

PRINTERS OF THE AGE—AND THE AGE OF PRINTERS.

There are some who think that the part of the press to perform is to be a cant phrase book, and they try to change upon it. They are generally talking about a "violation of pledges," because Gen. Taylor did not quite take his seat, when he was elected President.

Our attention has been called to an interesting document from the pen of Charles Turrell, of New York, one of the directors of the American Institute in that city. It bears the above title, and purports to give a short biography of the earlier printers of the United States.

When his original friends proposed that he should be seen independently of the Democracy, the Hon. Mr. Clay and the Democracy would not agree to take him—yet repudiated his offer to enter the canvass without party trammels, and when he was adopted by the Whigs as their candidate, and elected, the same consistent friends who complain that he does not stand on conditions which they never accepted, claim for him that they were not parties to his election.

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NATIONAL WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

This great national work, on the eminence between the President's House and the Potomac, is assuming shape and beauty. It is now open to the public in the city of Washington, and is to be completed in the year 1852, and will be a grand view of the city of Washington and the surrounding landscape.

CHANGING THE TUNE.

Some time ago the Washington Union and other papers were raising a great hue and cry about the danger of a war with foreign powers.

THE SESSION OF CONGRESS.

In two weeks from Monday next, the session of Congress will be commenced. It will scarcely end before August. There will be legislation upon many subjects of public interest.

NO SLAVERY IN CALIFORNIA.

The decision of the Convention, that there shall be no slavery in California, will remove the most exciting question from the halls of Congress at the meeting of the 25th of December.

HONORS TO GEN. SCOTT.

Gen. Winthrop Scott, and his aid, Capt. Hamilton, being in Richmond, the people of that city have given the illustrious commander a very hearty reception.

VIRGINIA ELECTION.

The election in the fifth Congressional district of Virginia, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Mr. Newman, took place on Thursday, the 15th inst.

CAPTAIN ROGERS.

The popular and efficient captain of the Potomac mail-boat Baltimore, has accepted the position of first engineer in the splendid new steamer Atlantic, to run between New York and Liverpool.

JOHN OLIVER CROWELL.

It will, no doubt, be gratifying to the friends of this young gentleman, to learn, that he is receiving \$75 per month and boarding, as a student in the law at the University of California.

THE ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA.

A writer in a Providence paper, who has been to California, by Cape Horn, as well as through Mexico, and a resident of that country, has written an interesting article on the route to California.

RIGHTS OF RAIL-ROADS.

The Legislature of Maryland, in 1846, passed an act declaring the rights of the Rail Road Companies incompetent witnesses for the Company, in proving that destruction of stock was accidental.

ACCIDENT AT THE DEEP CUT.

On Tuesday there was a large fall of earth in the neighborhood of the west side of Williams Creek, occasioned by the passage of the Rail Road of the Mount Savage Company to the Canal basin.

THE VIRGINIA MESSENGER.

We have received two numbers of this paper, in weekly published in Staunton, Va., under the editorial supervision and proprietorship of Dr. J. P. F. F.

CHARLESTOWN MINING COMPANY.

A letter from a member of this Company, (says the Winchester Virginian) is dated at Sacramento, California, 20th inst. It is dated at Sacramento, California, 20th inst.

POISONED CONFECTIONARY.

We have been requested by one of the physicians of our city to state that he was called, on Sunday last, to visit three children, all of whom had become suddenly ill.

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The Charlestown Company Arrived at Sacramento. The Steamer Empire City, which arrived at New York on Sunday, from San Francisco, brought letters from several of the members of our California Company, announcing their safe arrival at Sacramento, which is but 100 miles from Sutter's Fort.

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Notice.
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The subscribers are happy to announce that they have recently received from the Virginia Free Press and General Advertiser a complete set of the "Cotton Mills" and "Sarsaparilla" for the year 1895.

New and Fashionable Clothing Store.
Attention to the Whole!
LOOK OUT FOR BARGAINS!
The subscriber has just received at his Clothing Establishment in Charlestown, a large assortment of the following clothing:

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