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MARCH 11, 1858.

NOTICE.

M. B. V. Yarron, of Harper's Ferry...

DEATH OF COL. EDWARD LUCAS.

The death of Col. Edward Lucas is an event which touches the sensibilities of a large circle of relatives and friends.

VALUABLE OFFICE.

The office of Commissioner of Revenue of Clarke county must certainly be a very important or lucrative one, if we are to judge from the number of aspirants for the place.

"Fidelity to the Democratic Party." In the name of common sense, what has fidelity to the Democratic party to do with the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Revenue?

Mr. JOHN AYVA, a worthy and highly respectable citizen of this town, departed this life suddenly on Friday morning last.

REVIVAL.

The Leesburg Washingtonian of Friday last says: "The Rev. E. D. OWEN has not left his charge in this place to attend the Baltimore Conference, which met in Washington on Wednesday last, owing to the revival now going on in his Church, and which has been in progress three months."

George Mason, son of the Senator, has been appointed United States District Attorney for Texas. The Winchester Virginian says: "Mr. Mason removed from our town only five years ago, and having made Galveston, Texas, his place of residence, where he practiced the profession of law, he has evidently made rapid progress in gaining the confidence of the people of his adopted town—the compliment of the appointment having been more enhanced by the recommendation of his name to the President of the entire Congressional delegation of Texas."

LOUDOUN ITEMS.

DISASTROUS ACCIDENT—Two children drowned.—We understand that a melancholy accident occurred at Maria's Dam, a few miles from Leesburg, on Saturday evening last, by which two Irish children named McCauley, aged respectively about four and six years, were drowned.

At the sale of Dr. Jaeney's property, last week, there were only 18 candidates present, soliciting the people of this county for the various offices in their gift.

We understand that at a public sale in the county of Loudoun, on the 24th of March, 1858, at Alexandria, Loudoun & Hampshire Railroad, brought \$47 per acre.—Loudoun Mirror.

THE CLAY STATES.

It is a well known fact, that the Clay States, which the generosity and patriotism of the ladies of Virginia collected the means for procuring twelve or thirteen years ago, will be completed and ready for inauguration in the course of one year more, and that it will be fully and in all respects answerable to the expectations of the friends of the noble patriot and statesman.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

One year ago to-day James Buchanan was inaugurated President of the United States. He assumed the reins of power, after the most remarkable and momentous political contest through which the country has passed, and assumed them, too, with the good wishes of an overwhelming majority of the American people.

DEATH OF COL. FERRY.

A despatch from New York announces the death of Col. Matthew C. Ferry, of the United States Army, which event took place in that city on Thursday morning.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature adjourned sine die, on Saturday, leaving most of the important business of the session unsettled. A proclamation was immediately read from Governor Wise containing an extra session.

OFFICE BANK OF THE VALLEY IN VIRGINIA.

CHARLESTOWN, MARCH 11, 1858. God in his providence and wisdom, having removed from our friend and associate, ANDREW KENNEDY, Esq., and wishing to transfer the office of the Bank of the Valley to the hands of a more capable and energetic man—the value of his friendship—and his capacity and integrity in the discharge of his duty as President of this Bank.

DEATH OF MAJOR LEWIS B. WILLES.

Major Lewis B. Willes died at his residence in Berkeley County, on Thursday morning, in the 78th year of his age. He was an officer in the United States service during the war of 1812 and Surveyor of the Port of New Orleans from the year 1817 to 1841.

THE REIGNITION OF COL. B. P. WASHINGTON.

The resignation of Col. B. P. Washington, to be collector of the customs at San Francisco, California, has been approved by the Senate with great unanimity, and will take effect on the 1st of April next.

SALE OF LAND AND TIMBER.

Mr. Abraham Snyder, Special Commissioner, sold at Public Sale, twenty acres of land, situated in the county of Loudoun, Virginia, by direction of the War Department. Col. T. F. Fauquier, Major Carlton, Capt. Whitteley, and Lieut. Kendall, first dragoons, are detailed for the service.

THE TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

The Temperance Association will meet on Monday evening next, at the Court House. A full attendance is desired.

THE SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The six thousand dollars lost in the stocks of Baltimore, last week, were picked up by an honest man, and restored to the owner.

BY THE GOV.—A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, after holding its Session the time limited by the Constitution, has failed to obtain the concurrence of three-fourths of the members elected to each House, to continue its sitting until the business before it could be finished.

And after maturely considering the public and private interests, the two Houses have adjourned without passing upon those of most indispensable necessity and vital concern both to the Commonwealth and to individual citizens.

And whereas a large majority, though less than three-fourths of the members of both Houses, have repeatedly manifested, by their votes, that an extension of the session was required for further important and necessary legislation.

REORGANIZATION OF THE MILITIA.

The bill for the reorganization of the militia, which originated in the House, was passed Tuesday by the Senate, with a slight amendment. The following is a synopsis of the more important features of the bill:

THE LOST DAUGHTER.

We have received from T. B. Peterson & Brother, Publishers, Philadelphia, a copy of the above named work by Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz. Read the following notice from Godley's Lady's Book:

PROTECTION OF DWYERS IN VIRGINIA.

A bill is pending in the Virginia Legislature, the main features of which are as follows:

"WAR TO THE KNIFE."

The Administration is making "war" for the first time upon every Democratic office in Illinois, and is causing heads to fly off in every direction.

WIL SPRINGS.

A letter from Wirt Court House describes the petroleum source in that neighborhood. They were first discovered by an old hunter named Stokely, on Hughes river, near the junction with the little Kanawha.

ILLINOIS DEMOCRACY.

In seventy counties in the State of Illinois, meetings have been held by the Democracy, and resolutions unanimously adopted, disapproving, in the strongest terms, the policy of admitting Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton Constitution.

FOR CLERK OF COUNTY COURT.

THOMAS A. MOORE respectfully announces himself as a Candidate for election to the office of Clerk of the County Court, at the election in May next.

FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT.

The undersigned respectfully announces himself as a Candidate for election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, at the election in May next.

FOR COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE.

SAMUEL STONE respectfully announces himself as a Candidate for election to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue of Jefferson County, at the election in May next.

FOR CONSTABLE.

We are authorized to announce Wm. WEST, Esq., as a Candidate for Constable in District No. 1, at the election in May next.

FOR CONSTABLE.

We are authorized to announce J. BLUE MOORE as a Candidate for Constable in District No. 2, at the election in May next.

FOR CONSTABLE.

We are authorized to announce THOMAS JOHNSON, as a Candidate for election as Constable in the 3rd Magisterial District.

Baltimore Prices Current.

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