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OCTOBER 25, 1850. THE UNION SAFE.

Our readers are aware of the impelling call made through the Spirit, and in handbills, for a public meeting to be held in Charlottesville, for the purpose of considering the late action of Congress on the subject of Slavery, and other kindred questions. The call was made, and the Spirit, by some one hundred or more of our most respectable citizens, Senators Mason and Hunter, and the Hon. RICHARD MASON, representative from this district, had been invited to present to address the people—[The manner of getting up this call we exposed last week.]

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The Legislature in 1847-48, had declared that abolition of slavery or of three trade, in the District, would be deemed by Virginia, as a seceding State. But at the session of 1849-50, when the prohibition of the District slave trade was a measure discussed and contemplated by Southern men in Congress, the Legislature voted, by a large majority, to include it amongst the acts which the State would take to enforce. If ever, in legal phrase, a conclusion was excluded, Virginia has excluded this one. She is bound to resist the law for the suppression of the slave trade in this district. Her resolutions of last winter, which bear on this point, are in these words:—

Resolved, That in the event of the passage of the Missouri Provision, or any law abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia, or in any manner interfering with the rights of the citizens of this State to the exercise of their rights as citizens, and to the enjoyment of the property they own, the Legislature of this State will take the most effectual measures to resist such laws, and to maintain the rights of the citizens of this State to the enjoyment of their property. We would not like to repeat the details of this resolution, as they are printed in our issue of the 25th inst. It is to be feared, however, that the above is not the full and complete resolution, as it is only a part of a much longer one, and it is not possible to insert the full text of it in this paper. It is, however, a most interesting document, and one which every citizen of this State should read and understand.

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Another Million worth of Gold Dust.

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MORE AGITATION.

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PENNSYLVANIA ABOLITION CONVENTION.

The good people of the Keystone State, seem at last to have found a medium by which they have successfully vented their indignation upon the slave trade. It being Superior Court day, a large number of the people were present. The meeting was organized by the appointment of a Chairman and Secretary, when, R. H. BURMAN, Esq., announced the order of business, and the Hon. RICHARD MASON being present, he read the call.

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NEW YORK POLITICS.

There seems to be a tangled thread for the Whigs of New York to unravel. Senator Seward, whose maxim is to out-organize his opponents in all their schemes, somehow or other managed to get a majority of his friends appointed to the Syracuse Convention—and after making some very good nominations for State officers, they adopted a course of Sewardian expediency, approving of the course of Seward in all respects, and in doing so, they adopted a course of expediency which was also adopted in reference to the general course of the Convention.

The consequence was, that some 40 or 50 men were sent to the Convention, and they were accordingly held a Convention of their own—not for the purpose of nominating a new ticket, but for the purpose of asserting national principles—such as a solemn compact entered into by the North and South, and the people of this State, and the people of the whole Union, and which the whole should not be broken in upon by any party, and which the whole should not be broken in upon by any party, and which the whole should not be broken in upon by any party.

We do not appreciate any party in New York—such as the Democrats two years ago. The Union and its co-laborers need not be distressed upon that subject. It has enough to do to explain to its readers how it is that on the Democratic State ticket there are two Hunkers and three Barnburners. Is there not a surrender in this the Abolition feeling of the State? Are not the Hunkers in a predicament? Will Father Ritchie explain?

THE CONTEST IN NEW YORK.

The Utica Convention has adopted the ticket nominated by the Syracuse Convention. (Washington Hunt for Governor, &c.) but within an address and resolutions taking high National ground. This union of the two wings has sorely grieved the Democratic editors, who were exulting in the prospect of an incontestable division. They felt it a great indignity that the Whig ticket should have been supported in this manner, and they were accordingly very angry.

POTATOES AND PUMPKIN PIES.

We are indebted to two of our country friends for attentions of a rare character. They have actually, by the aid of a party presented to the printer the greatest crop of potatoes ever raised in this county. Mr. J. B. Packer has honored us with a supply of Irish potatoes which, in point of quality and size, go of any we have ever seen. Some of them weigh over three pounds. We had scarcely deposited them for safe-keeping, when Mr. B. W. Wistar raised into our net, a sweet potato, and weighing thirty one pounds. If there be other farmers who think they can "knock the boards from the shade," we cordially invite them to send us specimens "immediately if not sooner."

LARGE CORN.

While on a recent visit to Berkeley county, Va., we were shown the finest specimen of Indian corn, we ever had the pleasure of seeing. There were four years of the yellow species, the largest two of which weighed three pounds and a quarter. We were told that several of our farmers, and the farmer to whom they had been taken, had been successful in growing a large amount of such corn. It was a mixture of sand and lime, and was the result of the union of the two species. Let our good friends of Berkeley county, be reminded of the fact, that it is not only in the soil, but in the hands of the farmer, that the corn is made to prosper.

REPUBLICAN DOCTRINE. The Hamburg (S. C.) Republican, publishes the anti-sympathy letter of Gov. Lumpkin, "every week except its meetings." It is a most interesting and valuable document, and one which every citizen of this State should read and understand.

AMERICAN ART UNION. It gives us no little pleasure to read the words of commendation to an Institution worthy of all praise as The American Art Union; independent of the valuable Engravings it forwards for the annual subscription, and the opportunity of obtaining a valuable Oil Painting, by Metal or Bas Relief, it presents the subscriber with its monthly publication free of all charge, except its postage, being six numbers a year, from April to January, or from the month the subscription dates.

It is believed that no Art Union Society has ever made so valuable a return as this year's afforded its members of this Institution. This has been accomplished by the number of Engravings, enabling greater returns than at a corresponding increase of expense. Moreover, the more extended its funds, the more numerous and valuable will be its offerings from year to year.

THE BOUNTY LAND LAW. The following letter from the Secretary of the Interior, contains a very important question decided, which has been raised under the Bounty Land Law, approved 23d September. According to the Secretary's construction of it, no person who had been a soldier in the Army of the United States, who had been honorably discharged, and who had been a member of the same, was entitled to receive a bounty of land, unless he had served a certain number of months of service, which, if rendered by several individuals, would entitle each to a warrant.

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Notice to Passenger... THE VIRGINIA FREE PRESS AND FARMERS' REPOSITORY...

HAZARD FOR SALE... THIS valuable farm, lying in Jefferson county...

CHINA LAND FOR SALE... I have for sale a small farm in Currituck county...

GOOD ACRES OF LAND... 6000 acres of beautiful land in the county of...

NEW HOUSE AND LOT... MY HOUSE and lot in Charlottesville...

FINE FARM FOR SALE... FINE FARM FOR SALE IN ROCKBRIDGE...

GOOD GRIST AND SAW MILL... WE are offering our Stock of Goods at...

STONE JARS... 1-4, 1-2, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Gallon...

FINE PLANK... A LOT of Fine Plank, dressed at Douglas's...

MINEYOSH'S WHARF... CORNER of Howard & Baltimore Streets...

WINDOW-SHED EASTERNERS... THE most reliable and best quality...

ATTENTION FARMERS... THE Virginia Free Press and Farmers' Repository...

IMPROVED WEED DRILLS... This valuable and reliable machine...

THE NATIONAL LEAF LIFE ASSURANCE... THE NATIONAL LEAF LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY...

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CASH FOR NEGROES... I AM prepared to purchase a large number...

FAILING BRANCH FOUNDRY... THE undersigned has for sale...

JEFFERSON BOOT AND SHOE FACTORY... I have for sale a large quantity...

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