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LIFE INSURANCE. THE subscriber having been appointed agent for the Penn Mutual Life Assurance Company of Philadelphia, is now prepared to receive applications for insurance on lives.

SHANNONDALE SPRINGS. THIS favorite resort, for the invalid as well as the pleasure seeking tourist, is now open for the reception of the public.

WATERING PLACE. The most ample preparations have been made to accommodate the many tourists who visit SHANNONDALE as a resort for the present season.

GEORGE W. RANSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Removes his office to the building recently occupied by John W. Pligg as Sheriff's Office.

John Baker Tapscott, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Will practice his profession in the County of Hampshire and the adjoining Counties.

WILL practice his profession in the County of Hampshire and the adjoining Counties in his hands for collection.

GALVANIC BATTERIES. THE subscriber, by purchase of the Patent, has become the owner of the right to the use and use in the State of Virginia.

Valuable Town Property FOR SALE. THE undersigned will sell at private sale, TWO HOUSES & LOTS on the Main Street, in the town of Shepherdstown.

A Comfortable Dwelling. With all Out-buildings, and a number of the choicest Fruit Trees.

Cash for Negroes. THE subscriber is anxious to purchase a large number of Negroes of both sexes, sound and healthy.

United States Hotel, HARPER'S-FERRY, VA. THE undersigned would respectfully inform the public that he has leased the Hotel at Harpers Ferry.

Manufacturers' Warehouse. THE subscriber is constantly supplied with Cotton and Woollen Manufacturers' Articles.

Ice Cream, Lemonade, FRUITS, Cakes, Beer, &c., fresh and fine, always on hand and for sale.

Just Received. A BOXES superior English Pine Apple Cheese, 1 Box superior superior salted Oil, 1 Box Raisin Flour, 1 Box Raisin Flour.

Hydraulic Cement. 20 BRICKS Hydraulic Cement, from Putnam Mills, just received and for sale by the barrel.

Water Coolers. THE undersigned has been appointed Agent for the sale of Dorr and Wilhelm's Water Coolers.

Furniture Depot at HARPER'S-FERRY. THE undersigned has the pleasure to announce to the public that he still keeps for sale, A Large Assortment of Beautiful FURNITURE.

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POETRY. A MOTHER'S BLESSING. BY E. M. MOUNTAIN. Mother! send me but thy blessing— The gift of highest price—

MISCELLANEOUS. TALENT ALWAYS WORTH A PRICE. No men are more justly entitled to fair prices, than truly qualified and competent teachers.

Prize Offered. The Cleveland Plaindealer offers fifty dollars to the Whig editor who will tell the largest lie about Gen. Cass. We think we can win that pile, so here goes.

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POLITICAL. MR. YANCEY AND MR. CASS. Mr. YANCEY, of Alabama, a prominent member of the Convention which nominated Mr. Cass.

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WHIG NOMINATIONS. FOR PRESIDENT. ZACHARY TAYLOR, OF LOUISIANA.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT. MILLARD FILLMORE, OF NEW YORK.

Rough & Ready Club. It is proposed to form a Club in Jefferson, for promoting the election of TAYLOR & FILLMORE.

A RICH TREAT IN PROSPECT. We would advise a general turnout of the Whigs of Jefferson as well as those from neighboring counties.

THE AGE OF INVENTIONS. We mean by this, not any new discovery in mechanics, nor any new developments in science.

GEN. TAYLOR'S POSITIVE ADHESION. From the New Orleans Courier of June 25. The undersigned, whose names are affixed to the card herewith appended, make this publication in the special confidence and request of General ZACHARY TAYLOR.

THE DOUBLE-FACED PARTY. Mr. MANLY threw a shell into the camp of General Cass, in the U. S. Senate, on Monday last, by producing two printed copies of the "LIFE OF GENERAL CASS."

CHARLOTTESVILLE ADVOCATE. Wm. J. SHELTON, Esq. has retired from the editorial chair of the Advocate, and been succeeded by V. E. SHEPHERD, Esq.

AN IGNORANT OLD MAN! Ex-Gov. McNeill in his speech at the Court House, on the 19th ult., declared it to be his belief that Gen. Taylor had never read the Constitution of his Country!

MR. BALDWIN OF THE REPUBLICAN. O. P. Baldwin, Esq. of the Richmond Republican, is one of the most factious, as well as sound, editors in the State.

WORCESTER (MASS.) CONVENTION. The Anti-Extension of Slavery Convention, in Massachusetts, has adjourned without nominating a candidate for the Presidency.

ON WHOM THE MANTLE WAS TO DESCEND. It now appears that if the Barnburners of New York had been admitted to seats in the Locofoco National Convention, the name of Mr. Van Buren would have been placed before that body in connection with the office of the Presidency.

STANDING AMONG HIS SOLDIERS. Ex-Gov. McNeill, in his speech at the Court House in this place, relied on carrying several of the Southern States because of the unpopularity of Gen. Taylor among his soldiers.

WHAT ON TIME—A sale of a crop of 2,500 bushels prime red wheat, was made at Petersburg, Va. last week, at \$1 00 per bushel, deliverable by the 10th of July.

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS FOR TAYLOR—A call is published in the New Orleans Delta, for a meeting of democrats who are favorable to the election of Gen. Taylor.

A CIVILIAN PRESIDENT. The recent attempt of some to deprive the qualifications of Gen. Taylor for the Presidency on account of his military character, is a gross insult to the military character of the country.

THE JOHNSBORO' (TENN.) WHIG. The Locofocos have been harping loudly and long about the hard things Parson Brownlow has heretofore said about Gen. Taylor's principles.

THE SHENANDOAH. Mr. FISK and his associate, Mr. COYLE, with their assistants, have passed up the Valley to Port Republic, to continue their labors in examination of the Shenandoah.

JEFFERSONIAN APPOINTMENTS. The eloquent Tompkins of Mississippi, made a glowing speech at the Whig Ratification Meeting in Georgetown.

GEN. CASS OF THE WILMOT PROVISION. Upon a resolution of adjournment in the Senate, on the 23d June, Mr. Fiske of Mississippi moved to amend a speech, several hours in length, upon the present position of political parties, the candidates, &c.

WING MEETING AT THE WARRENTON SPRINGS. We are requested to state, that the meeting of the friends of General Taylor, to be held at the Warrenton Springs, in Pamunkey county, Va. is fixed for the 21st and 22d days of July.

DROWNED AT CAPE MAY. Mr. O. P. Pearce, a merchant of Philadelphia, was drowned at Cape May on Thursday, while bathing in the surf with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wade.

BAENBURNERS' MANIFESTO. Before the adjournment of their Convention at Utica, the Barnburners put forth an Address of several columns, the burden of which is a reiteration of complaints against what they term the "Slave Power of the South."

CONGRESS. This body, in both Houses, has been principally engaged, the past week, in discussing the Presidential question.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT. The Corner Stone of the National Washington Monument was laid with interesting ceremonies, at Washington, on Tuesday last.

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS. Troops continue to arrive from the Valley of Mexico, but we have no tidings from the Rio Grande, except the announcement to Gen. Wool, by Messrs. Sever and Clifford, of the ratification of the Treaty of Peace.

THE TELEGRAPH. The route of the Telegraph from Baltimore to Cumberland, as we learn from the Cumberland Citizen, is as follows:—From Baltimore to Frederick along the Turnpike, touching at Ellicott's Mills—

CAN IT BE? A correspondent of the Patriot mentions it as a rumor in Washington that Mr. May will soon resign the office of Secretary of War, and take a foreign mission.

A WELCOME TO VOLUNTEERS. A number of the citizens of Jefferson met at the Court House on Friday last, for the purpose of adopting some measures to welcome, in a suitable style, the Volunteers of this county, and such others as may be deemed practicable.

DAY LINE OF STAGES. We are gratified to learn that Messrs. Kemp & Co. intend to run a line of Stages up the valley, three times a week, (in addition to the Mail Line) to start from Winchester in the morning.

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RATIFICATION MEETINGS. A great gathering was held at New Orleans on the 24th ult., comprising from ten to fifteen thousand people, at which many spirited addresses were given—among the speakers were Balle Peyton, S. S. Pennington, and Mr. W. F. Johnson of Pennsylvania, who declared that he was a Democrat, but had had enough of Mr. Polk and his Administration.

A HEAVY DAY'S WORK. The Wheat harvest is now ended, and the farmers are generally engaged in hauling in the result of their labors for the last year. The quality and quantity of the wheat is such, we think, as to please the most inveterate grumbler.

AN ACT OF SCOUNDRELLISM. We understand that a large quantity of old iron was placed on the railroad track of the Winchester & Potomac Company, on Wednesday last week, a short distance above our town.

ARRESTED. A negro boy named Wilson, in the employ of Mr. Craven Trussell, residing near DuPont's Depot, in this county, has been arrested and placed in jail, charged with having placed a rail across the track of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on the night of the 25th, for the purpose of throwing off the Passenger Cars which run at night.

ARRIVAL OF THE CAMBRIA. The Hon. John SHELLEY, late Minister and Commissioner to the Republic of Mexico, passed by our place in the Cars, on Thursday last, on his way to the Mineral Springs in Western Virginia.

FRANCE. The political world has assumed a new phase. By the latest accounts from Paris, it would seem that the hopes of the Moderate party are likely to be defeated, by the revival of the old Napoleon feeling.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE, VA. The exercises of this Institution at Lexington, came off on the 21st and 22d of June. We observe that the delivery of the Valedictory Address, an honor of no small moment, was awarded to our young friend CHARLES H. STEWART.

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A "SPIRIT OF JEFFERSON" and other Locofoco prints, not being able any longer to deny that Gen. Cass was in favor of the Wilmot Proviso, insist upon it, and attempt to prove by his own letters, that Gen. Taylor stands in the same category.

WE should think it useless to impose upon ourselves the task of defending General Taylor from any charge imputing to him want of loyalty to the South. Born in Virginia, reared in Kentucky, a resident of Louisiana, identified in interest, feelings and habits with the South, is there a man, on either side of Mason and Dixon's line, who has the remotest hope, or apprehension, as the case may be, that the rights and interests of the slaveholding States of the confederacy will suffer any detriment at his hands while President of the United States?

WE have evidences daily, going to show that South Carolina will throw her Electoral vote for Gen. Taylor. Mr. Holmes of that State, made an eloquent speech in the House of Representatives on the 27th and declared for the Old Hero! He pictured in glowing terms and classical phrase the honest and upright Patriot who would soon be seen leaving the beautiful Louisiana to pass up the majestic Mississippi and Ohio rivers and over the Alleghany mountains to this metropolis, where the robes once worn by his Exemplar, WASHINGTON, would be placed upon him. Yes, an effulgent light would come forth from Louisiana which would drive the crooked politicians back into the caves of darkness!— He exclaimed that the policy of the Administration had been to injure and oppress South Carolina.

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