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LIFE INSURANCE.

NEW BOOKS.

THE subscriber having been appointed agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company...

WE would invite the attention of the reading community to our stock of BOOKS...

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!

The Harpers-Ferry Cash STORE. HERE is the Store for Bargains...

POETRY.

WHEN WILT THOU COME! When wilt thou come, when wilt thou come to me?

TIME ABOUT.

Two Yankees were strolling in the woods without any arms in their possession...

FEARFUL SCENE WITH A MAD DOG.

A part of our city was much excited yesterday by a Spanish poodle dog...

THE PRINTER.

Hon. Thomas J. Henley, member of Congress from Indiana, made a speech at a recent Typographical celebration...

Wheat & Corn Wanted.

THE subscribers are anxious to purchase any number of bushels of Wheat and Corn...

Liquors.

BARREL Best Brandy. 1 Barrel Brandy, do.

ALSO—On Monday, the 22d day of May, 1848.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

DRIFTWOOD JOHNSTON.

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DEATH-SCENES OF REMARKABLE PERSONS.

Mary, Scotland's frail beauty, met the "gloomy king" with a degree of resolution not to be expected from her misfortunes...

SCENE IN THE OHIO.

Our boat stopped to take in wood. On the shore, among a crowd, was a remarkably stupid-looking fellow...

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.

The Cincinnati Commercial states that a daughter of Mr. David Luedtke, residing in Clermont county, Ohio, disappeared on Sunday week...

Valuable Town Property.

THE subscriber, by purchase of the Patentee, has become the owner of the right to the sale and use of the Virginia of God's...

Gun-smithing, Lock-repairing, &c.

THE undersigned has recently removed to the corner north of the Academy...

New Goods, New Goods!

WILLIAM J. STEPHENS, of Harpers-Ferry, Va., Merchant Tailor and Ready-Made Clothier...

HOW GEN. PILLOW KILLED THE MEXICAN COLONEL.

The Proceedings of the 5th inst., contains further proceedings of the Court of Inquiry...

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Forwarding & Commission Business.

THE undersigned having erected a large Ware-House, is now prepared to forward Flour and other Produce...

The Cheapest Clothing Store.

THE undersigned, has purchased the entire Establishment in Charlestown, and is now prepared to offer greater inducements...

Insurance against Fire!

THE Philadelphia Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia continues to make insurance as liberal as on all descriptions of property...

Herrings and Shad.

150 BBLs. No. 1 Herrings, Fresh, 60 half do do Family do.

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McMurrick Wheat Reaper.

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The late Leocoeo Nominations.

FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER OF PHOENIX. In nominating Mr. Cass, it must be admitted that the Convention have selected for their candidate a gentleman of talents, of respectability, and of exemplary personal character.

Whether Gen. Cass is the strongest candidate whom the Democracy could have found in its ranks, we much doubt; but the strongest, if there be stronger, would have been equally doomed to defeat by the Whigs.

It is those who have made this nomination, and those for whom it is made, are satisfied with it, we refer particularly to the nomination for the Presidency—the Whigs throughout the country, we presume, are well satisfied too.

Knowing Gen. Cass only as a public man, we can judge of him in that character alone, and in no other. He is a man who only speaks of his own merits, and who reads and writes a fluent speaker—and, as both, superficial.

The political character of Gen. Cass has always been that of an irresolute man, who, if he had an opinion on a doubtful question, did not exactly know what it was. Such was his position upon many of the leading issues of Gen. Jackson's making.

Seeing that the Democrats have a great horror of military candidates, and that the smell of gunpowder in connection with the Presidency has always caused them to flinch outright and almost give up the ghost.

Whether he approves or disapproves of the settlement of the Oregon question upon the line 49, instead of that of 54 10 for which he was so urgent.

Whether he did not write letters against and for the annexation of Texas, to Senator Hannegan, or others, before he could make his views known to those whom he wished to please?

Whether he would, if President, veto the French Spoliation bill, were it to pass Congress as it formerly passed, when he voted against it, or whether he would yield to the popular representatives' direction, and sign it?

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THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT. GEN. ZACH TAYLOR.

PROSPECTS AHEAD.

We have been favored with the following extract of a letter from a reliable source at Washington: "Dear Sir: I promised, on parting with you, to inform you of the state of things here. I deferred it until now, for the purpose of seeing what effect the result of the deliberations of the Leocoeo Convention might have upon Gen. Taylor's prospects.

"The ticket of the Leocoeo party was framed in anticipation of Taylor's nomination. So strong were the evidences of his increasing strength, that they were forced, very reluctantly, to abandon their favorite, Mr. Clay, and prepare with the Generals at their head, to meet Old Rough and Ready.

"I think the Leocoeo men despair of carrying New York against Taylor. With Clay as their opponent, they would still hope to lead the breach. Several members of Congress, who have heretofore held off, have within the last few days come out for Taylor.

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THE BARBURNERS IN NEW YORK.

This branch of the Democratic party in New York appear to be anything else than well pleased with the nomination of Mr. Cass by the Democratic Convention. The organs of this party declare that the final vote for Mr. Cass was not properly a two-thirds vote after all.

Dr. Matthews was a native of North Carolina, from which State he removed to Martinsburg in this State, and from thence, to Shepherdstown, where he continued to reside until his departure for the West, preaching also in this place, Harpers-Ferry, and various other places in our country.

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DEATH OF A VENERABLE MAN.

We are pained to announce the death of Mr. Rev. JOHN MATTHEWS, D. D., who died at New Albany, Indiana, on the 18th ultimo, in the 78th year of his age.

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A GOOD ARRANGEMENT.

We learn from the Winchester Republican, that nearly all the merchants of that town have agreed to close their stores, during the summer months, at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The arrangement is a liberal one, and reflects credit on the Winchester merchants. Would not the same thing be wise and salutary in Charlestown? Clerks and youths are kept confined in the stores from early dawn to nine and ten o'clock in the night, and deprived of taking that exercise so necessary for health.

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

We gave last week, the three first days proceedings of the body, and now furnish a brief account of its proceedings.

On Wednesday evening, (24th ult.) in a resolution admitting both the delegations from New York, but limiting them to the number of votes to which the State was entitled, (36) was adopted as a substitute for another resolution. This proposition was opposed by a majority, though but General Cass, and the Georgia representative, been limited to one vote, inasmuch as the name he was allowed to cast the majority would have been twice. Then, amid much confusion, the Convention adjourned.

On the evening of the Convention on Thursday morning, the President announced that the first business to be considered was the amendment of Mr. Yancey, as amended by the vote taken yesterday; the effect of which was to admit the two delegations from New York.

After some discussion, the question was taken by States, and resulted as follows: Yeas 130; nays 120—Virginia voting in the negative.

The question next came upon the original resolution, as amended, and the vote being called for by States, it was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 125; nays 118—Virginia voting in the affirmative.

A member from Indiana rose, and, with some remarks, presented a resolution, which he said he intended to bring forward on another resolution passed by the Democratic State Convention of Indiana.

He then submitted his resolution, which was to the effect that the Convention recognize the delegates from the Supreme Convention as rightfully entitled to vote in the election of New York in the Convention. And upon this he called the previous question.

A motion was made to lay it on the table, but withdrawn to permit a paper to be offered from the New York delegation.

The paper was read by Mr. Dickinson, setting forth the course of the Convention, protesting against the course of the Convention, setting forth the reasons for so doing, and requesting the Convention to be remonstrated with.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Resolved, That the American Democracy place their trust in the intelligence, the patriotism, and the discriminating justice of the American people, and that they regard this as a distinctive feature of our political creed, which we are proud to maintain before the world, as the great moral element in a form of government, springing from and upheld by the popular will; and we contrast it with the creed and practice of federalism, under whose name or form, which seeks to evade the will of the constituent, and which conceives no imposture too monstrous for the popular credulity.

Resolved, That the Democratic party of this Union, through their delegates assembled in a general convention of the States, coming together in a spirit of concord, of devotion to the doctrines and faith of a free representative government, and appealing to their fellow-citizens for the rectitude of their intentions, errors and amendments, before the American people, the declarations of principles approved by them when, on a former occasion, in general convention, they presented their candidates for the popular suffrages:

1. That the federal government is one of limited powers derived solely from the constitution, and the grants of power shown therein ought to be strictly construed by all the departments and agents of the government; and that it is impotent and dangerous to exercise doubtful constitutional powers.

2. That the constitution does not confer directly on the federal government, directly or indirectly, to assume the debts of the several States, contracted for local internal improvements, or other State purposes; nor would such assumption be just and expedient.

3. That justice and sound policy forbid the federal government to foster one branch of industry to the detriment of another, or to cherish the interest of one portion to the injury of another part, and every citizen of the country has a right to demand and insist upon an equality of rights and privileges, and to complete an ample protection of person and property from domestic violence or foreign aggression.

4. That it is the duty of every branch of the government to enforce and practice the most rigid economy in conducting our public affairs, and that no more revenue ought to be raised than is required to defray the necessary expenses of the government, and for the gradual but certain liquidation of the national debt.

5. That Congress has no power to charter a national bank; that the establishment of such an institution is a violation of the best interests of our country, dangerous to our republican institutions and the liberties of the people, and calculated to place the business of the country within the control of a concentrated money power, and above the laws and the will of the people; and that the results of Democratic legislation, in this and all other financial measures upon which issues have been made between the two political parties of the country, have demonstrated to candid and practical men of all parties, their soundness, safety and utility in all business pursuits.

6. That Congress has no power under the constitution to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several States, and that such States are the sole and proper judges of everything appertaining to their local concerns; and that all such efforts have an inevitable tendency to diminish the happiness of the people, and endanger the stability and permanency of the Union, and ought not to be countenanced by any friend of our political institutions.

7. That the separation of the moneys of the government from banking institutions is indispensable for the safety of the funds of the government and the rights of the people.

Resolved, That the liberal principles embodied by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, and sanctioned by the constitution, which makes our land of liberty, and the asylum of the oppressed of every nation, have ever been cardinal principles in the Democratic faith; and every attempt to abridge the present privilege of becoming citizens and the rights of the people, or to be resisted with the same spirit which swept the alien and sedition laws from our statute books.



