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CHARLESTON, S. C., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1837.

THE CABINET.—The President has appointed...

THE LEGISLATURE is not expected to rise before the 27th inst.

DALLAS PEYTON, a candidate, declines to be a candidate for the next Congress.

The Richmond Enquirer states that Mr. H. Jones has declined accepting the appointment of Postmaster for the city of Richmond.

The Whig of Saturday last states that Col. Claiborne W. Gooch (formerly one of the editors of the Enquirer) has received the appointment of Postmaster of Richmond.

We learn from Richmond, that Judge William Daniels and James M. Mason, Esq., occupy the most prominent place among the gentlemen who have been named for the vacancy in the U. S. Senate, caused by Senator Parker's election as Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Senator Parker's letter of resignation was read in the House of Delegates on Friday last, and the election of a successor probably took place on Tuesday.

Edgar W. Robinson and William Wood, Esq., have been nominated in Frederic, by a public meeting, as candidates to represent that county in the next Legislature of Va.

Mr. Robinson is one of the editors of the Virginia, and is at present a member of the U. S. Delegates.

In Shenandoah, Col. Raphael M. Cox is one of the candidates for a seat in the next Legislature.

Another meeting was held in the city of New York, last week, on the subject of the present high price of provisions, rents, &c.

Upwards of five thousand persons attended. After several addresses, and the adoption of a series of resolutions, denouncing "bank-brokers, landlords, and monopolists of every description," the meeting adjourned, and the multitude dispersed, without committing any acts of mob violence.

Measures, however, had been taken to prevent a repetition of the disgraced scenes which followed the meeting on the same subject, a week or two since.

The Romney Intelligence states that an Oz weighing 2,300 pounds, was sold a few days since by Mr. Vandiver, of Hampshire county, to a gentleman at Harpers-Ferry, for one hundred and forty dollars—a very moderate price in comparison to the sum of 1,000 dollars, paid a few days since for a mammoth ox in the city of New York.

Many good jokes are told concerning Mr. Ritchie's visit to Washington on the 4th of March. The correspondent of the Baltimore Patriot thus speaks of Mr. R.'s interview with the man whose election he once predicted would prove a curse to the country:

"Mr. Ritchie, approached the old General with a very courteous and obliging air, and in tones of blandishment, offered the incense of his adulation. He candidly confessed that he had seen, with fear and trembling, his entrance on the duties of Chief Magistrate—but he now says, that his administration had covered himself and his country with a shining glory. There was only one thing—might he be permitted to say it? The Currency Bill—he could not—no, he would not, believe General Jackson would defeat such a measure."

"At this the old Hero's eyes flashed with indignation. He broke out upon Ritchie thus:—'You know nothing about the currency, sir! You don't understand it! When you understand the currency, it will be time enough for you to give an opinion!'"

"Poor Ritchie! To thus be buffed by the object of his fulsome flattery, must have been felt as the unkindest cut of all!"

It is rumored that Blair, of the Globe, is going back to Kentucky—having made a fortune from the patronage of the Government—and that Mr. Van Buren wants an organ of a different character. The editors of the Georgetown Metropolitan are to commence with a paper in Washington, to be devoted to the support of the new dynasty—and it is said that this will be the "By Authority" organ at Washington.

At our latest dates from Richmond, the House of Delegates were still hammering upon the Bank Bill. Amendment after amendment is offered—some adopted—but the great portion rejected. An amendment was offered a few days since, by Mr. Boyd, of Berkeley, and rejected, proposing to strike out the discretion allowed to the Directors of the Valley Bank, and to make it imperative on them to establish a Branch at Martinsburg.

Mr. Davenport moved to insert a clause providing for a Branch Bank at Harpers-Ferry, which motion was opposed by Messrs. May and Stuart, and sustained by Mr. Davenport and Mr. Peter—which was also rejected. Mr. Davenport subsequently made a motion to exempt the Bank of the Valley from the operation of the section of the general act, restricting the issue of notes under 10 dollars. This amendment was sustained by Messrs. Robinson, Boyd, and Peter, and opposed by Mr. Vesilich—and rejected, yeas 33, noes 79.

The report of the select committee on Mr. Leigh's letter of resignation, was called up a few days since, in the House of Delegates, and finally disposed of by the adoption of the preamble of the Committee and two resolutions submitted by Mr. Garland, in lieu of those of the committee.

The Van Buren press are delighted with the "principles" which Mr. Van Buren has laid down in his Inaugural Address, to guide him in his Executive duties. This is not surprising, for the Address contains not a single word of his principles in relation to any subject, save those of Liberty. The Address is a masterpiece of its author, perfectly non-committal throughout, and sets out with a declaration that "The practice of all his predecessors imposes on him an obligation to assume the first and solemn act of his public trust with an avowal of the principles that will guide him in performing it," and yet, after he occupies three or four columns of a newspaper with this "avowal of his principles," no one knows any more about them than they do fifty years before.

The New-York Herald contains an article which purports to have been the original draft of Mr. Van Buren's Inaugural Address. We extract a portion.—It is an admirable hit at the "principles" of Mr. Van Buren, and is "frank and explicit" in manner in which he is in the habit of making them known.

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"From the Globe we copy the following very important intelligence:—Mr. Spraker Palk and Major Donelson, who came to Washington to accompany his uncle, Gen. Jackson, on his return, left the city in the yesterday's cars, and will probably overtake the late President at Frederic. They will attend him to the Hermitage. General Jackson was conveyed by the President in his carriage, to the place where he entered the public conveyance on the railroad; on which, for the sake of ease and comfort, he will travel until he reaches his private carriage, which awaits him where the railroad connects with the macadamized road."

"The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its session in that city on the 8th instant—Diss. Wacon presiding."

"The WICHTER PASTORATE will meet in Martinsburg, on the third Thursday (the 20th) of April next.—[Southern Religious Telegraph.]

"BREAKING GROUND.—The Philadelphia Democratic Herald, edited by 'BRUTUS,' of the old Columbian Observer, and a staunch supporter of the present administration, has declared for one term, for the Presidency, and nominated THOMAS HARRIS, of the People's Democratic Candidate, to succeed Mr. Van Buren, at the election in 1840. This Herald of democracy at least loses no time in declaring its preference for the Great Exponger."

"CONNECTIONS SLAYERS.—The Middletown Sentinel of the 3d inst. contains the following advertisement:—NOTICE.—The poor of the town of Chatham will be sold on the first Monday of March, 1837, at the house of Zebulon Penfold, Esq. at 9 o'clock in the forenoon."

"On Saturday last, Andrew Jackson ceased to be President of the United States, and his Facilitator, Martin Van Buren, assumed the purple. With a settled conviction that no change can possibly be for the worse, we rejoice at the fact, though with but faint hopes that the wild and licentious theories and practices, which have flourished under the late administration will be checked and arrested by the present. We will hope for the best, however.—It may be that Julius Cæsar has not been succeeded by Augustus."

"Lynchburg, Virginia."

"We are much pleased to learn, through the Williams-Port Banner, that active arrangements are making for the construction of a M'Adamsville turnpike from Winchester, by way Martinsburg, to Williamsport. The Banner thinks, from the energy and influence of the gentlemen who have moved in this enterprise, there can be but little doubt of its success.—[Hagerstown Tuglight.]

"FLORIDA.—Our last advices from Florida leave the state of the war as unsettled as ever. The public mind is astounded at the fact that 400 Indians should have foiled the power and military skill of the country for two years, and saying nothing of the valuable lives lost, should have cost the Government such immense expenditures.—With one tenth part of the money already expended this whole of the titles, and Indians with them, might have been purchased. But we must not speak or doubt of the infallible wisdom of the past Administration."

"Washington Reformer."

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