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BY J. S. & H. N. GALLAHER.
THURSDAY MORNING.

APRIL 21, 1856.

FOR PRESIDENT,
MILLARD FILLMORE,
OF NEW YORK.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
AND. J. DONELSON.
OF TENNESSEE.

CONGRESS.

In the business of the last week we did but very little. Finished our new publication. The whole time occupied in getting up our paper again, partly upon the bill, and partly upon the impudent and unfeeling bill. There are a few close-set questions in that body who fight against every honest measure.

A thousand dollars is sometimes wasted in debate upon a question whether a poor man or woman shall have a right to thirty or forty dollars per annum.

CLAY of Alabama made a speech of much point and force against the views of Northern agitators. He turned his speech into a pamphlet, and it will be published.

In the House, the word was officially announced to-day that the Oregon bill, and every amendment of the Senate was rejected, principally on the ground that the departments and offices of government have no right to anticipate the action of Congress by exceeding the annual appropriations. The appropriation for settling the water-walks was voted down.—a matter of very serious consequence to contractors and laborers, who will be thrown out of employment during the best working months of the year. It is still hoped that a Committee of Conference will agree to let the amendment of the Senate pass.

The session will probably be terminated before the 8th week in August.

THE INDIA RUBBER PLATFORM. In a letter from Preston Price, written in December last, to a friend in New Hampshire, in regard to the defeat sustained by the Democratic party of that State in the preceding election, there is a clause which gives encouragement to the depending. The writer says:

"In my judgment, those who find nothing in the history of the Democracy of New Hampshire from the way of its conduct in the last election, which gives hope regarding our principles as sufficiently comprehensive and our platform so broad enough, should have open day and night other organizations, promising neither and neither."

Worthy friends only—the broadest, but the deepest of their platform that excites "special wonders!" for all those who claim the title of Democrat mount upon it with great facility; there is no sort of agreement among them as to the materials it is constructed of. It invites John Van Buren, John C. Frémont, and all the Friends of Democracy of New York, and has a place for the Democracy of Ohio, who, but little more than a year ago, elected their "friends"—and those also—into the Senate.

It is broad enough for the North-West Democracy who supports the Kansas-Nebraska bill as "a measure for freedom." Only keep quiet until after the nomination.

Mrs. BUCHANAN AND THE FOREIGNERS.

Since the speech of this distinguished gentleman at Lord Mayor's dinner in London, the Foreigners of New York and Philadelphia are disposed to give him only the "cold shoulder," but are taking measures to pack the primary meetings against him. This has stirred up the friends of Mr. Buchanan, and we find a late number of the Pennsylvanians, (now under control of Col. Forney's control,) the following decided and emphatic declarations:

"The two main causes which led to the organization of the Democratic party were the keeping awake the placing of candidates in nomination, who possessed no one pre-requisite for office, and the indignation occasioned by the "hostile" foreign governments, who had violated the rights of their respective citizens of their rights. This latter evil, we regret to say, still exists. We have been informed that it is the first cause for the present contest between the friends of Mr. Buchanan, and we find a late number of the Democratic party to practice this great offence, at some of the polls to-night. If such a great wrong is attempted, it will be resisted at every cost. The Democratic party will be held responsible if, in the legal votes attached to it, we have to bear their consequences."

The Editor of the Virginia Republican writes:

"As a delegate representing the county of Franklin, I am sorry to say, that Mr. Buchanan, for the most part, well do the determined opposition which is entertained by the democratic party of Kentucky throughout the country. The 'Hicks' are not to be blamed, but the 'Breckinridgeites' are to blame for this case; but the prospects of its success do not seem to be very flattering. Governor Wise will secure his own nomination, but he will be compelled to go to the Cincinnati Convention to nominate Mr. Buchanan. The Richmond Enquirer has given it as his opinion that it will be necessary for him to make a speech in the Cincinnati Convention, and that he will be compelled to be beaten by J. R. Tuck and T. T. Faust, Esq., Esq. These ballots were had before any choice was effected. Before the fourth ballot, Mr. Faust withdrew, and on the fifth ballot, Mr. Tuck and his colleagues had a majority of the votes. Then followed the eighth ballot, and the result was decided in favor of Mr. Buchanan. The ninth ballot was decided in favor of Mr. T. R. Faus, and the tenth ballot was decided in favor of Mr. Buchanan. These items we gather from the official proceedings."

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The Democrats have hitherto profited by the following:

"It will now be seen that they have raised a formidable paper within their ranks which is likely to give them trouble."

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

It should not be forgotten that the Democrats in every Northern State from 1847 to 1852 had a principal agency in creating the Free Soil sentiment which has since proved so troublesome to the country. In 1849, the Buffalo Convention was held, at which the most ultra doctrines were promulgated, and in every year since until the present the Sotell party have put forth strong resolutions against the extension of slavery. In short, the Democratic and Free Soil parties coalesced in Massachusetts and Connecticut and beat the Whigs in the election of a Governor in the first and members of Congress in the latter. Gov. Bowditch and Senator Sumner were elected by this combination.

Michigan was decidedly anti-slavery in 1849 and in February of that year Mr. Grinnell (now a Senator) presented to the House of Representatives the resolutions of the Legislature of Michigan in favor of the ordinance of 1790 and "against the introduction of slavery within any of the territories of the United States, now or hereafter to be acquired." It was in the year previous that the Wilcox Proviso was put upon the Oregon bill by a Democratic Congress.

HOT SHOT.

The Washington Sentinel, Democratic, is pouring hot shot into FRANKLIN Pierce and his Administration. It ridicules in scathing terms the idea of putting up for re-election the present incumbent of the Presidency. It thinks, if nominated, he would be struck down in spite of all that could be said in his defense. "He betrayed the Democratic party of the Democratic Party." Regard to supporting a man who has already been repudiated and consigned by the popular judgment to irretrievable oblivion," the Sentinel says: "As well attempt to resurrect the dead, or galvanize the inanimate—the administration of Franklin Pierce 'sleeps the sleep that knows no waking.' It concludes: "We have paid sufficient respect to the day of small things; we set up a shining mark, and challenge our enemies to a noble conflict."

THE DEMOCRATIC EXERCISE.

Mr. Wm. H. Bassett, of Boston, has been for a few weeks past the subject of particular attention of the Highlanders, and lately the lastest topic to them. It must make large calculations upon its powers of capture and upon Mr. P. its unscrupulousness. If Mr. Pittman's idea of a political alliance with his wife's husband, President, to secure possible politicians or to satisfy the demands of his adversaries, he will have lost something of the respect which he now enjoys among candid and resolute men of all parties. Mark it! He will make no pledges. The public have seen what Frank Pierce's promises have been worth. He promised not to distract the repose of the country, and you have thus two months he and his party got up the slavery agitation.

CONGRESSIONAL ECONOMY.

The House of Representatives has disagreed in many of the most important amendments of the Senate in what is called the Deliberate bill. This is a bill which grows out of the joint manner of making estimates for the public service, or from semi-annual or Congress in estimating the amounts asked for the public service.

Bill. We can by letters that William C. Gannan, of Alfred, Castine, Esq., of Clarke County, died at Fort "Staples," Texas, very recently. His was one of the recruits enlisted in the U. S. service last month at Washington, should get the benefit.

A TOUR.

We have just returned from a tour of two weeks from the Kanawha Valley in this state. We spent a few days in the city of Wheeling a city famous for smoke and dust, but abounding in hospitality. The "McLain House," kept by that model master, Dr. W. Case, assisted by Mr. Henry P. Wadsworth, formerly of Winchester, is an establishment not only extensive in structure and comfort, but is managed in a style unsurpassed in any city or town. The large number who visit the house testify their appreciation of it.

After a trip down the Ohio River and up the Great Kanawha River, we adjourned for several days at the "Kanawha House" in Charleston, the property of Mr. John G. Warner. Mr. W. is pretending in his line of business, but spares no pain or expense to render his guests comfortable.

Brave Dauphin,
September 16, 1854.

My Dear Sir:—The state of things in Texas is such as to require that the place (Chancery of Affairs), should be filled without delay, "and to select him who under all circumstances may be thought best qualified to fill the office." The appointment of Andrew Jackson Donelson, and to him the full charge of affairs, charged with the most responsible duties. The selection of the proper man devolved upon the President and Cabinet, but mainly upon Mr. Calhoun. Mr. Calhoun, who in his day, enjoyed some reputation as a statesman like and discriminating man, selected Andrew Jackson Donelson, and caused to him the fact of his appointment by the following letter:

At the recent grand Festival in New York, in honor of Henry Clay, the Hon. Beazley Birge, who presided over the exercises, introduced Ex-Senator Paton, from the Western section of the State, who received with great enthusiasm. He spoke impressively and eloquently, as follows:

Mr. President and Gentlemen:—You honor me, sir, far above my deserts by such a cordial and unlooked-for introduction. I had not anticipated the honor of being called upon to fill the semi-official position of my beloved friend friend, Mr. Millard Fillmore. (Cheered.) Sir, I have alighted in leaving the Senate by saying that I was banished. I cannot fully agree with you in that observation, for I was not banished; I was exiled. I will tell you, that when I left the Senate, I was not cast out, but I was exiled.

Now, the town of Charleston is not only filled with fine residences, but its population is composed of a class of citizens of the first order. The neighborhood is most beautiful and when

completed, it will be a town of great importance.

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J. C. CALHOUN AND A. J. DONELSON.

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AMERICAN MEETING.

At meeting of the American Meeting, at the Town Hall, in Shepherdstown, on Sunday, the 10th of April, 1856, J. GOUGH was called to the Chair, and J. P. E. Deane, appointed Secretary.

At the meeting, the following resolutions were offered by T. H. Tower, Esq., and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the name of Millard Fillmore and Andrew Jackson Donelson have been presented to the American people as candidates for the Offices of President and Vice President, therefore:

Resolved, That we cordially respond to their nomination for the same, and respectfully decline responsibility for it.

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**LOOK FOR THE COMING
OF THE GREAT SHOW!**

**MADIGAN & CO.'S
GRAND NATIONAL CIRCUS.**

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April 17, 1856—
Spt.

Sale of Valuable Tavern Property, AT HARPERS FERRY.

UNDER DECREE OF COURT:

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April 17, 1856—
Spt.

Dental Notice.

R. MCCORMICK will visit Charlestown, Va., probably early in May, and remain several weeks.

April 17, 1856—
Spt.

Notice.

THE Road formerly leading through my farm, to the falls of Elk's Brook, will be closed up, and after the 1st Inst. Prohibited from passing through or trespassing upon said land, will be prosecuted to the utmost extent of the law.

MARY E. VANVACTER.

April 17, 1856—
Spt.

Tavern Property,

and preventing one gigantic exhibition, the most formidable array of animals, Acrobats and Performers, ever brought together for public entertainment. This combination has been attended with a vast outlay of capital, and it is presented at a more elegant exhibition than any other ever given in circus exhibitions.

THIS MAMMOTH COMPANY will have the honor of appearing at

At Harper's Ferry Monday, April 29th, and at Charleston on the 30th, and Winchester on Wednesday and Thursday thereafter.

Afters and Night.

Among the host of Novelties will be performed each afternoon and night by the Performers of the Company.

TEA ROOM, THE GLASS SLIPPER.

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April 17, 1856—
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Notice.

YOUNG men are hereby notified that, on the 16th day of May, 1856, between the hours of seven and half past eight, and half past nine, in the Court House, Circuit Court for Loudoun County, Va., at Leesburg, I shall take the Depositions of certain witnesses to read in evidence in my behalf, in a suit pending in the Circuit Court of Jefferson, Va., between myself and the Defendants, Mr. Deaderick and others, and if at a point where certain meals have to be taken by the passengers, it affords to an enterprising proprietor an opportunity rarely offered, of making money. The title is believed to be available.

TEAS or SALA.—One fourth of the purchase price, and the reader, in equal installments at first and second, and so on, until the year of payment.

HOSTEL AND MAGNIFICENT APPOINTMENT, and every convenience.

DAY DRAWS AND PONIES, and every convenience.

Arranged under the immediate direction of Miss Ross-Madigan, in a style of Unique Splendor and Beauty!

Amateur Acrobats and Gymnasts; Each a Star within his sphere, who challenge the world to present their equals, accompanied by Miss Ross-Madigan.

NEW YORK BAND, under the direction of the celebrated Prof. Fielding, among the artists is the Premier Equestrian of the age, MISS ROSS-MADIGAN:

Perseverance and Fearless, she does without a living rival. The Great Iron, Trick Clown, FELIX CARLO.

Justly termed the Phenomenon and Comic Wizard, the celebrated Horseman, Leaper and Acrobat, MR. GEO. BATECHLOR, appropriately termed the best general performer living.

The famous Talking Clown and Jester, MIKE LIPMAN.

The greatest and most brilliant Rider in the world, MR. THOMAS NEVILLE.

The Wizard Horsemen and Hurdle Rider, JERRY WORLAND.

The Young and Beautiful Female Equestrian, The celebrated Acrobat and Wonderful Young Acrobat, MASTER WM. CARLO.

MASTER LEONARD, and the Master of Sports, CHAS. MADIGAN.

Together with the talented Athletes and Gymnasts, Mr. Painter, Jean, Ravel, Paul, Bellini, M. Sargent, Masters G. Carlo, Richard Baker, etc.

The entertainments conclude each night with the Grand Patriotic National Spectacle of PUTNAM!

April 24, 1856.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for May, for sale by HELLER & COOKE.

April 24, 1856.

NEW GOODS.

Spring and Summer Dry Goods.

THE subscriber has just completed opening one of the largest and best selected Stocks of SPRING AND SUMMER DRY GOODS, he has had the pleasure of exhibiting to the public, and expects a large number of visitors, extended time will be given, if the premises are secured and the interest will be paid annually.

For further information address the subscriber at Pineville, Va. WM. M. WOODSON.

April 24, 1856—
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Spring and Summer Arrangements, 1856.

Illinois Central Railroad!

THIS road is now open from Cincinnati to Donisthorpe, running the entire length and through the center of the State—offering unequalled facilities for persons migrating from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, to the West.

Persons can travel at a moderate rate, having been selected from some of the best houses in Baltimore and Philadelphia. A call is respectfully invited from all in search of nice goods and bargains.

DRAWS and Drawers, Bonnet Trimmings, for every article of Draw Material of the very latest styles, with a full and elegant assortment of Trimming to match.

EMBROIDERIES.—A large Stock of All Kinds, including Embroidered and Cutwork, Bonnet, Bonnet and Bonnet Trimmings of every style, quality and price, Misses' and Children's Straw Hats and Shaker Bonnets, Bonnet and Grass Skirts.

CHARLES JOHNSON, Harper's Ferry, April 24, 1856.

Farmers, Look to your Interest!

WAKEFIELD CORN PLANTERS are now for sale, and can be found at the store of E. & Son. Those who engage them are sure to reap a large harvest, when a supply of them can always be found. See pamphlets and circulars for particulars, &c.

GEO. W. R. & A. SEAL, Agents, Winchester, April 24, 1856—
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Take Warning.

THE subscriber has suffered injury from time to time, from persons trespassing on his wood land near Charlestown, by taking earth or soil therefrom by the Cart load, finds it necessary to warn all persons to refrain from committing the same in future, as the property of the law will be enforced against each and every one aforesaid so offending.

TERMS Cash delivery.

J. H. RUSSELL, Harper's Ferry, April 24, 1856—
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Fish! Fish!! Fish!!!

Having made arrangements with a fully competent person in Alexandria for the purchase of 2,000,000 Acres of the choicest of land, which brings him within the reach of the most limited means, which will enable any one to obtain for himself a good and comfortable home where his labors will be crowned with pleasure.

For further information respecting these lands, apply to No. 32 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

JAMES C. CLARKE, Sup't North Div.

Notice.

THERE will be a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners, at the Court House, the 19th of May, 1856.

WILLIS H. HAWKS, Clerk.

Peruvian Guano.

WE have just received a full supply of best No. 1 Peruvian Guano, which we offer for sale at the market value.

POWLE & CO.

ALEXANDRIA, April 17, 1856.

African and Mexican Guano.

BIG African and A. A. and White Mexican Guano in Store, for sale by

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SALT.

Backs Q. A., Salt, 2,000 lbs., Pine

Half of barrel imported from Liverpool, for sale by

POWLE & CO.

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Fancy Goods.

WE are receiving a beautiful assortment of French Goods, including a full range of figured, plain and striped Silks and Satins, Berries and Tissues, Organza Lace, Linens, Earls, Gloves, Hosiery, Ribbons, etc.

For sale by

J. N. & L. L. SADLER.

APRIL 17, 1856.

Dissolution.

THE Co-partners hereto, the subscriber, under the style and firm of CHARLES & SCHAFF, who conducted the Mercantile business at Leesburg, was dissolved on the first of December last, by mutual consent.

JOHN F. CHAMBERLIN, JOHN F. SCHAFF.

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For the Ladies.

SILKS, Tissue, Chiffon, Batiste, Crepe, Plain and Figured, Satins and Organza, Organza, and Grass and Hooped Skirts, for sale by

J. L. HOOPP.

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MOULD BOARDS, for sale by

J. L. HOOPP.

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CHEESE.—A superior Article of Cheese, for

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J. L. HOOPP.

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MACKEREL by the Barrel or Dozen, for sale by

J. L. HOOPP.

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Cloths and Camisoles.

BLACK and colored Cloths and Camisoles, Figured and plain Silks and Satins, Vestings, Marquisette, etc., and a general assortment of Garments.

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Perfumery. Cologne, Etc.

Perfume Water, for sale by

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Painters Oil, &c.,

Paints, Varnish, &c., for sale by

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Superior Ink Powder, for sale by

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POETRY.

(From the Albany Atlas.)

LITTLE BELL.

Winter winds so rudely sweeping,
How coldly the air blows away,
Hear ye not a spirit calling,
Will ye let it wild wind stay;
Wait the trembling snowflakes gently,
The frosty leaves softly falling,
Round the grave of Little Bell.

Deep and drear are her blemishes,
Your will still distract her not,
But the frost that breathes lightly,
As ye pass the sacred spot,
For the leaves were blazoned sweetly,
And the flowers in their shell,

Are the roses in their bloom.

Bang a dirge for Little Bell.

Once the light of joy was gleaming,
Oh how brightly o'er my way,
When her little bells were twining
With the leaves of alders grey,
Locks of hair, so fondly gleaming,
To my heart these treasures bring.

As they fall, then sparkle

Like the stars in the sky.

At the clustering ends I part them,
From her fair and open bane,

There baptismal dew on her, bane,
Sealed by her holy bane,

Waking there, as good it needs,

Can we let it sleep,

But the frosty leaves softly fall,

Round the grave of Little Bell.

Are the roses in their bloom,

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