

Virginia Free Press.

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ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

After a struggle of nine weeks, the House of Representatives succeeded, on Saturday last, in the election of a Speaker by a plurality vote, which choice was afterward confirmed by votes of 156 to 27. Mr. Howell, of Natchez, Pa., having been elected, it was thought that the successful candidate would be a man of distinguished abilities, and that he would be chosen. But, as it turned out, Mr. Banks, of Franklin, Tenn., was chosen, and he is a man of great talents, but of less popularity than the successful candidate.

Such a struggle is unprecedented in the annals of the country, and the result proves that there is no danger to our institutions even from the most violent party struggles.

Mr. Banks is a gentleman of fine abilities, and has had some experience as a speaker in the Massachusetts Legislature and in the State Convention. He has a fine voice and clear articulation, and is always self-possessed and ready in the command of language. He may be considered somewhat feeble in politics, having set out as a Democrat. He then joined the American Party, and made the first speech in Congress in support of the principles of that organization, but did not remain in it long. Then he joined the Whigs, and finally the Republicans, who make the opposition to the extension of slavery the first article of their creed. It was this produced so strong a response on the part of Southern Democrats and National Americans to the choices of Mr. Banks. He has, however, an opportunity, in the selection of committees, to show forth a littleness of purpose beyond mere party advantage. His place, under the circumstances, is one of great difficulty, many of the ablest politicians of the House being in opposition to him. Let us hope, however, that his personal qualities will prevail over his party considerations.

The delegates from the members were sworn by the Speaker, upon the Bible and others with propriety.

When the delegates for Tennessee was called, Mr. Gaow of Pennsylvania and Mr. Campbell of Ohio gave notice that in waiting their objections for the time they did not mean to forego them altogether, but at the proper moment would state their opposition.

The Hon. WILLIAM CULLEN, a Representative in the last Congress from Tennessee, was delayed, by resolution, to be Clerk of the House for the 3d Congress.

The vote was 126 to 87.

Committees were appointed to inform the President of the United States of the organization of the two Houses and their readiness to receive communications from him.

PERVERSION OF HISTORY.

—In accordance with what perplexes some persons, it will be found to be erroneous impressions. In regard to matters of history even recent occurrences. Such is the case in regard to the Missouri Compromise.—

When the bill for the admission of Missouri was under consideration, Mr. Clay, in common with other Southern and Western members, opposed the restriction of the slaves in the Territories, and voted for the bill.

The question was, whether the bill should not then be passed, to wit, that Missouri should be admitted without restriction as to slavery, but that slavery should be prohibited in all Territory North of 36° 30' latitude.

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Mr. Parsons, of Kentucky, offered a resolution (which was referred to the committee) calling upon the South and South-Western States to unite with Virginia in the formation of a new confederacy.

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VIRGINIA FREE PRESS AND FARMERS' REPOSITORY.

Virginia to wit:

At rates held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, on the 4th day of February, 1856:

Thomas C. Hunter, *against suing by William Hunter his father and friend,* Plaintiff, **AGAINST**

Jas A. Thompson, Executor of Conrad Koeniger, deceased, Randolph Koeniger, Remington B. Koeniger and Franklin Koeniger, Defendants,

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain payment to the Plaintiff, or his guardian, of \$6000.00 a legacy bequeathed to him in the will of Conrad Koeniger, dec'd., and the heirs of William Hunter, certain bonds due to him by the Executor of said estate.

It appears on affidavit filed in this suit, the devisees of Conrad Koeniger, deceased, are Koenigers, and are not residents of this State; they are entitled to appear here within one month after publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this matter.

It is ordered that a copy of this decree be filed in each of the courts for whose jurisdiction the "Virginia Free Press," a newspaper printed in Jefferson County, and placed in the hands of the Sheriff of the County-House of said County, on the first day of the next County Court.

Copy - Teste.

R. T. BROWN, Clerk.
February 7, 1856.

Tell all the world what you can, For selling capital price M. Ansel & Co are the men.

M. ANSEL & CO,
CONTRACTORS OF BUILDINGS AND LUMBER.

TAKE pleasure in giving notice to the Virginia Farmers, that our lottery, which will be held during the month of February, and no doubt that we shall send some of the Capital of our Virginia customers.

Annual Lottery for February, are one, \$12,000.00 Capital; Lottery Capital \$25,000.00, \$10,000.00, \$5,000.00, \$1,000.00, \$500.00-\$250.00; 50% of 149, dec'd., &c.

Tickets \$10.00-Halves \$5.00-Quarters \$2.50-

Certificates of packages of 25 Wholes, \$100.00
" " 25 Halves, \$50.00
" " 25 Quarters, \$25.00

7. DUCKWALL.

January 21, 1856.

J. S. DUCKWALL, Executor.

8. P. The undersigned has for rent a site, a House and lot, situated on High Street, in the village of his estate of his late son, John Gilmore, d. d. known as "The Green House." It is suitable for a dwelling or hotel.

Jan. 17, 1856.-5t.

Clover Seed.

I HAVE samples of Clover seed at the Deyor & have made arrangements to furnish the farmers with the same Rates - **THOMAS G. STEWART.**

January 21, 1856.

E. M. ASQUITH

New Cash Store.

THOS PEACHER would respectfully inform his friends, and the public generally, that he has opened a large and well selected stock of Dry Hay, Corn, Peas, Beans, Turnips, Cabbage, Potatoes, Chaps, &c. in the Store Room known as Stephen's C. C. on the corner of Main and High Sts. It is wh. he invites the attention of the public to his store for the purpose of getting a good supply of Hay for Cattle, & other goods, & especially those required in the winter months, so much cheaper than can be bought elsewhere. A call is respectfully solicited.

Harpers Ferry Jan 21, 1856.-30.

Negro Woman for Sale.

HAVE a fine, healthy, servant woman, good Cook, Washer and Ironer, aged about 21 years. INQUIRIES OF THE PRINTER.

Jan 21, 1856.

T. H. LEVY

UNITED STATES HOTEL,
CHARLESTOWN, VIRGINIA.

THIS Hotel having been thoroughly renovated and refurbished is now open for the reception of visitors. The undersigned designs making the United States Hotel

in every way worthy of public patronage.

THIS FABLE

will at all times be open to the public, and those who will be under the management of an experienced and attentive keeper, will be found the cheapest lodgers of all kinds. The Staff are all young, & the best of their class.

And in this Hotel, in addition to the usual services, will keep a House worthy of the town and country. A call from his friends and the public will easily solve.

JAMES JAMES.

January 17, 1856.-30.

For Hire.

A NEGRO WOMAN who understands Cooking, Washing, Ironing and Cleaning. Enquire at THIS OFFICE.

January 17, 1856.-3t.

CORN.

BUSHELS OF CORN wanted at CHARLESTOWN Depot, and the bags furnished to deliver it in.

Jan 10, 1856. E. M. ASQUITH.

Cook Wanted.

A GOOD COOK is wanted. For one who understands the business well, an extra p'r will be given. Application may be made at the Free Press Office. Jan 10, 1856.

Notice.

I HAVE sold my Stock of Boots and Shoes to Mr. S. C. Young, who is a good cobbler. I am ready for settlement. Will like to close them up specially for no cash. Will be found at the present place until the 1st of April. When I am absent Mr. James Daniel will attend to getting up my account for me.

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Ladies Fur.

I HAVE on consignment, a lot of Ladies Fur Caps and Gloves, which I will sell at Baltimore prices, which may be had in New York on M. C. KLEIN.

Jan 8, 1856. Carter's Hotel Charlestown.

For Sale, or Hire.

NEGO. WOMAN 34 years old, without encumbrance, and understands house work perfectly.

January 31, 1856.-3t.

W. B. DANIELS.

Dissolution of Co-partnership.

THOMAS J. F. COOKE, and his wife Mary, and his brother-in-law, Jas. G. Hawks, who are partners in business, and to whom the business of the firm of Thomas J. F. Cooke & Hawks, was sold to Lewis F. and George J. Hawks, who will continue the business at the old stand under the name of Lewis F. and Hawks.

January 20, 1856.-3t.

11,000 FEET LUMBER

At Public Sale.

I WILL offer at public sale, on Friday the 10th instant, at 10 A.M., at the residence of my Father, Jas. A. Thompson, opposite Charleson about 1000 feet of fine sawed building planing.

Having bought, and with the intention of making it fit for sale, a small quantity of planing.

At public sale, or hire, to whom it will be sold.

CHARLES H. LEWIS.

January 3, 1856.

Old Hamm.

PRIME Old Hamm, for sale by

T. C. SIGAPOOSE.

January 17, 1856.

For Hire.

A SERVANT, Wm. who is a good seamstress, and house maid, and is wanted for a steady & discreet care.

NEW YORK.

Charlestown, Va.

January 10, 1856.

Shingles for Sale.

I HAVE for Sale, an my property, at Mt. Pleasant, Md. about 30,000 Superior Black Oak Shingles. Apply to

LEVI HENSHAW.

January 3, 1856.-3t.

Clover Seed.

I HAVE for sale Clover Seed, in large quantity.

Staples which may be had in New York on M. C. KLEIN.

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PAPER WAREHOUSE.

A. L. KNIGHT, (Successor to J. S. Robinson.)

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN PAPER

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

No. 5 South Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

WILL PURCHASE FOR CASH.

Rags, Canvas and other Stocks.

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Notice.

THE Trustees of Charlestown, will present a

petition to the present Legislature, to extend the

limits of the Corporation, as follows: communi-

cating the same with the City of Charleson,

and the Village of Lewis F.

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THE office of the Circuit Court, in the 4th day of Feb-

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POPPERY.

URGEON'S TALES.

BY NATHANIEL CORNWELL.

*Twice in the same December year,
Lived a man, who never could
Dance, or sing, or play, or hold a
Drum; and black the river rolled;
Not a dog barked, nor a trumpet
Went off, nor a gun, nor a gun;
Wind and rain, and cold and darkness,
Swept through every distant street;*

Moved to the teeth that evening,
I was strong, but I was weak;

Left home, and had my bed;

Suddenly, as a form alone,

Forced him out a lonely doorway,

And left him shivering, shivering,

As if he had been dead;

He still had a woman dead;

Never since she was born;

When she was a complete child;

She died, and was buried;

I have seen her, her sarcine,

Ring, diamond, necklace, (wearing

Daar best!) and now—she's there!

Up the worn and slippery stair,

With a mark'd and stony going;

Forrest, with his son, Drayton,

Roasted, and the darkness long;

Not a faln in all my glasses,

Friend or helper of the poor;

And laid down upon the floor!

Then took and piled bards;

A long, gaunt, wasted figure lay,

Murdered in his youth, and old;

All the world had left him nothing,

Nothing—now full—food and sleep;

Nothing—say, and nothing more;

Nothing—say, and nothing less;

Nothing—say, and nothing more;