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THURSDAY MORNING.

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HILLSBOROUGH POST OFFICE.

A few weeks ago we had occasion to notice the mismanagement of official duty of the postmaster at Hillsborough in Loudoun County. We did so from no espousal motive, for we did not know the incumbent of the office, and would not know him now were we to meet him, but from a sense of duty to ourselves and subscribers. We made a statement which we cannot establish beyond doubt. When an office is conducted that persons living in the town are compelled to have their papers sent to another office some three or four miles distant, it is time that compensation should be called, and that the office should be placed in better hands.

We regret much of the indecision which brought about the present bad practice Postmaster in office, and care less, but when we or our subscribers are injured by his neglect of duty, we shall not hesitate to denounce him, albeit our bones may be in jeopardy, as has been incidentally hinted to us.

The Leesburg Washingtonian is copying our late article on the subject, says:

"We thank our contemporary of the Free Press for the above notice of a dereliction of duty on the part of one of the Post Masters of this County. When boys from the age of 9 to 12, as we are above informed, have access to one of the most important offices of the County, and the papers are found lying on the shelves and counter, we think sufficient cause is shown for the prompt removal of the incumbent. We could cite instances where we have had cause to complain of the same office, but we have long since considered it useless while the offices are disposed of to reward partisans. When this office was under the control of the predecessor of the present Post Master, it was as well managed as any office in the country—but he was a Whig, and had to be removed. The Free Press has given us an account of the master affairs are managed thence by his successor.

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Our friend Blessing has, during the Holy days, exerted over the hearts of the "little ones," and others, an influence more wonderful than that of the Wizard over the exhausted pigeons. He has crowds to call upon him, and all go away satisfied! What a blessing!

For the can of most delicious biscuits, and a cake creditable in size and quality, we return our most hearty thanks.

[Winchester Virginian]

BAD NEWS.

It is not surprising to us, that our large cities should be under the dominion of slavery, when in a small village like our own, the citizens are not permitted to attend with comfort any public exhibition—or even worship in our churches on the Sabbath without interruption. These things should not be; and if parents do not take the matter in hand, it is time for the civil authorities to

advocate the bill introduced in the United States Senate by Mr. Hunter, authorizing an issue of Treasury notes to the amount of twenty millions of dollars with six per cent interest, is a striking illustration of the improvidence and shortsightedness of Democratic statesmanship. Not more than three months ago the Treasury Department was paying a premium of sixteen to eighteen per cent for the privilege of redeeming government liabilities, not yet mature. Now, it proposes to pay six per cent for money to meet actual and accrued debtdess. More is a clear and heavy waste of the public money, attributable solely to the want of sagacity and prudence of Democratic officials. Again, the President in his message attributed the commercial embarrassment through which we have just past solely to the extravagant and vicious system of paper currency—and yet to meet an exigency in the government brought about by bad financiering, the Democratic Treasury asks for authority to increase the "paper currency" of the country by an issue of Treasury notes to the amount of \$200,000,000. If this were done, the nation would be placed in a worse position than ever before, and the Executive Committee think most adviseable.

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The Legislature has passed a bill for the protection of the interest on the guaranteed bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, also a bill incorporating the Southern Virginia Navigation Company, embodying the scheme of A. Dudley Mann for a mammoth ocean steamer to run between the waters of Virginia and Europe—the capital stock to be two millions, in shares of hundred dollars each, and increased to five millions if necessary.

In the House, on the 22d, Mr. Hoge of Maryland, introduced a bill for incorporating a joint stock company to construct a railroad from the Potomac river, or at new Williamsburg, Maryland, to Martinsburg, in Berkeley.

Mr. Hoge also presented a petition of Joseph C. Rawlins, for the exclusion of his property from the corporate limits of Martinsburg.

Mr. Hawks offers a resolution for refunding to John C. Nesbit, a sum of money improperly paid to the Sheriff of Jefferson County.

Both Houses have adjourned for the Holidays—the Senate until the 4th January, and House until yesterday, the 30th.

GLEN WALKER.

We take to Washington on Tuesday last, by Marshal Ryders. Shortly after Marshal Ryders left, Mr. Walker reported to him that he had received a communication from Commodore Paulding, saying that he had arrested Walker for carrying on an unlawful military expedition.

Mr. Cass said that the executive department of the government did not recognize Gen. Walker as a prisoner and that he had no right to give concerning him, and that it was only through the intervention of the Secretary of State that he was not impeded in his movements.

Walker is a man of great energy and intelligence, and it is to be hoped that he will be allowed to continue his efforts to vindicate himself.

He is to be tried for treason, and it is to be hoped that he will be given a fair trial.

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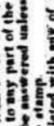
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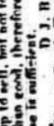
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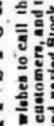
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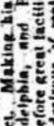
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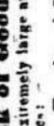
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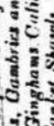
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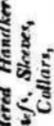
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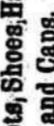
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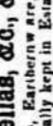
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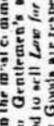
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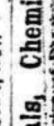
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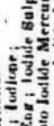
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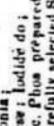
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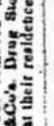
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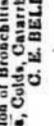
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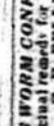
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