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CHARLESTOWN: PUBLISHED EVERY MORNING. No. 1417. GEN. ZACHARY TAYLOR. CELEBRATING AT SHILOH-DALE.

The Seventy first Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated at Shiloh-Dale Springs on Saturday last, by citizens from Frederick, Clarke, Berkeley, and Jefferson. The day was distinguished by an appropriate celebration...

- PRINCIPAL OFFICERS. PRESIDENT, ANTHONY KENNEDY. VICE PRESIDENTS, W. C. WORTHINGTON, H. N. GALLERIE, H. L. ORIN, J. M. B. THOMPSON, SECRETARIES, R. Hume Butler, J. Harrison Kelly, Maj. C. H. Lewis of Berkeley was appointed Chief Marshal...

The procession was then formed, and preceded by the Shiloh-Dale Band marched to an adjoining grove. The President of the day renounced the object of the convocation in a few pointed remarks...

JOHN M. COOKS, Esq. was announced as the Orator of the Day, and gave the liveliest satisfaction to his large and attentive auditory. His address was happily conceived and delivered with great success...

REGULAR TOASTS. 1st. The day to celebrate—Like that which succeeds it, a great social Sabbath to the soul. 2nd. The Harvest and the Reaping—Highest upon the scroll of time among the past and disinterested benefactors of mankind...

3rd. The Spirit of the Declaration of Independence—Success of whom?—Success a leading eye shall turn, and tyrants tremble as they read. 4th. The Heroes of '76—Like this setting sun, they die to rise again and live in the presence of many a grateful Countryman...

5th. The Founders of American Independence—Like the sun in its course was the career of Washington, splendid in its rising, brightest at its meridian, and glorious in its setting. 6th. The Army and Navy—Their deeds are as illustrious as their glory is imperishable...

GEN. TAYLOR AND THE PRESIDENCY.

The Baltimore American, a journal which is renowned for its prudence, moderation, and sound judgment, as well as the statesman like sagacity and transcendental ability with which it is conducted...

The circumstances under which the following letter was received by the Editor are regarded as a warrant for its publication. We felt it our duty, when the first demonstrations were made in favor of Gen. Taylor for the Presidency...

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with the enclosure of your editorial, extracted from the "Signal" of the 13th April. At this time my public duties command me to reply to you in a few lines...

From many sources I have been addressed on the subject of the Presidency, and I do violence neither to myself nor to my position as an Officer of the Army, by acknowledging to you, as I have done to all who have alluded to the use of my name in this exalted connection...

With many wishes for your prosperity in life, and great usefulness in the sphere in which your talents and exertions are embarked, I beg to acknowledge myself, most truly and respectfully, your obedient servant. Z. TAYLOR, Major Genl. U. S. Army. Lt. W. TAYLOR, Esq. Genl. Staff, Ohio.

Many persons agree with the National Whig who the Richmond Republican, that the letter we publicly to day, purporting to be from Gen. Taylor, is a forgery. One or two reasons are deemed conclusive—first, that General Taylor would not speak of himself as a "military chief," and secondly, that to a private letter, he would not put the official title "Major General of the U. S. Army."

The Washington Union, in noticing a Taylor meeting in New York last week, states that it is attended by only twenty-five persons. The "Intelligencer," however, puts the thing in its right light, and says: "This is evidently another attempt to undervalue the old General. If this was not the object of the Editor of the 'Union,' why did he omit to state the important fact that the meeting was attended exclusively by Democrats, only twenty-five of the rank and file of whom could be induced in the popularity of New York, to attend a political meeting which their leaders frowned upon."

AN EXTENSIVE PRINT HOUSE.

To the Valley Merchants. The Merchants of the Valley of Virginia will observe the advertisement of Lee, Junors & Lee, of New York. This establishment comprises only American and Foreign Prints—disconnected from all other branches of Merchandising...

The Ladies of Harpers Ferry design holding a Fair, commencing on the 5th of Saturday. The funds that may be realized are to be used in the liquidation of the debt against the Presbyterian Church at that place. The object is to commend to the benevolent to patronize with a liberal hand this creditable and highly praiseworthy effort.

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THE DIFFERENCE.

"Had I postponed (my visit) beyond the present summer, it is not probable that I should have encountered opportunities of doing so much official service, at the expense of which I shall retire in private life. And I hope, in retiring, to leave behind me a reputation of my country in the hands of a worthy successor; and that country which has honored me so much, I trust to commit to that successor prosperous and happy."

The above is a part of President Polk's speech at Baltimore, when on a visit a few weeks since. We are quite certain the country will exhibit no signs of sorrow or regret at the announcement that at the close of this term he will "retire to private life." How much better it would have been for the nation had he never been taken from private life, we shall not pretend to estimate. The millions that have been spent in a useless war, the treasures of blood that have flowed, and the lives that have been sacrificed, through his mad ambition at making a name, Napoleon like though it be, can best attest what our country would have saved, and what she has lost, by his elevation.

Some of the Locofoco are checking with evident delight at the proclamation of Gen. Scott, because of its leaning towards the justice of the war with Mexico. The Union denies that it was prepared by the executive, like those sent to Gen. Taylor, but the Union does not deny that it was dictated by Mr. Triest, the Minister or agent of the Executive, who is now with the Army.

Among the objections urged by the Union, to the Chicago Convention, was the most remarkable one, that "the Federalists" think well of it—a fact which inferred from the proceedings of a meeting in Boston, by which delegates were sent to the Convention. The Cincinnati Gazette, referring to this objection, asks, "Does the Organist sleep in a bed at night? If he does, we trust he will do so more, for we are credibly informed that several of the Federalists of Boston are in the same habit."

Isaac Robey, charged with killing Wm. J. Armstrong, Deputy Sheriff of Hampshire county, has been sent on by the Examining Court for further trial. Joseph Garnett, Nathan Harrison, and Ruben Grayson, charged with aiding by the unanimous decision of the Court. In the absence of the Commonwealth's Attorney, by request of the court, and R. C. Kercheval and Wm. Perry, Esqs. appeared as counsel for the prisoners.

A man named George Jeffries killed a man named Thomas Handy residing in Greenbrier county, Va., on the 22d ult. Jeffries has since been tried and acquitted.

The late vote on the Free School subject in this county, must have been gratifying and cheering to every philanthropist and friend of general education. There were striking instances of nobleness of soul and generosity of character manifested on that occasion, by some of those on whom the burden of maintenance and taxation for the support of the Free Schools will fall heaviest; yet they came up to the poll, resolved to obey the dictates of a good and sound conscience rather than sacrifice it to the dictates of self-interest. Among many instances of the kind of devotion to the public weal, a sacrifice to private interests may be noticed the vote of JOHN YATES, Esq.—Mr. Yates is the largest landholder in Jefferson County, the school law allows him to be taxed fifty per cent. on the amount paid to the State; yet for all that, Mr. Y. could not be induced to oppose the Free School Bill. On being addressed by another landholder, who presumed he had voted against the bill, with "Well, Mr. Yates, I suppose you voted against the Free School?"—Mr. Y. answered, "No, sir! I would give five hundred dollars in addition to my tax, if the great purpose of that bill were fully carried out." Such an answer is worthy of all acceptance, and gives the best evidence of the spirit and character of the man. Those who are warmest in their professions of love for the "dear people" are not the fastest friends of that people, when the pocket nerve is touched, and those who deal least in this kind of cant are sometimes found to be the greatest friends of the laboring community—both of which facts we think were proven conclusively, and to the satisfaction of many, at the poll on the school question.

A SAD CASE.—We have a letter from Virginia, says the Philadelphia Ledger, which mentions that a year or two ago, a beautiful and accomplished female, the daughter of a highly distinguished citizen of that State, became the wife of a gentleman of fortune reputed to be a widower, and who had a short time before, returned from China. It is now ascertained that his first wife is alive, the story of her death having been cunningly devised and deliberately circulated.

THE VIRGINIA INSTITUTION.

The Locofoco papers think the former friends and admirers of Mr. Clay, very inconsistent in that they now declare their preference for Gen. Taylor for the Presidency, who is emphatically a "military chieftain." Such an one, they say, Mr. Clay declared would be more injurious to the country if elected to that office, "than war, pestilence and famine." This Mr. Clay disavows, but at the time he uttered this truly correct sentiment, another distinguished gentleman said, through the columns of a widely circulated paper, "that the election of Gen. Jackson to the Presidency would be a curse to the country," and that he would "as soon think of making a President out of a dung-hill cock, as out of the Hero of New Orleans!"

Remarkable as this seemed to be they went even farther, and drew maps of Virginia depicting it accurately into counties, and even keeping up with the ridiculous activity of our Legislature in the manufacture of new counties.

The proficiency of these pupils in English Grammar and Composition was also remarkable, and we wish we had time to give a full account of them. Suffice it to say for the present, that the instruction in this department is all that could be desired and every way worthy of the noble charity which sustains it.

GEN. TAYLOR AND HIS SOLDIERS. The attachment which Gen. Taylor's soldiers feel for him is illustrated by the following anecdote told by the New Orleans Phoenix: A few days ago a volunteer just returned from the war stepped at the office of a friend of ours to ask some questions in regard to the locality of the city. Whilst standing at the door it commenced raining. Our friend invited the soldier in, and was highly delighted with the intelligent and ready replies he made to inquiries concerning the country through which he had passed. As he was about to leave our friend asked him if he could do him any service—that he was a native of the city, and would be glad to serve him in any way. The soldier answered that he wanted nothing, but was as much obliged to him for his kind offer as though he had had occasion to profit by it. He then bowed and left; but he had scarcely gone fifty yards before he returned, as though he had forgot something. Approaching our friend he said—"Stranger, you have promised to do me a favor, if I should ask one." "Certainly," was the reply, and I am ready to do so now." "Not now," said the soldier, "but you will oblige me if, when the time comes, you will vote for the old man."

AN ALCALDE BROUGHT TO HIS SENSES. As Capt. ———, was going up the Rio Grande with his steamer over loaded, and the water low he ran plump into a barbed notoriously dangerous from marauders. The Captain had to unload his vessel, and leave part of his cargo on shore until some future time. The Alcalde of the place, a little ranch of a dozen huts, was exceedingly imperious, refusing to provide any good for the property, while he insisted in a very ungracious manner, that the property would be stolen or injured. In good humor, pursued, threatened, and offered bribes, to induce the Alcalde to take possession of it—until, becoming perfectly infuriated, he seized the Alcalde back of the neck, thrust him violently against a tree near by, and called for his rifle. In an instant, he had the weapon placed in his hands, and stepping off about forty paces he took deliberate aim, struck the Mexican's skull, and frightened him nearly to death. The poor Alcalde threw himself across the merchandise, and extending his arms and legs, as if he would turn him into a wall, building with a lock and key to it, cried loudly for mercy. On being presented with a sheet of paper and pen, he wrote a receipt for the goods, mounted guard himself, and never abandoned his charge until properly released. Since that time, Capt. ——— has told a variety of stories about his ride, none of which are more remarkable than the manner in which he knocked "deceit and brains" into the head of a young Alcalde. (N. O. Messenger.)

PREVENTION OF INFECTION FROM TRYPHUS PESTIS.—Dr. J. C. Smith obtained \$5000 from Parliament for the following recipe:—Take six drachms of powdered nitre (salt petre) and six drachms of sulphuric acid (oil of vitriol); mix them in a glass. By adding one drachm of the oil at a time, a copious discharge of nitrous acid gas will take place. The cup is to be placed during the preparation, on a hot hearth or a plate of heated iron; and the mixture stirred with a tobacco pipe. The quantity of gas can be regulated by lessening or increasing the quantity of ingredients. The above is for a moderate sized room. Avoid as much as possible breathing the gas when it first rises from the vessel. No injury to the lungs will happen when the gas is impregnated with the gas, which is called nitrous acid gas, and it cannot be too widely known that it possesses the property of preventing the spread of fever.—Dunfries Courier.

BANK AT STAUNTON.—Books for subscriptions to stock in the Branch of the Valley Bank, to be established at this place, were opened on Wednesday last week, and the whole amount of stock has been taken, so we may expect, in the course of the present summer to see the completion of the Bank. The agent who stands charged with the murder of young Meredith of Baltimore, a year since, at Independence, Missouri, has obtained a change of venue to Platte county and been admitted to bail in the sum of \$20,000.

WONDERFUL FERTILITY.—Haller says, that a single Berry dyer will, in one season, produce 200,000,000 flies in a wandet flies are plenty.



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JEFFERSON FARM FOR SALE

Advertisement for the Jefferson Farm, describing its location and features.

Advertisement for a Dwelling House, detailing its specifications and price.

Advertisement for a Farm with 14 Acres of Land, including details on its location and amenities.

Advertisement for a Log Dwelling House, highlighting its rustic charm and features.

Advertisement for an Apple & Peach Orchard, describing the quality and yield of the fruit.

Advertisement for a Valuable Jefferson Land, emphasizing its strategic location and potential.

Advertisement for a Farm with 600 Acres, providing details on its size and surrounding area.

Advertisement for a Dwelling House, listing its features and asking price.

Advertisement for a Farm with 300 Acres, including information on its land and infrastructure.

Advertisement for a Farm with 100 Acres, detailing its agricultural potential.

Advertisement for a Farm with 50 Acres, highlighting its location and facilities.

Advertisement for a Farm with 30 Acres, providing details on its land and crops.

Advertisement for a Farm with 20 Acres, including information on its soil and water supply.

Advertisement for a Farm with 10 Acres, detailing its location and amenities.

Advertisement for a Farm with 5 Acres, highlighting its potential for development.

Advertisement for a Farm with 2 Acres, providing details on its land and crops.

Advertisement for a Farm with 1 Acre, including information on its location and facilities.

A Chance to make a Fortune

Advertisement for a business opportunity, promising a chance to make a fortune.

Advertisement for a business opportunity, detailing the potential for success.

Advertisement for a business opportunity, including details on investment and returns.

Advertisement for a business opportunity, highlighting the unique aspects of the venture.

Advertisement for a business opportunity, providing information on the market and competition.

Advertisement for a business opportunity, including details on the business plan and strategy.

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Advertisement for a business or product, providing information on the company and its history.

Advertisement for a business or product, including details on the distribution network.

Advertisement for a business or product, detailing the commitment to customer service.

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Advertisement for a business or product, including details on the contact information.

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Advertisement for a business or product, including details on the company's future plans.