

Virginia Free Press. THURSDAY MORNING. SEPTEMBER 28, 1848. WHIG NOMINATIONS.

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OUR ENLARGEMENT. We have been induced to widen and extend our columns, to enable us to give our readers a still greater amount of matter in these times of thrilling interest.

LABOR LOST. "Spirit" has put a column in the same fact, which many of the Locofoco editors find themselves engaged in, namely, to prove that Gen. Cass is against the principle of the Wilmot Proviso.

"CATCHING AT STRAWS." It has been a matter of some amusement to observe the avidity with which the Cass press have caught up an article published by us five years ago, copied originally from some Pennsylvania paper into the Alexandria Gazette, and transmitted through the Free Press, which speaks in somewhat of laudatory terms of the character of Gen. Cass.

Seriously, however, when the Richmond Enquirer exclaims, "that a change has come over them," and asserts that we cannot "blot out the truth of history," it sounds marvellously like the Evil One, who, in its efforts to catch at straws, has not only been catching at straws, but has been catching at straws.

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THE LAUGH ON THE WRONG SIDE. Many of our readers will recollect the outbreak of laughter among the Democracy (some of the orators among them) at the suggestion of the Senior Editor of this paper, that the first part of the Missouri Compromise and the Wilmot Proviso were identical in principle.

In all that territory ceded by France to the United States, under the name of the Louisiana Purchase, the Missouri Compromise is precisely the subject of slavery would not be meddled with South of 36 degrees 30 minutes North latitude.

THE LOCOCFO DEVICE. The Locofoco have hit upon a happy device in the South. They have abandoned, in a great measure, the use of their batteries against Old Whigs.

TEMPERANCE JEFFERSON. The Temperance of Jefferson, Division No. 16, at Westport, design having on Friday the 24th, a public meeting, for the purpose of raising a fund for the purchase of a large lot of land.

ME RIVES IN RICHMOND. There was an immense meeting held in Richmond on Wednesday night the 26th, which was addressed by the Hon. W. C. Rives, in a speech of great length and great interest.

CONGRESS HALL. A paragraph, calling attention to an excellent Hall in Philadelphia, bearing this title, was overlooked last week in our issue. It is never out of season, we think, to be reminded of the fact that we have not yet had a chance to see it.

A CHOICE LOT OF WARES. T. G. Rawlins & Co. have on hand at their Hardware Store the largest and choicest assortment of goods that has ever before been offered in this market.

THE "OLDEST INHABITANT." We presume that Mrs. Susan C. Ann, whose death was found in another place, was the oldest person in this Congressional District.

VALLEY FLOUR TRADE. It is not improbable that the present year will be equal in respect to the profitable year of 1847, when about 500,000 barrels of flour passed over our Road.

"AMUSING AS A TRICKY PUCK." "He is amusing as a 'tricky Puck' when he makes so grandly terrible a speech at a public meeting at Winchester, Virginia." Such is the language used by the editor of the Commonwealth, who is commenting on Gen. Taylor's second Alliance Lecture.

When the editor of the Virginia writes with some elegance and perspicuity of style, that marks every line of his letter, it will be time enough for him to "pucker" his mouth.

GEN. TAYLOR NOT A SIMPLETON. "Gen. Taylor is a good old man; but he is without experience; there are one hundred men in Jefferson County who would be glad to fill the Presidential Chair than Gen. Taylor."

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