &c.

Groceries.

THE undersigned has on hand a good assortment of GROCERIES.

Seasonable Goods.

TO which they respectfully call the attention of their customers.

Summer Arrangement.

REGIS compelled, at this time, to decline sailing on the usual credit.

Traveling.

ON and after Monday next, the 15th inst., the Passenger Cars will leave Winchester at 7 o'clock A.M.

Female School.

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A Car.

THE subscriber has just received a new Car, which he will sell for cash.

Surgeon D. E. NOY.

WILL remain at Charlestown, to attend to the medical and surgical business.

Portrait Painting.

JAMES MACGUGGERY, professional artist, calls in his profession for a few months...

Pine Wood Wanted.

PROPOSALS will be received for purchasing several hundred cords of Pine Wood...

New and Cheap Goods.

I WOULD again very respectfully invite the attention of my customers and the public to another supply of SEASONABLE GOODS.

Cheap Groceries.

I HAVE just received a general supply of SUPERIOR GROCERIES...

Selling Cloth.

A LARGE assortment of Selling Cloth, of a very superior quality...