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Valuable Town Property FOR SALE.

In pursuance of a Decree of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery of Jefferson County, pronounced on the 24th of April, 1848, in a cause then pending between H. N. Gallager, Guardian of Wm. H. and Charles C. Gibbons, against Nathaniel O'Fallon and others, the undersigned, as Commissioners, appointed by said Decree, will expose to sale on Monday the 24th day of October, 1848, in front of the Court House door in Charleston, the following valuable property, belonging to the heirs of Samuel O'Fallon:

Two Houses and Lots
On Lawrence street, in said town, opposite the Blacksmith Shop of Mr. Hawkins, containing about one quarter of an acre.

House & Lot
On George street, in rear of work shops of Mr. W. J. Hayes, containing one half acre, and numbered 10, in the City of said town.

One Vacant Lot
Near the Charleston Depot, containing 1 acre, and beautifully situated for building purposes.

About 13 Acres of First Rate Land
On the Turnpike, leading to Harpers-Ferry, and opposite the dwelling of Mrs. Broadus. The Depot Lot and the Lands on the turnpike will be laid off to suit purchasers.

Terms of Sale as prescribed by the Decree—One third in hand, the residue in 1 and 2 years, with interest from the day of sale—secured by good personal security or a lien on the premises.

The Deeds to be made to the purchasers upon the ratification of the Court. Assume of the property is under rent till the 1st of April next, the accruing rents from the day of sale will go to the purchasers. Immediate possession will be given of the balance.

Sale to take place at 12 o'clock, M.
N. S. WHITE,
Special Commissioner.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Jefferson Deacons, Sons of Temperance, & Sons of Temperance, on the 14th of September, 1848, at the residence of Mr. J. G. Harrison, in the City of Charleston, Va., will be held an Anniversary Celebration on Friday the 23rd instant, at which time it is expected that Brothers GALVIN and GREEN will deliver Addresses. Brethren of the neighboring Divisions are cordially invited to attend.

W. M. P. EASTERDAY,
HAMILTON C. HARRISON,
WILLIAM P. HENSON,
J. GREGG GIBSON,
R. HUME BUTCHER,
Com. of Arrangements.

Laying of Corner Stone of New Church

At St. Andrew's Chapel, Clarke Co., Va. The undersigned, building committee of the above named Church, propose having the corner stone thereof laid, on SATURDAY the 16th instant.

Brotherhood of Masons, Samaritan Lodge of Old Fellows, and a large number of Sons of Temperance, having accepted of the invitation, we cordially invite all members in good standing of those several Orders, to be present and assist in the imposing ceremonies of the day.

The location is on one mile east of the Winchester and Potomac Rail Road—the nearest point being Hughes' Crossing.
A sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. J. G. Harrison, at half past ten o'clock, A. M.

The public are respectfully invited to attend.
JOHN GRUBER,
LEONARD JONES,
JOHN HEWITT,
JOSEPH SMITH,
Committee.

Female Seminary.

MRS. HLEANOR JOHNSON will open a Female Seminary on the 18th of September, at her residence, Linwood, near the Episcopal Church, on the road from Frederick City to Harpers-Ferry,—the nearest point to the Seminary being Hughes' Crossing. Expenses per session of 221 weeks for Board and Tuition, in English Branches, \$54 00

Reading and Towels, 2 00
Washing, 3 00
Fuel and Light, 3 00
Stationery, 1 00
Extra Music on Piano, 20 00
On Guitar, 10 00
French, 8 00
Drawing and Painting, 8 00
Worsted work, 1 00
TEACHERS.—Miss ANNETA M. RUSSELL, Miss REBECCA H. JOHNSON,
Miss ELIZA HILDEBRAND (Worsted Teacher).
Post Office, Petersville, Frederick County, Md.
Sept. 7, 1848—31.

DISSOLUTION.

THE Partnership heretofore existing under the firm of SMITH & BROTHER, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Jonathan S. Smith having purchased his Brother's entire interest, is fully authorized to settle the business, to his own name, and collect all debts due the firm.
WILLIAM L. SMITH,
JONATHAN S. SMITH.

Strayed.

FROM the subscriber, living about 6 miles from Shepherdstown, 2 Spotted BROOD SOWS, marked with a crop of the right ear and salt in the left. They were purchased at the sale of Mr. G. W. Spots, near Charleston, and it is probable that they are now in that neighborhood. A reasonable reward will be paid for the delivery of said hogs, or any information concerning them, by letter addressed to me at Shepherdstown.
GEORGE W. MYERS.
Sept. 7, 1848—31.

EXCHANGE HOTEL,

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.
THE very liberal patronage extended towards the "Exchange Hotel" since it has been in the occupancy of the undersigned, making it emphatically the "Virginia Hotel," has induced him to extend his apartments in order to add to the comfort of his guests. Accordingly he has leased the large and pleasant building adjoining his present establishment, which will enable him to accommodate the travelling public as comfortably as any other Hotel in the City. While the "Exchange" is engaged in a more quiet and retired part of the City than some of the Hotels, it is nevertheless an convenient of access from the Rail Road Depot.

The undersigned, desiring to retain his grateful acquaintance for the liberal encouragement extended him by his friends. Their kind wishes are an additional incentive to his efforts.
T. M. McILHANY,
Washington, D. C., Sept. 7, 1848.

Flour, Beans, Fish, &c.

THESE subscribers having the rooms formerly occupied by Samuel H. Altemeyer, have added to their stock a good supply of FLOUR, BAKING POWDER, LARD, &c. It shall always be our aim to keep a good supply of the above named articles, and we are determined to sell as low as they can be bought in the town. We expect to receive in a few days a large supply of G. A. and G. B. salt, besides a large stock of Groceries in general, which will be sold for cash, as low as any other house will sell them.
Sold and delivered them before purchasing elsewhere, at the store of
J. K. WOODS & CO.
Sept. 5, 1848.

Valuable Property Sale.

THE subscriber is desirous to sell the interest belonging to the estate of G. B. Wager, Esq., deceased, in the property commonly known as "The Gulf Mill Tract."

It is situated about a mile above Harpers-Ferry, and contains 145 ACRES. The Winchester and Potomac Rail Road and the Shenandoah River pass through it, embracing a very large amount of WATER POWER, which may easily be made available. It was recently bought by Mr. Wager and others, with the view of establishing a MANUFACTURING VILLAGE.

And of bringing all the Water Power into possession. It is believed that few points present stronger inducements for those disposed to embark in such an enterprise. The interest of the estate is

One Undivided Fourth Part.
The will of the deceased gives the subscriber full power to sell and convey. The title is believed to be indisputable. The property will be sold as soon as a satisfactory offer shall be received.

The terms and any other information that may be desired, application may be made to ASHLEY HENNER, Esq., at Charleston—to J. B. WOOD and I. F. CROOK, Esqs., Harpers-Ferry—or to the subscriber at Charleston, Va.

N. H. SWAYNE, Executor.
Harpers-Ferry, Aug. 31, 1848—11.

PUBLIC SALE

OF VALUABLE JEFFERSON LAND.
By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Jefferson, made at the last May term, the undersigned, Commissioner, will sell at public auction, on the premises, about three-fourths of a mile north of Shepherdstown, on the Berryville road, on Saturday the 23rd day of September next, two parcels of land, containing together about 51 ACRES.

First-Rate Limestone Land.
Being the tract right and left of John Marshall and his son John W., in the tract of land of which the late John Hiett, died seized. The interest of John Marshall consists of a life estate in that tract of land, and of a present fee simple estate in fifteen acres, and a life estate in the thirty-six acres after the death of his father. The whole to be sold in fee simple, and the said John Marshall to join in the conveyance for his interest. These two parcels contiguous, are in a high state of cultivation, have a fair proportion of good timber, and are well watered, and are situated on an excellent water. The Buildings are good, of ample size and well located.

This land would make a most desirable farm for any one who might wish to engage in agricultural pursuits to a limited extent. It has been laid off into lots of convenient sizes, however, so as to accommodate any class of purchasers.

For further information, apply to John Marshall, at his residence, Shepherdstown, Va., by letter, or otherwise.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash at the time of sale, and the balance in two equal annual installments, with interest from the day of sale.
A. J. O'BANNON, Spec. Comm.
Aug. 31, 1848—18.

COLLEGE OF ST. JAMES,

Washington County, Md.
The next session will begin on Monday, October 24, on which day all the students are requested to attend punctually. New students may also present themselves for examination, and be admitted into any class for which they may be qualified.

JOHN MARSHALL will also re-open on the same day. Pupils who have acquired the elements of English and are twelve years of age are received into the grammar school and prepared for the higher branches of education.

The course of studies in the Grammar School and in the College is full and thorough, and the situation and discipline of the institution are highly respectable. A mercantile course of study is provided for those who desire it.

Application for the admission of pupils, or for further information, may be made to the undersigned, or to JOHN BERKHOFF, Tutor, College of St. James P. O. Maryland, Aug. 10, 1848—1840.

Angerona Seminary.

THE next session of this Seminary, (Young Ladies' Boarding and Day School) will commence on the first Monday in September, 1848. Circulars, Address Rev. J. B. HENNER, Angerona, Winchester, August 24—30th Inst.

TAYLOR CAMPAIGN.

Another Horse in the Field!
GEORGE W. W. WATKINS takes this opportunity of informing his friends and the public, that he has returned from the Eastern City with the

Late Style of Fashions.

Having located at Castleman's Ferry, he is prepared to execute all orders entrusted to his care at the shortest notice, and upon the most reasonable terms. He feels confident that all who may favor him with a call will be satisfied with the execution of his work. Give him a call, and you will always find him ready to do the "best" always ready and willing to comply with any request that may be made. He is determined not to be undersold—if any Taylor will find the trifling matter of \$3, he will do the same. He hopes by diligence and punctuality to meet with a liberal share of the public patronage.

Garment Cutting attended to with the greatest care.
Castleman's Ferry, Clarke Co., Va. J. J. MILLER.
August 31, 1848.

Cheaper than Ever!

LARGE SUPPLY OF GROCERIES.
THE subscriber has been receiving in part of the following articles, and now offers one of the largest stocks ever offered in this market, and at prices so far below those usually asked as to astonish all who hear of them.—He invites all to call, as he feels satisfied a sale will be discontinued.
J. J. MILLER.
Aug. 31, 1848.

Now is the time for Preserving.

TEN different varieties of Lard, Lard, Butter, Clarified, Cracked and bright Porto Rico Sugar, from 5-12 up lower than ever before. Call on me for more information.
J. J. MILLER.
Aug. 31, 1848.

At Cost.

WE sell our remaining stock of Lawns, light Gingham, Gingham Lawns, Stripes, Batistes, Calicoes, &c., at cost, and less the necessary to make room for fall purchases. Call and see.
ANDERSON & CO.
Harpers-Ferry, Aug. 31.

Salt and Plaster.

WE are now receiving 500 large Sacks Gunc Alum Salt; 200 Sacks Fine do.; 100 tons Plaster, which we offer at low prices.
BAKERS & BROWN,
Winchester, Aug. 31.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1848.

STATE ELECTIONS.

1. JOHN J. JONES, Norfolk, Virginia.
2. GEORGE W. BOLING, Pittsburgh.
3. HENRY P. IRVING, Cincinnati.
4. JOSEPH K. LEVINSKY, Lynchburg.
5. WILLIAM MARTIN, Staunton.
6. WILLIAM C. RYAN, Albemarle.
7. ROBERT A. SCOTT, Fairfax.
8. JOHN T. GARRETT, Winchester.
9. JOHN A. MERRITT, Richmond.
10. ROBERT SANDERS, Williamsburg.
11. ANDREW HENNING, Staunton.
12. ALEXANDER H. H. STUART, Augusta.
13. SAMUEL MCD. MOORE, Washington.
14. CONNALLY F. TARGO, Washington.
15. GEORGE W. SCOTT, Washington.
16. GIDEON D. CAMPBELL, Harpers-Ferry.
17. FRANCIS H. PIERCE, Maryland.

THE TAYLOR PLATFORM.

"The power given by the constitution to the Executive, to remove his veto as a high conservative power, which should not be exercised except in cases of clear violation of the constitution, or manifest haste and want of consideration by Congress.

The personal opinion of the individual who may happen to occupy the Executive chair, ought not to control the action of Congress upon questions of domestic policy, nor ought objections to be interposed where questions of domestic policy have been settled by the various departments of government, and acquiesced in by the people.

Upon the subject of the tariff, the currency, the improvement of our great highways, rivers, canals and harbors, the will of the people, as expressed through their representatives in Congress, ought to be respected and carried out by the Executive.

"War, at all times, and under all circumstances, is a national calamity, to be resorted to only in cases of national honor, or the principles of our government, as well as its policy, are opposed to the subjugation of other nations, and the dismemberment of our territory by conquest, for, in the language of the great Washington, 'why should we quit our own to stand on foreign ground?'" Z. TAYLOR.

IN EARNEST, AND NO HESITATE!

Those who have professed to be patrons of the "Free Press" for years, are desirous to give practical evidence of their professions by coming forward at once, and setting up the old score—WE WANT MONEY, AND MUST HAVE IT!

WE have been laboring for many long years for a larger number who will never pay us a solitary penny, and we cannot stand this any longer. Our paper-maker's bill, our type-founder's bill, and our other expenses, must be met, and we rely on those who are desirous to liquidate the claims against us. We wish to be distinctly understood that we desire one and all who are indebted to the mark, and give us at least a part of what you owe us.

Patrons! Come forward and assist us, and we will furnish you a paper more worthy of your support. It is our intention to give in a few days, and we desire funds for this purpose.—Disappoint us not in this our earnest and necessary call!

READ MR. WISE'S TESTIMONY.

We hope that every Whig and Democrat in the land will read the following testimony of Henry A. Wise, made on OATH, as touching the private character of Lewis Cass. No explanation, however ingeniously made, can explain away the matter which are here set forth. Extract from the Journal of the Senate, Committee of the House of Representatives to investigate the Executive Department in the year 1837. Doc. No. 194, pages 14-15.

EXAMINATION OF HENRY A. WISE.
"Mr. Mann moved that Mr. Wise, the chairman, be sworn, as he wished to present to the certain questions before the committee, the examination of the other witnesses, to wit, Mr. B. and Mr. Parker, now in attendance.

"Mr. Wise was sworn by reading himself the oath and kissing the book.
"Whereupon Mr. Mann propounded the following question to him:
"Do you, of your own knowledge, know of any act, by either of the heads of the Executive Departments, which is either corrupt or a violation of their official duties?"

"To which Mr. Wise answered as follows:—After speaking of the President of the United States, he says:
"I believe that LEWIS CASS, Secretary of War, was engaged in speculating in the public lands whilst Secretary of War, and in making certain allowances to favorites; paid the services never performed; another act, had full knowledge that the favorite had made certain official signatures, pertained common law under him to be ante-dated; and has ordered a treasury warrant to be paid to the assignee of a business office, who had been bankrupt, and had been possessed by a deposit bank, and was countermanded by the Secretary of the Treasury; and to have been guilty of several other acts of violation of duty."

On page 16, Mr. Wise answers:
"I believe that the wars with the Creek and Seminole Indians have been caused by want of integrity in Executive Departments, and that the defeat of our arms, which has covered the nation with disgrace in these wars, has been owing to neglect or want of ability in the War Department."

GENERAL CASS.

The Locofoco have put Gen. Cass down upon the temperance list—very good company, but Gen. C. is not the man to grace it, as appears by the following from the Detroit Campaign paper:
Gen. Cass erected and owned the first distillery that ever existed in Michigan—He planted the seed which took root at an early day, and has spread with its horrid and fatal effects throughout the State of Michigan and the entire West, marking its bloody path with murder, sickness, wherever it goes. We also notice about twice a year, a lot of kegs, barrels and liquor cases, champagne baskets, &c., landed upon our docks, marked "Gen. Cass, Detroit." They contain choice imported liquors. The last arrival that we noticed was about three weeks since.

A LIBERAL ACT.

We learn from the Baltimore Clipper that a ceremony took place at the Maryland Penitentiary on Saturday night, on the occasion of the presentation to the prisoners by Miss Dix, the celebrated philanthropist, of a library containing 200 volumes of choice works. The prisoners numbering between 300 and 400, were assembled in the Chapel and were successfully addressed by Rev. Mr. Heister, Mr. Henry C. Smith, Christian Keeler, Esq., Miss Dix, Rev. Scattergood, Warden, of the Eastern Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Schenckly.

GENERAL FOOTE.

Whig and Democratic reports both represent the gentleman to have stated distinctly and emphatically, that if the Oregon bill passed, Gen. Cass would not receive the vote of a Southern State. He might have been in a peculiar state of excitement on the night when his speech was delivered, and that may account for his having forgotten it.

The following is the report of Mr. Foote's remarks, by the correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, (Locofoco):
"Mr. Foote, of Miss, about 9 o'clock this morning, was in his most excited vein. He started the temperance cause with freedom. He said if the bill was passed, with the slavery restriction in it, there could not be found five men in the South, who would vote for Cass and Butler. These are but a few of the very highest authority, and he was authorized to use it, that in less than two weeks, a letter would be published from Gen. Taylor, in which he would declare, that he would be elected President, he will veto every bill with the Will not Proviso in it, or any other clause going to prohibit slavery in the territories of the United States. This was reiterated by Mr. Foote, who at the same time declared that he could not vote for him.

Mr. Foote further stated that if Mr. Van Buren and Mr. Adams are elected, southern men would not consent to sit and legislate under their government."

A CANDID OPINION.

The Charlottesville Advocate brings to light the following testimonials from the Washington Union—the big organ of Mr. Cass—to the neglect of Gen. Taylor's name. These are but a few of many testimonials from the same quarter, which, now that Gen. Taylor is a candidate for the Presidency, is engaged every day in underrating his capacity, and denying him the smallest degree of ability to hold an intelligible English sentence. We copy the following from the Washington Semi-weekly Union of May 30, 1845:

"THE PEN WORTHY OF THE SWORD."
Nothing can be more happy, appropriate, modest, yet dignified, than the dispatches from Gen. Taylor. They are worthy of the man and of the occasion, which has called them forth. We thoroughly agree with the compliment that the 'N. Orleans Courier' pays to the general order of Gen. Taylor, 'giving thanks to his troops for their bravery and good conduct!'

"The American reader will remark with pride and pleasure the striking contrast it exhibits to the tedious, extravagant, vainglorious predictions of the Mexican General. The neatness of the style is admirable—not a word too much or in the wrong place—all in fine keeping with the energy and decision with which his military operations are conducted."

OLD ZACK AND HIS SLANDERS.

The slanders against Gen. Taylor, concocted by Locofoco partisans and diffused through the medium of reckless Locofoco presses, have drawn from the Old Hero the annexed scorching letter, addressed to a friend in Memphis, (Tenn.), who had called his attention to some gross slanders against him in the 'Memphis Appeal,' a Locofoco paper. There is some Buena Vista 'grape' in the letter:

BAVON ROUTE, La., Aug. 5, 1848.
My Dear Sir—Your esteemed letter of the 7th ult. enclosing a slip cut from the 'Memphis Appeal,' was this morning received, containing statements and insinuations, which were most disrespectful to the volunteers; among others, that I said they were not worth their rations, and that this can be proved; together with many other evidences of unkindness towards them on my part, all of which is without the slightest foundation. There is but little doubt in my mind that he who invents a falsehood to injure his neighbor or fellow citizen, as well as he who lends himself to, and aids in giving circulation to the same, knowing it to be false, would not hesitate a moment to swear to it on the Holy Bible. My numerous official reports to the War Department in relation to the gallant and patriotic volunteers, which have been so extensively published in most of the leading public journals of the country give the direct to the statements in question; and which the gentleman of the 'Appeal' might have known had they looked an inch beyond their noses, or wished to have made themselves acquainted with all the facts in the case before they published a gross slander in regard to one who had never injured them, and whose only crime was, that his name was with our agency in the matter, had been brought before the country by a portion of his fellow-citizens for the first office in the gift of a great and free people.

As to the romantic story about the wounded soldier at Buena Vista (in connection with a Mexican lady) which ended so tragically, and who is said to have been shot by my order, it is without the slightest foundation, nothing of the kind, or even approaching it, ever took place; nor do I believe was ever heard of except at Memphis and vicinity, before it was published in the 'Appeal.' It is on a par with the story that I had spoken disrespectfully of, and otherwise outraged the volunteers; and a more base and heartless calumny was never propagated. Not a drop of American blood was shed by my order while in Mexico, nor that of a Mexican, except in the heat of battle.

The whole matter contained in said slip is too silly to be credited, nor would I have noticed it had I not deemed it proper to reply to your friendly communication.

I must, from my position, expect to be assailed by many unscrupulous editors of newspapers, as well as hired demagogues, without regard to truth, decency, or anything else. I have therefore made up my mind not to suffer such things to annoy me, let them emanate from what quarter they may; but to pursue the even tenor of my way, without turning to the right or to the left to notice them.

With considerations of odd respect and esteem,
Your friend and old servant,
Z. TAYLOR.

Gen. Pillow will probably be a member of the next Congress from the district in Tennessee now represented by the Hon. J. M. Thomas—that gentleman declining in his favor.

The Great Gun of Southern Locofocos Completely Spiked!

MILLARD FILLMORE ON SLAVERY.

The Mobile Advertiser publishes a correspondence between the Hon. John Gayle of Alabama, and the Hon. Millard Fillmore. Mr. Gayle, it appears, wrote to Mr. Fillmore to inquire of him whether he was really an abolitionist, as had been charged at the South, to which he replies as follows:

ALBANY, N. Y., July 31, 1848.
Hon. John Gayle—Dear Sir: I have your letter of the 15th inst., but my official duties have been so pressing that I have been compelled to neglect my private correspondents. I had also determined to write no letters for publication bearing upon the content in the approaching canvass. But as you desire some information for your own satisfaction in regard to the charges brought against me from the South, on the slave question, I have concluded to state briefly my position.

While I was in Congress, there was much agitation on the right of petition—My votes will doubtless be found recorded uniformly in favor of it. The rule upon which I voted was, that every citizen presenting a respectful petition to the body of the House should be heard, and the petition to be granted or refused, and the prayer of it, to be entitled to be read; and therefore the petition ought to be received and considered. If right and reasonable, the prayer of it should be granted; but if wrong or unreasonable it should be denied. I think all my votes, whether on the reception of petitions or the consideration of resolutions, will be found consistent with this rule.

I have none of my Congressional documents here, they being at my former residence in Buffalo, nor have I access to any papers or memoranda to refresh my recollection, but I think at some time while in Congress I took occasion to state in substance my views on the subject of slavery in the States. Whether the remarks were reported or not I am unable to say, but the substance was, that I regarded slavery as an evil, but one with which the National Government had nothing to do. THAT BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF SLAVERY IN THE SEVERAL STATES WAS TOLERATED. IF IT WAS TO BE regarded as a blessing they had a constitutional right to enjoy it, and if they regarded it as an evil, they had the power, and knew best how to apply the remedy. I DID NOT CONCEIVE THAT CONGRESS HAD ANY POWER OVER IT, or was in any way responsible for its continuance in the several States where it existed. I have entertained NO OTHER SENTIMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE I examined it sufficiently to form an opinion, and I doubt not that all my acts and public utterances will be found in accordance with this view.

It is a great honor to be your obedient servant,
MILLARD FILLMORE.

The Advertiser in introducing it says: "It will be found frank and explicit, and all that any Southern man could expect from a citizen of a free State. Indeed, it is perfectly sound—all that the South could ask—and stamps indelibly with reason the charge of Abolitionism, which the Locofoco press of the South have been endeavoring to fix upon the distinguished and patriotic writer. There is not a prominent man of any party north of the Potomac, who is free from all taint or suspicion of Abolitionism, none who in feeling or principle, is farther removed from fanaticism; none entertaining sounder or more conservative views, and none more ready to stand by the Constitution and the rights of the South guaranteed by the Constitution, than MILLARD FILLMORE. Read, Southerners, Read!"

GEN. TAYLOR AND GEN. HARRISON.
In a speech delivered in Orleans County, New York, on the 20th ult., by the Hon. Washington Hunt, he said:

Gen. Taylor visited Lockport, N. York, in 1840, and spent some time there, and (Mr. Hunt) had frequent interviews with him. During his visit, a log cabin raising took place in that village, in which he manifested considerable interest, expressed himself very desirous of the election of Gen. Harrison, as a change of men and measures was greatly demanded, and he believed him to be the man who would bring back the Government to the purity of the Fathers of the Republic.

WHAT'S HIS OPINION NOW?

In 1841, Charles F. Adams, who is now running for Vice President on the same ticket with Martin Van Buren, published a book on the annexation of Texas, in which he said:

"The principles of liberty are never safe in the hands of men who make trade of public affairs. Mr. Van Buren must be judged by his preceding course, taken as a whole, and from that let no man delude himself with the belief that he is fixed to any thing but his own interest."

The editor of the Washington Union complains very much of "Gen. Taylor's position." That's exactly what Santa Anna did in his report of the battle of Buena Vista. He ascribed all his calamities to the "position" of Old Ruddy and Ready had been so unfair as to take.

The Warrenton (Va.) Eagle says, that on Sunday before last, a Liberty Meeting House, eight miles from that place, a colored woman was baptised, who was our hundred and four years old, and walked twelve miles.

CORING TO THE POINT.—A witness called to give testimony in a town court case, about a lost shirt, came to the point very abruptly as follows: "Mother, said that Gal said that Polly said that Bob told her, that he seen a man, that see a boy, that seen a feller that run through the street with a red striped funnel shirt, of a white color, all checked, checked, and all one gals worn it; for the old woman has ticked 'em a hundred times for lying."

JOHN VAN BUREN.

Major Noah of New York, is responsible for the following account of Prince John:
"He was riding in the carriage with dad during dinner, in the neighborhood of Lindenwald, during which, young hopeful kept puffing away at his Havana. As length the indulgence of the Democratic Chief being overwhelmed by the clouds of smoke, he exclaimed—
"John, your cigar is really very offensive inside here."
"Is it?" said the dutiful son. "Then why the devil don't you get out and ride with the driver?"
"The old gentleman (says Noah) now finds that the smoke his promising son is raising in all directions, is so offensive that he is obliged to come out of his retirement and ride with the driver."

This is equally cool with John's request that Cass should retire, and not disturb the harmony of the democratic party. We are inclined to believe that the smoke will prove so offensive, that others besides Martin, will exchange an inside seat for an outside one.—Rich. Tr.

A YOUNG SOLDIER FROM TAYLOR'S ARMY.

At a meeting of the Rough and Ready Club of one of the Philadelphia city wards, held on Tuesday evening week, after the business had been transacted, and an adjournment was about to take place, a pale-faced youth, apparently about nineteen years of age, and a stranger to all present, asked permission of the President to say a few words about General Taylor. His request was of course granted. There was a profound silence in the meeting when he rose, and with some trepidation apologized for asking to be heard. He said he had reason to know General Taylor; he knew him as a man and a soldier. He had been in his army seventeen months, and a portion of that time, when he was sick and exhausted by long marches, and ready to die, he found a warm hearted friend and protector in General Zachary Taylor. "General," said he, "I am but nineteen years old—I am a stranger here, and never attempted to speak in public. But I have read in some of the papers attacks upon Gen. Taylor's character as a man—charging him with inhumanity and cruelty, and I want to say publicly, that such charges are false—false from beginning to end, no matter who utters them. I have seen cruelty and inhumanity on the part of subordinate officers to their men—inhuman punishments inflicted for slight offences; but never in the presence of General Taylor—who was always a kind father and protector



THURSDAY MORNING. SEPTEMBER 14, 1849.

WHIG NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT. ZACHARY TAYLOR, OF LOUISIANA. FOR VICE PRESIDENT. MILLARD FILLMORE OF NEW YORK.

WHOLESALE GARBING.

The Whig and other Cass prints are publishing the first portion of a letter written by Mr. Fillmore in 1838, to prove him an Abolitionist, but they take care to leave out all the qualifying matter, in which he says he would not desire to have it understood in the nature of a pledge.

If Gen. Cass is entitled to the benefit of his latest opinions, (which, however, no one can even now unravel from the depths of his Nicholson letter,) surely Mr. Fillmore is equally entitled to the benefit of opinions more maturely made up than those of 1838.

The letter of Mr. Fillmore to Gov. GAYLE, dated July 31, 1848, is every thing that the South can reasonably expect of a Northern man—and any one who goes further than Mr. F. has done in this letter, is trimming to the breeze with a view to deceive the South, and therefore ought not to be trusted.

No one can ask a stronger declaration than this (by Mr. Fillmore) on the subject of Slavery: That he regarded Slavery as an evil, but one with which the national government had nothing to do—that by the Constitution of the United States the whole power over that question was vested in the States where the institution was tolerated.

CONSISTENCY.

The Locos are much concerned for Mr. Clay's consistency. They say he cannot support Gen. Taylor, because he once took ground against Military Chieftains. They seem to forget that the chief organ of their party once took stronger ground than that against Gen. Jackson. Mr. Ritchie declared the "election of Gen. Jackson would prove a curse to the country," and yet he turned about and supported the Old Hero with superabundant zeal!

Consistency is a matter of no sort of importance in the eyes of the Democracy, unless its observance is essential to help them along.

They had better reconcile Mr. Van Buren's consistency, and the Whigs will take care of that of Mr. Clay. Mr. C. has less sense and less patriotism than his friends have always accorded him, if he hesitates a moment between a military man who fights, and one who surrenders. He knows the one in whom it is proper to confide.

COL. HAMTRAC'S LETTER.

The cool and pithy reply of Col. Hamtramck to the Committee who invited him to attend the Locofoco Festival held in this vicinity, has been copied into most of our exchanges. The Alexandria Gazette in copying the letter heads it "a sock-dodger." The Hagerstown Torch Light has the following:

Three.—The Locofoco of Jefferson County, Va., recently invited Col. Hamtramck to a public dinner in Charlottesville, in honor of Cass and Butler. His answer is one of the most pertinent things we have ever seen, and deserves to be written in letters of gold.

DEMOCRATIC CALCULATIONS.

The Enquirer of 1840, edited by the present conductor of the Union, said "Mr. Van Buren will certainly get the vote of New York, and he must be elected or Liberty is in danger." John Van Buren, in his late Philadelphia speech, takes precisely much the same ground, though he attaches a somewhat different meaning to the word "liberty."

As an evidence of how much reliance is to be placed on the Union's bustling calculations of different States that are to go for Cass, we subjoin the following extracts from the Enquirer of Sept. 22, 1840, furnished by a correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette:

"New York is so certain for him, that the issue is almost considered a foregone conclusion. Mr. Van Buren, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Georgia, Mississippi, and for argument sake, regard as doubtful, Maine, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, New Jersey, North Carolina, Louisiana and Michigan. Let the Whigs blow up the Locofoco, as they may, Mr. Van Buren is destined to be elected. Gen. Harrison cannot be elected of more than 100 votes."

GEN. TAYLOR AND THE VOLUNTEERS.

The idle story that Gen. Taylor was hush and unfeeling to the volunteers has long since exploded, because it was too barefaced for repetition in the presence of those who served with him. Every candid man believes it to be a calumny, but every one has not had an opportunity of knowing the real feelings of the Old Hero towards this class of his army. We have, therefore, ventured to make an extract from one of his private letters to a friend, written fourteen months ago, which shows his deep solicitude for their welfare.

Referring to the news which had just reached him of the opening of negotiations, he expresses his pleasure, and says: "This must rejoice those in favor of peace, and I profess to be amongst its strongest advocates. Not that I wish to see my own country, but because I view it in the light of a public blessing—and particularly as regards the gallant, respectable and inexperienced volunteers, who are daily falling victims to the hardships and privations common to a soldier's life, and the diseases which attend all green soldiers in their camps, and accompany them on their marches, especially in tropical climates."

"These diseases appear to be of every kind and description to which the human family is heir, and more particularly those which are the result of the impurity of man for his destination. Hundreds of these volunteers, could peace be at once brought about, would return to their homes to alleviate the sorrows and wants of helpless wives and children, and give the husbands of aged parents, relatives and friends—but under other circumstances, will leave their relatives to moulder in a foreign land."

NO FINCHING.

The indomitable and patriotic character of Gen. Taylor may be gathered from a single paragraph in a letter written to a friend in July '47, advising him to return to the United States. He says:—

"If my affairs suffer even to bankruptcy, I will not abandon my command as long as a meeting with the enemy can be calculated upon; and I yet hope to conduct it, if there is not peace, into the heart of the country beyond San Luis Potosi or Zacatecas. Of one thing you may be satisfied—that I will not leave this command when in danger, but will remain with it to the last."

GOV. SMITH.

Precept and Practice.

In his last annual message to the Legislature, Gov. Smith took the ground that justices of the peace ought not to be entrusted with positions that give them political influence. He said:—

"I recommend that the justices be prohibited from holding any additional office within their county, and that they be deprived of all political power, such as appointing commissioners of election."

Now it might be supposed that the Governor would have some respect for his own recommendation, and yet in almost every county in the State he has appointed Justices, but partisans of his own side, to be commissioners of election at the Court House—and they have the appointment of commissioners at the precincts!

A pretty commentary on his professed horror of giving political power to justices.

THE EPISCOPAL CONVOCATION.

This body is composed of the Episcopal Clergy of the Valley. The services were opened on Monday night with a sermon of deep feeling by the Rev. Mr. Walker, who preached from II Kings, vii, 3.

The exercises will be continued during the entire week, and sermons be delivered in the morning, afternoon and evening of each day. On Tuesday night the Rev. Mr. Wilmer delivered a sermon well calculated to touch the feelings, and was followed in an exhortation by the Rev. Mr. Brown.

On Wednesday night the Rev. Mr. Hoff delivered the regular discourse, and was followed by the Rev. Mr. Andrews, in a brief exhortation, in which the importance of the subject under consideration was further enforced.

Not being present during the day we are unable to give a regular connection of the service. To-day, the Church will be consecrated to the service of Almighty God, and the observance may be expected to be of a very interesting nature.

There are some eight or ten Divines in attendance, and the discourses are well calculated to produce much concern and an anxious inquiry in regard to the great and vital question of which they treat.

THE CLAY MOVEMENT IN N. YORK.

We have the assurances of gentlemen who were present, that the Malcontent movement in New York was constituted principally of Locofocos, who made more "noise and confusion" than Gen. Cass experienced at Cleveland, when he was unable to give his views upon slaves, and the Whilom Proviso.

It is very well understood that Willis Hall and Dudley Selden are preparing to join the Cass party, and went company while they are passing through the chrysalis state.

Address of Gov. FORTNEY to the PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Gov. Fortney has published a long and able address to the people of Massachusetts, advocating the election of Gen. Taylor. The address is written with great ability and point, and is admirably calculated to promote the object for which it was written. The Governor publishes the whole at his own expense, and has circulated 3000 copies gratuitously.

This is the same Gov. Fortney that a certain Gov. McNut, of representing memory, represented at the Court House in this place, at being a member at the Locofoco threshold—that Fortney had applied for admission to the Locofoco ranks, and that he, Gov. McNut, had sent him word that he might be received on probation, but could never expect to become an elder in the Locofoco camp. This does not look much like containing McNut's statement.

K. K. K.—Kandidate Kass Kan't Koze it.

T. T. T.—Taylor Ticket Takes Tremendously.

Quick Travellers.—Two gentlemen arrived at Barnum's City Hotel on Sunday evening in 10 hours from St. Louis, the fastest time ever made in that distance.

The Deafening School of Mr. Williams will open its doors on Saturday, the 24th of September.

POST OFFICE ROBBERY.

A young man, named Perry, of rather unassuming character, and of most respectable connections, was arrested at Winchester on Tuesday last, for purloining money from the Post Office. It seems that having once been a deputy in a post office, he was permitted by young Mr. Baker to visit him on Sundays and at night, and thereby had access to packages of letters received on Saturday and lying over until Monday. On being questioned, Fenton readily submitted to a search, when notes amounting to over \$4000 were found in his trunk, and some of them identified as having been exposed but a few days before.

Mr. Hale, the Post Office agent, deserves great credit for his vigilance in detecting out this affair. The depredations had been going on for several months, and embraced letters from most of the offices within a circumference of sixty miles, and Mr. H. laid a successful plan to track the offender.

A LARGE CLUSTER OF PLUMBS.

Last week, as an evidence of the abundance of fruit we mentioned, the receipt of a peach-tree limb, near a field in length, on which were some fifty or sixty peaches! This week, in the same line, we may mention that on a tree of five inches length, grown on a tree owned by Mr. Benj. W. Thompson, in the county, there were twenty-six full sized and well-grown plumbs! A yield truly astonishing—five plumbs to an inch!

Mr. HARRISON METZGER, who was injured by a Thrashing Machine on Friday week, and who afterwards underwent the operation of amputation of a leg, lived until the Friday afterwards, one week, at which time he expired. Mr. Metzger was a married man.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Locos have nominated Gen. CALVIN CRESWELL as their candidate for Governor. The Free Soil Convention, has nominated STEPHEN C. PHILLIPS as its candidate for Governor, and JOHN MILLS, for Lieutenant Governor.

The Whigs have not yet made their nomination.

DINNER TO COL. BRAGG.

A dinner was given to Col. Bragg, at the Astor House, N. Y., on Thursday evening. The gallant Colonel's health was of course given, which drew from him a speech, in which he spoke in the highest terms of Gen. Taylor's military acquirements. In describing the loss of the battles of Buena Vista, and the confidence of the volunteers in Gen. Taylor, he said:—

"When manœuvring his pieces athwart the gullies, (I cite this as a sample of that confidence.) I saw clouds of dust about two miles from me. I was painfully anxious. I thought Gen. Taylor had fallen upon our rear, and attacked our depots, and to meet him was my first thought. A man came galloping up through the dust in sight, screaming 'Bragg is coming!'"

Every soldier gave voluntary utterance to his feelings. 'O! Zack came, and in fifteen minutes the tide of battle turned. Four thousand five hundred men repulsed 20,000—and O! the influence of that presence, under God, I think I am alive here to dine with you this day!'"

A Gentleman. How often did you discharge your pistols that day?

Col. Bragg. About 250 rounds to each gun.

Another Gentleman. How near was the enemy to your pieces, at any one time?

Col. Bragg. Within fifty yards at one time, when we moved them down.

Another. Where was Gen. Taylor?

Col. Bragg. Within forty yards.

MALCONTENT MOVEMENT IN N. Y.

A meeting was held in the city of New York on Thursday night, by a number of the friends of Mr. Clay, in pursuance of a notice signed by several hundred names, at which we confess our surprise at learning that our respected personal friends Willis Hall presided and Dudley Selden took part. The meeting was a large one, and much enthusiasm was manifested, and resolutions were passed in favor of nominating a ticket of Electors to vote for Mr. Clay and Mr. Fillmore. To every one not within the sphere of its influence, or the contagion of a common feeling, it is difficult to conceive what these gentlemen propose to themselves. The predominant feeling of the meeting seems to have been a desire to revenge themselves for the nomination of Mr. Clay at the Philadelphia Convention. The presiding officer declared that there was no expectation of electing Mr. Clay, and that this demonstration was a foregone hope; but that for leading this forlorn hope those assembled were entitled to all honor. This is a matter of taste to be sure; but we cannot for ourselves conceive what honor there can be in going to a National Convention, submitting one's personal pretensions to its arbitration, and then breaking off into a separate squad, and beholding with might and main the great party which has held to its plighted faith, abhorring, as it properly does, the policy, in political contests of "Rule or Break." If any effect prejudicial to the Whig cause and the Whig candidate for the Presidency from this movement could be apprehended—it would, however, we have no idea—it would afford a capital illustration of the case, noticed in the paper, of a presiding officer, who had some of his hanging himself because he was angry with a friend.

The Philadelphia North American and the New York Express, in noticing this meeting, concur in the opinion that Mr. Clay will give no countenance to the proceeding; the former paper adding as follows:—We were addressed by one who says that he has given no encouragement, directly or indirectly, to any of these depredations, no matter in what quarter, or with whom they may have originated."

Twenty-two miles below Cincinnati there is a field of corn covering six thousand acres, the crop of which is valued at seventy-two thousand dollars!

The editor of the Cumberland Gazette has been presented with a vegetable curiosity—a cabbage weighing twenty-seven and a half pounds!

THE WHIGS AT HARPERS-FERRY.

The Whigs of this precinct had a meeting on Saturday night, FONTAINE BECKHAM in the chair, and L. W. WASHINGTON Secretary. A committee was appointed to report a Constitution for a Rough and Ready Club, to be submitted on Tuesday night.

The meeting having adjourned, a large crowd of both parties assembled at the space between the Rail Road and Mr. Wagoner's Hotel, to hear a speech from ASKEW HUNTER, Esq., who, for more than two hours, enchaind their attention in a speech of great power—comprising facts, arguments and humor—and presenting such matter for the reflection of his auditors as must make an impression on candid minds.

We were glad to perceive that the Whigs of Harpers-Ferry evinced the right sort of feeling—not to take counsel from the designing of their opponents.

THE TAYLOR SPIRIT IN WARREN.

We have the gratifying assurance that a spirit of enthusiasm is abroad among the friends of Gen. Taylor in Warren county—one of the whigs of the Tenth Legion—on the 2d instant, the Whigs of Milford, in that county, raised a pole 102 feet in height with a banner on which was inscribed the names of TAYLOR and FILLMORE. Milford is on the line between Warren and Page. A letter from three gives us the gratifying information that in that "great and mighty Tenth Legion of Democracy there are a good many changes," and our correspondent further says, "there are men who have never voted the Whig ticket who are now determined to cast their votes for Zachary Taylor in November."

THE TAYLOR POLE.

A Taylor Pole was erected in this place on Saturday evening last, at the top of which proudly stands a figure of the American Eagle—lower down, the stars and stripes—and underneath, an immense streamer is hung to the breeze, on which is inscribed the names of Taylor and Fillmore. The Pole is over one hundred feet in height, and its erection fully exemplified that if we all pull together, we must succeed. In the evening addresses were made at the Court House by S. J. C. MOORE and L. B. BORRS, Esq. Mr. M.'s speech was mainly an examination of the primary dividing lines between the two parties, and was enforced with spirit and ability. His remarks were well received by a large auditory. Mr. Borrs made a cursory examination of several of the important issues now before the country, and remarked, that though a Clay man before the nomination, he was a thorough-going Taylor man since the nomination.

The Taylor Pole was the work of the Whig Boys, aided by a few young men. They deserve all credit for the energy and perseverance they exhibited in its erection. Working Whigs when boys, they will each be "a whole team" when they arrive at mature age.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

The Cumberland Civilian has the following account: On Tuesday last as the train from Mount Savage was passing the bridge, near the toll gate on the Somerset Road, in its descent to Cumberland, the Engineer suddenly perceived that the bridge was giving way beneath the weight of the cars. The train consisted of several cars laden with coal in front, to which was attached the passenger car, and in the rear of the latter several empty box cars.

Having the advantage of the down grade, the engineer immediately put on all the steam he could raise. The coal cars passed safely over the railing structure; the passenger car was nearly over when the mass gave way; fortunately, however, there was an iron connection with the cars in front, and although the hind wheels went down some two feet, yet the car was jerked up by the power of the engine, and the passengers saved.

The three box cars plunged in the creek—some 20 feet—along with the fragments of the bridge. There was a man sitting on the rear box car when the alarm was first given. He instantly arose, and running over the three cars, jumped on the one falling into the creek. It was a narrow escape what will be thought of the following? Early the next morning a force was sent down in cars to repair the bridge. The cars were stopped near the chasm and fastened to the track. At a later hour, John A. Graham, Esq., who has charge of the Mount Savage Works, being anxious to leave the connection of the damage and to press the repairs, started alone in a small car to descend the road.

Upon getting under way he found that the brake was out of order, and that he could not control the car, which was soon going at the rate of 60 miles an hour! There was but little time for thought—not more than four or five minutes. To jump off was certain death. In this fearful emergency, Mr. Graham, with admirable composure, stretched himself at full length on the bottom of the car, and there calmly awaited its issue.

The tale is soon told. The car came rushing along on the wings of the wind until it met the other cars fastened to the track. A collision took place, Mr. Graham's small car was dashed to pieces, he was thrown some ten feet from the track, and, with the exception of a few bruises, was taken up unhurt!

SCHOOL AT HARPERS-FERRY.

We learn that Miss FELLOWS, who of late conducted the Young Ladies' School at Harpers-Ferry, is now in charge of a similar school at Harpers-Ferry. Miss F. has few equals in her truly responsible and important calling, and she is commended to the kind attention of her present patrons by the many in this county who have known and appreciated her worth.

REV. GEORGE A. COFFE.

Very recently a statement has been going the rounds of the newspapers to the effect, that Rev. George A. Coffe, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Strawbridge Station, intended to dissolve his present pastoral connection, and accept of an appointment as Professor of Languages in the College at Wilmington, Del. We learn that there is not the slightest foundation for such a statement. Some time since, upon the occasion of the delivery of an Oration at Wilmington, by the Reverend gentleman, urgent requests were made to him respecting the acceptance of that dignified position, but Mr. Coffe, acknowledging the compliment, refused to sever his present happy connection with his flock at Strawbridge, until it should please the appointing power to relocate him elsewhere. This will be well known, undoubtedly, to the Methodist community in Baltimore, by whom Mr. Coffe's pulpit abilities and pastoral usefulness are recognized and appreciated.

THE SHOCK OF AN EARTHQUAKE.

Several of our contemporaries of New York and New Jersey describe the unusual phenomenon of an earthquake, which, it seems, occurred on Friday night, at about a quarter before 11 o'clock, and was felt, says the Journal of Commerce, on all parts of Staten Island, at Youkers, Tarrytown, Sing Sing, White Plains, Brooklyn and New York—at Hackensack and New Jersey, as well as in some parts of Connecticut.

DISPOSITION OF THE ARMY.

The army has been divided into the Western division, (under Gen. Taylor,) and the Eastern division, (under the command of Gen. Scott.) Generals Triggs and Kearney belong to the former; and Generals Gaines and Wool to the latter—Gen. Scott has broken up his headquarters at Washington. Formerly, it will be recollected, Scott had his office in the War Department, and exercised a superintendence all over the Union; now, the divisions are separate and distinct under the respective heads.

VERMONT.

The Green Mountain State, the trust of the Whig States of the Union, has done nobly. The State Senate, the House of Representatives, the United States Senators, are all secured to the Whigs. Upon the popular vote, too, there have been handsome Whig gains, and the State is made certain by this election, for the Whig nominee.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

The Rev. George Junkin, D. D., now President of Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, was on Wednesday week, elected President of Washington College, Lexington, Va.

FIRE AT BROOKLYN.

A most destructive fire took place at Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday night, destroying three churches and three hundred houses, extending over an area of 20 acres. The loss is estimated at two millions of dollars. Several persons were severely injured, and one killed.

NEW YORK.

The Old Hunter Convention has nominated REuben H. WALWORTH (at present Chancellor) as its candidate for Governor, and Charles O'Connor for Lieut. Governor.

THE FORCE OF "CIRCUMSTANCES."

The Whelching Times publishes a letter, signed by five democrats of that city, giving their reasons for opposing Gen. Cass and voting for Gen. Taylor. Their reasons are as conclusive as their fearless honesty in avowing them is worthy of all imitation.

CHURCH DESTROYED.

The Roman Catholic Church, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Mr. Fitzsimons, situated at South Boston, was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday night. It was valued at \$75,000, and was insured in State street to the amount of \$43,000.

A new post office has been established at Cacapon Depot, Morgan county, Va., and Chas. R. Bruce appointed postmaster. Cacapon is on the railroad, near Hancock, Md.

The German paper printed in Hermann, Mo., and which has heretofore been an earnest and most effective advocate of the Locofoco party, has taken down the names of Cass and Butler, and declared itself for Van Buren!

WHAT HE REALLY DID SAY.

The following is the true extract from Mr. Curran's celebrated speech on the Mexican War, so often carpied at: "If I were a MEXICAN, I would tell you, have you not room in your own country to bury your dead men? If you come into mine, we will welcome you with bloody hands and a hospitable grave." "Let justice be done, though the heavens should fall."

BETTER FROM GEN. TAYLOR.

Transmitted for the Baltimore American.

NEW ORLEANS, September 7, 1849.

The papers of this city publish a letter from Gen. Taylor, explanatory of his position, and alluding to the criticism which his nomination by detached parties has elicited. In his letter he declares himself a Whig in principle, although no party man; he says he is the people's candidate; that he has been nominated by all parties; and that he consented to serve from the hope that it would cause the canvass to be conducted with candor, if not with kindness. He says that he has accepted the nomination of the Whig Convention, which assembled in Philadelphia, with gratitude and pride, and refers to his previous letters, particularly the one addressed to Captain Allison, for his views on all necessary subjects. The General concludes by saying, that if elected to the exalted station of President of the United States, he will endeavor to cement the Union, and do all in his power to establish the happiness of his countrymen on an enduring basis.

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THE CASS PLEDGE.

Much is said about the pledge of Gen. Cass to "veto the Wilmot Proviso," and yet when the orators are asked to produce the distinct, unequivocal PLEDGE, they cannot find it. If it is so clear and unequivocal, we should think it would not require five minutes to hunt it up in the Nicholson letter. But that gentleman, with all his powers of construction, could only make out an INFERENCE to that effect.

We venture the opinion, that a Northern orator, when talking on the same subject, draws exactly the opposite inference. Indeed, the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the organ of Gen. Cass in Ohio, states, on the authority of an intimate acquaintance with the General's views, that he is out and out against any extension of slavery into territories now free.

DISCUSSION IN BERKELEY.

On Monday last, the Whig Club in Berkeley was addressed by Alexander R. Boteler, Esq., of Jefferson, in a speech of great power and eloquence. We are glad to see that this gifted gentleman has been pressed into the service. His well-stored mind and ready and graceful elocution made him a popular speaker wherever he goes.

DAVID H. CONRAD, Esq., the first Vice President, being called upon, briefly responded.

ANOTHER DEBATE.

It is announced that Gen. JOHN S. MILLSON, Democratic Elector for the Norfolk district, is to address the people of Jefferson at the Court House, on Monday next.

THE FEELING OF TRAVELLERS.

We are informed by a friend who has just returned to this county, that a vote was taken in the Passenger Train of Cars from Philadelphia to Baltimore on Tuesday night last, with the following result: Zachary Taylor 61 Lewis Cass 11

The vote was also taken in the Passenger Train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, going West, on yesterday, with the following result: Taylor 39 Cass 23

The vote of the Ladies was also taken, and stood: Taylor 63 Cass 31

ALEXANDRIA TRADE.

The difference between the prices paid for transportation on the Canal and Railroad makes it a matter worthy of thought with the country merchant and farmer who deal in heavy commodities, such as Groceries, Hardware, &c. Our friends in Alexandria are determined to do their part in keeping up an active business between the Valley and that city, and we hope that the people of Virginia will be equitable in every way that may be practicable, as we are assured the advantages derived will be of a mutual character.

WHO TOLD YOU SO!

The "Spirit" speaks of our being the first Taylor Pole erected in Virginia. It is in as great an error in this as it is in many of its broad declarations—declarations made without a particle of knowledge of the subject it speaks. We know that there is a Taylor Pole in Warren, one in Page, one in Harrison, one at Norfolk, besides many other places we could name. Give us a list of your Cass Poles, Mr. Spirit.

FINE GRAPES.

We have been favored by Mr. Charles Barrett with his annual present of fine grapes, raised on his own premises. They are the Isabella, a stock well approved and very productive in this region. Mr. Barrett has our hearty thanks for this kind remembrance.

AN AFFLICTING EVENT.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun under date of the 7th writes:—One of the most afflicting events which ever occurred in our sister town, Alexandria, took place last evening. An interesting boy, about seven years of age, son of Mr. Patterson, cordwainer, living on the upper end of Prince street, and a most worthy and respectable man, was absent at play in the neighborhood. His mother went to the door, and called him to come home—the child advanced, and the mother, evincing some little impatience as he entered the door, picked up a "welt," a thin leather strap, with a view to chastise him for his delay. As she lifted the strap, however, the child suddenly threw himself back, by which means the strap, instead of striking him on the back, struck him on the side of the head near the temple, when the lovely boy fell dead at her feet.

What mind can conceive—what pen portray, the scene at this moment? A doating mother, slightly impatient at her child's tardiness—half hesitating, half resolving, attempts a trifling chastisement—when, the world one falls a lifeless corpse!—Is this all? No—would to Heaven it were—but the fact benefits that mother of reason—she falls upon the dead body of her child—a wail! The entire night witnessed the inconceivable agony—the convulsive sorrow—the wreek of reason—which has, forever, pallid the happiness of that family on earth.

Dr. Lewis, a skillful, kind and attentive physician, and hundreds of sympathizing friends, have been constantly with the distressed family, but all have been unavailing. The physician is of the opinion, that some slight vein in the region of the temple might, possibly, have been ruptured, but no definite conclusion is yet arrived at.

WHIG MEETING.

At a meeting of the Whigs of Harpers-Ferry, assembled at the Gaule House, Saturday evening, Sept. 9th, for the purpose of forming a Rough and Ready Club, FONTAINE BECKHAM was called to the chair, and L. W. WASHINGTON appointed Secretary—when the following resolution was offered:—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a constitution and laws for the organization of the Club, and report the same at its next meeting.

The following gentlemen were then appointed to constitute the said committee: Wm. T. Daugherty, L. W. Washington and T. T. Barushaw.

Resolved, That this meeting do now adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening next at half past 7 o'clock.

L. W. WASHINGTON, Secy.

THE CLAY MEETING AT HARPERS-FERRY.

Agreeably to appointment, a large concourse of citizens assembled at Wagoner's U. S. Hotel, Harpers-Ferry, on Saturday evening, Sept. 2d, in an assembly called to the chair, and R. H. HOFFMAN appointed Secretary.

On motion of Joseph Smith, Esq., the Chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of five to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting.

The Chair thereupon appointed Joseph Smith, R. Levering, J. D. Starry, J. A

ARRIVAL OF THE HIBERNIA.

THE HIBERNIA has just returned from the East...

The Onard steamer Hibernia, Capt. Shannon...

Liverpool Flour and Grain Market, Aug. 25...

Reported Revolution in Russia - Advice from Breslau...

Affairs in Ireland - Irish affairs have lost much of their interest...

In the case of O'Doherty the second jury were unable to agree upon a verdict...

In every part of Ireland the reports give but poor hopes of saving the great bulk of the potato crop...

The Charities in England and Scotland - The charities of England and Scotland have caused some uneasiness...

Loss of the packet ship Ocean - Almonach Herald's loss of life - The packet ship Ocean...

France - The European Times says as never in the history of the world has such a mass of folly, crime, secret villainy and open vindictive infatuation...

The Cholera - The Vienna papers of the 17th and 18th, received at Liverpool this morning...

Ex-Senator Haywood - The last will of the late Senator Haywood...

ERROR IN DATE - The Sons of Temperance will hold their Anniversary Celebration in this town on Friday the 29th inst...

THE MARKETS.

Office of the Baltimore Clipper, Sept. 13, 1858.

GRAIN - Prices ranged from \$2 1/2 to \$2 7/8 per bushel...

FLOUR - There was a fair demand for flour this morning...

GRAIN - The receipts of grain are fair and the tendency of prices rather to decline...

MARRIED - In Hillsborough, Loudoun county, on the 15th ult...

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Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings and Sattinets...

Which has been laid in with great care, and comprise the choice of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Markets...

Red-made Clothing - The subscriber would most respectfully call the attention of the public to his large and extensive assortment...

BOYS' COATS AND PANTS - A handsome assortment of Boys' Coats, Collars, Shirts, Suspenders, and every other article usually kept in a Merchant Tailor and Ready-made Clothing Establishment...

Limit off and Prices lower - THE subscribers would respectfully announce to the public that they have just received a large and splendid assortment of goods...

New and Fashionable Clothing - A fresh supply of fashionable Hats, Caps, fancy Bases, Carpet Bags, Trunks, &c., &c.

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Window Shades - JUST received, a large assortment of Transparent Window Shades, and Oil Cloths...

Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry - THIS is a great remedy for Consumption, Coughs, Colic, Asthma, and all diseases of the Lungs and Breast...

Spices of all kinds - SUCH as Cloves, Cinnamon, Mace, Nutmegs, White and Black Pepper, and Long Pepper...

Mixed Paints of all kinds - CAN be had cheap, and of the best quality, of THOS. M. FLINT, Druggist...

Preston's Extract of Vanilla - A FRESH supply just received and for sale by THOS. M. FLINT, Druggist...

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Only a few hours by Telegraph - WE are prepared to order Goods by Telegraph, and get a return in a few hours...

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