

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

NOVEMBER 10, 1847.

THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

GEN. ZACH. TAYLOR.

THE VIRGINIA REGIMENT.

Letters from Buena Vista speak of the fine condition of this regiment, in all the elements necessary for success. Col. Hamtramck has been indefatigable in his efforts to make it perfect in every thing which constitutes the "school of the soldier," from the company drill up to the operations of a Brigade, of which he now has command. Col. Randolph is in the immediate command of the regiment at present. Maj. Early has been sick for some time past, and unable for duty. Our gallant Virginia boys may not have an opportunity to make a practical experiment of their skill, anxious as they are for the test—but even if they do not, they will come back with honor, and be ready to infuse into our militia system life and efficiency.

One year's service in the field will be worth a whole life time in the holiday drill at home.

The general health of the regiment was good.

A letter from Capt. Rowan informs us of the death of Mr. VANCE W. BUSH, of Winchester, one of his company, on the 25th of September, of diarrhoea. Mr. Bush was a man of excellent qualities, and performed his duty as a soldier faithfully and honorably. He leaves a mother, several relatives, and many friends, to mourn his early death, and to cherish his memory with affection.

THE VICTORY IN NEW YORK.

The Whig ticket has been elected by so large a majority as to astound all parties. It must not make the Whigs too sanguine, for it is but fair that the result has been brought about by the "split" in the other party.

We shall hear it announced that the "Anti Renters," &c., with the Whigs, and no little a number of the fragments. They are very clever fellows whilst they adhere to the "spoils," but they are perfect devils when they unite with the Whigs.

The majority for the Whig Lieutenant Governor will be from 25,000 to 30,000! The majority for Mr. Fillmore, (Whig) State Comptroller, not ascertained, but believed to be about 50,000. Whigs, a House, 94 Whigs, 33 Loosers,—being a Whig majority on joint ballot of SEVENTY-SEVEN! Enough for all practical purposes. [?]

DECLINE IN FLOUR.

It will be seen that since the receipt of the foreign intelligence a small decline in flour has taken place. It will be observed that a lot was sold in the Baltimore Market on Monday at \$5.57. In New York, on Monday, there was a decline of full 25 cents per barrel in flour, and a falling off in all descriptions of grain.—The probability is that the market will not become settled until the arrival of the steamer Washington, which is now due with five days later intelligence.

HORRORS OF WAR.

The Charleston Mercury states that of the gallant South Carolina Regiment which left the United States nine months ago, numbering nearly eleven hundred men, but between eighty and ninety were left to enter the city of Mexico!

Among those recommended by the County Court of Alexandria, to the Governor, for appointment as Magistrates, we notice the name of Dr. MAGNUS M. LEWIS, formerly of our country, a most worthy and estimable young man.

B. F. WASHINGTON, Esq., has been appointed a Member of the Town Council, in the room of Mr. C. R. STARK, resigned.

Drove of fine fat Cattle are every day passing through our village, for Baltimore.

James Cooper, Esq., formerly a distinguished member of Congress from Pennsylvania, recently sailed for Europe; and the Philadelphia News informs us that he has been charged by the President with the duty of expressing to Pope Pius IX. the sympathy of our government in his efforts to enlarge the liberty of his subjects.

SLAVE RIOT IN NEW JERSEY.

It occurred at Mount Holly, New Jersey, on Monday, in consequence of a dispute between a colored person who had been taken into the property of a gentleman, and the latter's wife, who had ordered the man to be taken to the jail.

A HOME TRIER.

It is gratifying to see that James M. Galt, Esq., has been appointed to the office of Sheriff of this County, a few weeks since, for stealing a horse, was released by Judge Douglas on the jury finding the prisoner in an impaired state of mind. From the actions of Galt in Court, and from the testimony we heard during the trial, we did not entertain a doubt, but that his mind was disordered, and we are glad of the same opinion. It appears however that the Saturday after his release, he stole another horse in the neighborhood of Harpers-Ferry, and offered a negro half a dollar to convey the horse on the other side of the river. Failing in this, he gave up the project and crossed over himself into Frederick county, Md., where he soon found another horse to his liking, which he accordingly appropriated for his own purposes. The new law is too strict for him—he was soon thereafter seized by the officers—taken to Frederick, where the Court was in session, tried, found guilty, and sentenced for a service of five years in the Penitentiary. Thus in the short space of two weeks, Galt was tried in two States for the same kind of crime—and in one of them finds "comparable quarters" for the next five years.

BRIDGE OVER THE POTOMAC.

The citizens of Shepherdstown held a meeting on Saturday last to consider the feasibility of erecting a Bridge over the Potomac River at that place. We are not acquainted with the success of the meeting, but hope that the practicality of the project will be established, as it is a matter very much to be desired. We understand that the Shenandoah Bridge Company realize a handsome percentage on the money invested in the Bridge at Harpers-Ferry; and if that be the case, it is quite certain that a Bridge Company at Shepherdstown would meet with like success, as the travel is very nearly equal over the two routes. The editor of the Williamsport Times, noticing the public spirit of the people of the "Old Untrified," says: "Any one who has ever visited Shepherdstown, must at once be struck with the public spirit and enterprise of its citizens. For a village of the same size, we think there are none in the United States which exhibit a greater number of 'the appendages' by which the true public spirit of a people could be more readily discerned."

The proceedings of the meeting have since been received, from which it will be seen that the citizens of Shepherdstown have adopted suitable resolutions upon the subject, and are making preparatory arrangements for building a Bridge over the Potomac River.

THE ROAD TO HERRYVILLE.

Don't let it be forgotten that Monday next is the day for the meeting of the stockholders of the Company, for the purpose of organizing. A considerable addition is necessary to the stock, to enable the Company to realize the subscription on the part of the State.

Let every one who is able, put down at least one share, and don't let us forget, for want of a little public spirit, the handsome sum offered by the Old Commonwealth. We may not catch her in so good a humor for some time to come, but so well to take care of her children.

MAP OF BERKELEY.

We have examined a Map of Berkeley County, prepared by Mr. John P. Keefe, Surveyor. It is one of the most complete, having laid down upon it the lines of Creek and Farm, in the county, distinctly and accurately. It has been prepared by a person, however, and it is not as good as it is said to be.

Mr. Kerfoot intends to have it printed, after a further examination—and will make it so complete a guide that the greatest stranger will be at home in the county.

We hope our own excellent surveyor, Capt. Brown, will take the hint, and furnish a like Map for Berkeley.

MR. CLAY.

We see it stated that the Hon. Henry Clay was to have addressed a meeting of the citizens of Lexington, on Saturday last, on the Mexican war, its conquest, &c. It is also stated that Mr. Clay designed presenting resolutions for the consideration of the meeting.

ILLNESS OF HON. JAS. McDOWELL. The Richmond Enquirer mentions the reception of a letter announcing the sudden and dangerous illness of Ex-Governor McDowell, Representative in Congress from the Rockingham district, Va.

FREDERICK SUPERIOR COURT.

The fall term of the Frederick Superior Court will commence on Saturday the 13th. We understand the docket is not a very heavy one.

PAVING.

An order has passed the Town Council, directing the owners of town property, on the North side of Main Street, from McElroy's corner to Brown's Row, to pave in front of their lots to a certain width. Also, on Congress street, from Easterday's corner to Mrs. Bunn's. The attention of those desiring Flag Stones is directed to the advertisement of Mr. C. G. BARAGG in another column, who is prepared to furnish a good article from his quarry.

DEATH OF SENATOR HUNTINGTON.

The national councils have sustained a real loss, in the decease, on Monday week, of JAMES W. HUNTINGTON, one of the United States Senators from Connecticut. His death, which took place at Norwich, Conn., was in some degree sudden, caused by a violent attack of intestinal inflammation.

A MEETING OF THE PATRIOTS.—The meeting between the Hon. John Quincy Adams, and the Hon. Albert Gallatin, at the Historical Society Rooms, on Tuesday night, seems to have created a strong impression. When the two venerable men met, and grasped each other by the hand, "a tablet of unutterable thoughts" was plainly traced upon their several countenances, and it was with evident reluctance that they loosened their friendly hold.

Each of these men is upwards of eighty years old, and yet their minds are as active as if they were fifty years ago. Excepting Mr. Clay, they are the only Americans now living who placed their signatures to the treaty of Ghent, more than thirty years ago. Adams, Gallatin and Clay, are the men—and they are among the greatest men of the age; and all of them Whigs. A pleasant thought is, when we are rejoicing over the triumph of our principles in the Empire.

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BIBLE DESTINATION.

The Rev. JOHN POSEY, Agent of the Virginia Bible Society, delivered two very happy discourses in our town on Sunday last, in furtherance of the spread of the Gospel. Mr. P. is a most pleasing speaker, and his remarks were of a most interesting character—portraying in vivid colors the great destination, among families, even in this good Old Commonwealth, of the Bible—Mr. P. stated that in Virginia alone, there were upwards of fifty thousand families without the Scriptures; and to exhibit still further the gross ignorance and darkness of the people in the Western section of our State, stated that two females were called to testify in court, on an important business; on questioning them, previous to swearing them, it was ascertained, to the astonishment of both judge and jury, that they had never either heard of the Bible or of God!

Mr. Posey has been very successful in exciting a lively interest among the people in behalf of the noble cause in which he is engaged, and we cheerfully bear testimony to the zeal, energy and ability with which he placed the Bible cause before the people of Jefferson.

We were gratified to recognize, in this efficient Agent, a townsman and early friend. Old Martinsburg may well be proud of such a son, engaged in so noble a cause.

As another evidence of the moral depravity of the people in some quarters of our State, Bishop Johns stated at a late meeting of the Virginia Bible Society, on one occasion a minister was summoned to attend the couch of a dying man, and on examining him on his religious faith found that he had never even heard the name of Jesus Christ, but as an oath. The depth of ignorance as here stated is truly amazing, and should serve to arouse, alike the christian, patriot and philanthropist. All this, too, in Old Virginia!

Mr. Posey has been quite successful in his collections in Charlestown, having received over \$200.

IMPORTANT SUIT.

The Charlottesville Jeffersonian refers to the important suit of Martin's devise vs. Judge Tucker, Mackay's estate, and E. J. Smith, in which a great array of talent was engaged, viz: Messrs. John M. Patton, Conway Robinson and John Thompson, of Annereth, for the plaintiffs; and Messrs. James M. Mason, James Marshall, B. S. Baxter, J. R. Cooke, G. N. Johnson and W. J. Robertson, for the defendants.

The case was decided on the 30th ult., against the defendants. The Richmond Times says: "The Court, on Monday morning entered up a decree against the defendants for the positive amount of some \$29,000, and ordered an account upon principles which may subject them to a further adverse decree of a much larger amount. It is understood that the counsel for the plaintiffs will take the necessary steps for bringing this decision before the Court of Appeals."

We are highly gratified to learn that Judge Thompson declared from the bench, that whilst, as a judge, he felt himself compelled to make this decree, yet he must say, as a man, that he did not entertain a doubt that Judge Tucker, in the transactions upon which this suit was based, acted with the most perfect honesty of purpose.

The Charlottesville Advocate says the sum involved amounts, with interest, to \$250,000 or more, and that the case will no doubt be taken to the Court of Appeals.

PROGRESS OF BALTIMORE.

Estimated in the Baltimore Clipper that the estimated assessable value of such unimprovements is two millions of dollars. Such unimprovements are in the highest degree profitable to every citizen of Baltimore, as it evidences unusual activity and enterprise.

The Valley of Virginia affords a trade for this city which would scarcely be credited by those unacquainted with the resources of the valley. It was estimated last year, when flour was up in price, there was nearly as much flour forwarded from the Depot at Harpers-Ferry, during one of the months, as from all other depots on the B. & O. R. combined, numbering some twenty-eight.

THE POTATO CROP.

The annual product of the potato crop, in good seasons, in the United States, is estimated by the Newark Advertiser at 150,000,000 bushels, at an average of twenty-five cents per bushel, and yields to the growers \$3,750,000,000. The disease among the Potatoes, if not speedily checked, will there is no plant in the whole catalogue of productions that can take its place. The vegetable physiologists of Great Britain, France and the United States, ascribe the disease to fungi or parasitical influences. A gentleman in this County who raised very large and fine potatoes on his ground, whilst those of his neighbor immediately adjoining, were totally lost by the disease, ascribes the saving of his to a plentiful use of lime at planting.

THE RICHMOND EXAMINER.

The first number of this paper, published in Richmond by Messrs. De Witt and Wright, has been received. It is democratic in politics, and evinces ability in its editorials. It will no doubt prove a strong champion of the rights of the Democracy. Its appearance exhibits great taste, and will do credit to its publishers. It is printed on a weekly basis, at \$4, and weekly at \$2 per annum, if paid within a month from the date of subscription.

THE NEW SHENANDOAH COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at Port Republic on the 15th inst.

We hope the company may take some measures for a survey of the Shenandoah, inasmuch as the late effort to procure the survey by the Board of Public Works has failed. In accordance with a resolution passed at the recent Convention in August last, Messrs. M. M. Small, Esq. made a report for such survey, and received the following proceedings of the Board of Public Works:

At a meeting of the Board of Public Works, held September 17th, 1847, the following proceedings were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Board do not have authority to institute the survey called for by the late Convention, for the improvement of said river, provided the Board of Public Works do not see fit to do so.

Resolved, That the Second Auditor communicate a copy of the foregoing resolution to R. M. Marshall, Esq.

A true copy from the minutes. J. BROWN, Jr., Secy. Auditor.

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ORK ELECTION.

The "Irish work" of it in the County of York. They have elected twenty-two State Senators—a majority of twenty-one. The Lieutenant Governor—Comptroller and one of the judges to a great extent prevailed upon the Whigs—and we do not think that State made the Whig cause, and fairly placed themselves in the hands of the Central Organ of the Democracy, published on the day before the election, which the charge is followed, rallied the Whigs to the polls in the following terms:

"Relax not, Monks! to the Lakes the only hope of the Democracy is in a secret and open treason, will ascertain if in the good old Empire State, over which the Democracy has triumphed—THE SUPPRESSOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION, the reinforcement and re-organized army in Mexico, if possible, to drive the enemy honorable and just to the ISSUES on which we have so many times, and who have been so patriotic or less democratic in their fighting sister? There is no such man as such a contest, on such issues."

Such then, we may claim the Whig success, as a triumph of Whig principles, and a triumph of the Democracy in the General Government—another rebuke of its plans of "annexation," and a demonstration, originally devised and carried out with a view to the perpetuation of its political power, without a proper regard to the People, or to the interests and trust of the country.

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FAILURES IN GREAT BRITAIN.—Since the 5th of August, the amount for which failures have occurred, is estimated at \$600,000,000 francs!

THE FOREIGN NEWS.

We enjoin several items brought by the steamer Calcutta. Flour has declined in Liverpool, about 2s. on the quotations brought by the Calcutta. The highest quotations of the Calcutta were 28 shillings, Baltimore and Philadelphia Flour, on the 18th ult. sold at 24s. to 25s. 3d.

Within a fortnight before the steamer left, cotton had declined 3-8 to 5-8, an American. The manufacturing districts exhibit a gloomy state of affairs. The returns which are being published respecting the rapid diminution of employment in and around Manchester are becoming more discouraging every day. It appears from the returns that, during the week ending October 13, no fewer than thirteen mills ceased working full time, of which seven had commenced reducing hours, and six, or nearly half, had entirely ceased. Up to the date named above, out of 41,000, the number of hands employed in the 175 mills in the borough of Manchester, there were engaged 23,300 full time, 8,701 short time, and 9,108 unemployed!

The failures of the largest Banking Houses have completely prostrated all business. Confidence in every branch of trade seems extinct. Distress is again appearing in Ireland. Food riots are taking place. A Mr. Roe, a large landholder, was murdered by some of his tenants.

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THINK OF IT.

It is impossible to get along smoothly, if bills are permitted to stand as the custom has been in this office. We hope therefore, that our patrons will take no offence if they put us to the necessity of presenting our accounts at least once a year.

POSTAGE.

We are taxed rather ungenerously in some instances. We again give notice that all business letters must be post paid.

TRAVELING AGENT.

Mr. EDWIN A. STOVES, of Allice, Loudoun county, is authorized to receive subscriptions for the Free Press. He will visit most of the counties of Western Virginia.

TEMPERANCE JURISDICTION.

There is to be a Procession of the Sons of Temperance, at Woodstock on the 19th inst. Mr. THOMAS M. GALLY and other ardent friends of the cause are expected to deliver Addresses on the occasion.

Mr. Gally is to address Bethesda Division of the Sons of Temperance, in Winchester, on Tuesday night, next, in the Lyceum Hall. Mr. G. earned quite an enviable reputation as an orator and impressive speaker, and here last spring, and we hope he may be induced to pay a visit before he takes leave for his home.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, which met in Charlottesville, a short time since, appointed Mr. G. as State Lecturer.

COL. McPHERSON OFF!

Col. McPHERSON, of the U. S. Consul to Genoa, sailed on Tuesday week in the Montezuma from New York for his destination. He was in Dublin, on the 4th of October, it was stated that distress had already made its appearance in Tipperary, one of the richest counties in Ireland.

REAPPEARANCE OF FAMINE.

If the intelligence from Ireland can be relied upon, we greatly fear that the Emerald Isle will again be the theatre of distress and starvation to a most alarming extent. We are not sure that we can believe it will be to any thing like the same extent as that of last year—the crops in England, and Ireland throughout Europe, being far superior to those of the previous year. At a meeting of the Association in Dublin, on the 4th of October, it was stated that distress had already made its appearance in Tipperary, one of the richest counties in Ireland.

JOHN J. BROWN, ESQ.

We learn from the Chicago Journal that this gentleman is about opening a Law School in that place, and we observe approvingly the notice, a voluntary offering from the members of the bar, in commendation of his enterprise, and believing that the experience of Mr. B. will enable him to make the undertaking both successful and serviceable. The Journal, speaking of the notice in its columns, says:

"The note that accompanies it, signed by the members of the legal profession in this city, leaves not a doubt of his ability, and we are glad, as to the eminent ability of Mr. Brown."

PRODUCTIONS OF THE SEASON.

Capt. JOHN MOLES, and Mr. WM. JENKINS have sent us samples of turnips raised during the present season, which are curiosities in regard to size. One turnip alone, we think would be quite sufficient for either of the Taverns in our vicinity to serve up one time, although, if circumstanced as we are, would also left at our office as a curiosity, for the good match for the radish noticed a few weeks since.

NEW SCHOOL PRESBYTERY.

This body met at Shepherdstown on the 15th ult. We learn that the Presbytery now numbers 40 Ministers, 49 Churches, 7 licentiates, 9 candidates and 3,589 church members. Among other business transacted, was the adoption of the following resolution, which we hope will be promptly reported to the part of

WAREHOUSE

Advertisement for a warehouse or storage facility, mentioning location and services.

Millinery & Millinery

Advertisement for a millinery shop, listing various hats and styles.

Dr. J. D. STARRY

Advertisement for Dr. J. D. Starry, a medical professional.

Economy is Wealth

Advertisement for clothing or goods, emphasizing value and economy.

Quick Sales and Small Profits

Advertisement for a business or service, focusing on quick turnover.

New and Cheap Goods

Advertisement for new and affordable merchandise.

FALL SUPPLY

Advertisement for fall supply goods, including various commodities.

Advertisement for JACOB FUSSELL, Jr., located at No. 39 Light Street, Baltimore.

Advertisement for CHOICEST OYSTERS, highlighting quality and freshness.

Advertisement for J. L. KINZER, Attorney at Law, Alexandria, Va.

Advertisement for SAMUEL J. MOORE, Attorney at Law, Jefferson County, Virginia.

Advertisement for a clothing store, listing various garments and prices.

Advertisement for GENTLEMEN'S WEAR, featuring suits and accessories.

Advertisement for a grocery store, listing various food items.

Advertisement for VARIETY, offering a wide range of goods.

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