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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE  
FOR CONGRESS,  
ALEXANDER R. BOTELIER ESO.,  
FOR THIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

ALEXANDER R. BOTELIER.

At the solicitation of numerous friends from various parts of this Congressional District, we have placed at our mast-head the name of ALEXANDER R. BOTELIER, Esq., of Jefferson, as an Independent Candidate for Congress. It is but justice to Mr. R. to state that this announcement is made without his knowledge, but that it is the determination of his friends not only to vote for him, but to elect him. It is now time to let the world know who or what Mr. Boteler is. He is well known to the people of the District as a high-toned, honorable gentleman, and for ability and intelligence, not having a superior in the District. This will be secured by all parties—and it is now the desire that he be placed in a position which he will fill with honor to himself, and usefulness to his constituents.

We feel assured that the nomination of Mr. R. will be hailed with pleasure from all parts of the District.

HON. HEN. V. HEDINGER.

This gentleman, Minister to Copenhagen, arrived in this country on Tuesday last, after an absence of five years. He looks rather spare of flesh in consequence of sickness during a boisterous voyage. In passing Harpers-Ferry, he met with a hearty welcome from his old friends of all parties, and we have no doubt a public demonstration will be made of the high estimation in which he is held by the people of Jefferson county, without regard to party associations. He will be greeted with enthusiasm and in giving him a welcome, it will be a Virginia.

DEATH OF DR. DUTTON'S FATHER.

About two weeks ago, Dr. Dutton and lady were summoned to Lebanon, Connecticut, the home of Dr. D.'s venerable father, who was then lying at the point of death—Happily Mr. D. revived sufficiently to recognize the honored son, and by great effort spoke to him a few parting words of blessing. About 2 P.M. on Saturday, 11th inst., he died rapidly, and ceased to breathe, without a groan or struggle. He was a fond father—lived much for the comfort of those around him, and almost constantly in communion with Heaven. This revered patriarch departed this life in the ninetieth year of his age.

PIC NIC AT RIPPON.

The Sons of Temperance of Kabletown, and the Sabbath Schools of that place and Rippion, had a Celebration on Saturday last in a grove near Rippion. We learn that there was a large attendance, and that every thing passed off agreeably and profitably.

The procession was formed by Mr. Jas. F. LANCASTER Chief Marshall, and the Sabbath Schools were under the immediate charge of Mr. Chas. W. BLAKE.

Address well timed, and suited to the occasion, were made by the Rev. GEORGE V. LEIGH, and Messrs. DAVID HUMPHREYS and SOLOMON FLIMMING.

The day was a beautiful one—the dinner prepared was sumptuous—the exercises such only as could delight—and the occasion such as one as ever to be remembered.

RELIGIOUS.

The Association of the P. E. Church, convened on Thursday last. Services were had in that church every day during the week. Quite a number of ministers were present.

A Protracted Meeting, which commenced in the M. E. Church, on Saturday night last, is still in progress—and considerable interest awakened, and a number of souls converted to God. There will be service every evening during the week.

TEEMPERANCE.

The "Temperance Association" will have a meeting at the Court House, on Monday evening next, 27th inst., at which time the public will be addressed upon the subject of Temperance.

We are glad to see that renewed efforts will be made for the advancement of this great cause. Our town will be greatly benefited by a full and faithful membership of the association. Let all come out on Monday evening and see what can be done.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CORN.

We plead guilty. JOHN R. PARKER Esq., has favoured us with sundry messages of green Corn for table use, for which we return thanks, and acknowledge the corn. A similar acknowledgement will follow—should any of our other numerous friends follow suit. Green or old, we are not particular! Send on.

SEAMANSON GUARDS.

The Guards paraded on Saturday evening last. E. H. Campbell was elected 2nd Lieutenant, vice C. H. Stewart, resigned; W. W. B. Gallaher, 3rd Lieutenant, vice Campbell, promoted; and J. Jay Law, 4th Lieutenant, vice Gallaher, promoted.

The Guards will parade on Saturday morning week as will be seen by advertisement. As it is a regular State parade, all absences will be fined 75 cents.

CONTENDED ELECTION.

The contested election case for Sheriff is still occupying the County Court, and when and where it will end is in the future. The tax payers will not be the beneficiaries, no matter how or when terminated and we hope it will induce Commissioners of elections, as well as every legal voter, to be more vigilant hereafter in scrutinizing votes.

JEFFERSON CADETS.

RESPONSE.

HARPERS-FERRY.

REVIVAL.

Our young citizen soldiers having been invited by Ann E. KENNEDY, Esq., to visit "Casilla" on Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst. marched out in full dress at 4 P.M., to the beautiful lawn in front of the mansion, where they delighted those who were present by performing, with their usual precision, a variety of difficult evolutions. Refreshments were then furnished most abundantly, to which the little fellows paid their respects with hearty good will. The generous hospitality of "Casilla" will long, doubtless, in after years, linger among the more pleasant reminiscences of our young soldiers.

It may not be use thus publicly and so frequently to speak in terms of such decided pride of our "Cadets"—for where we are so numerously represented, a father's partiality may well be supposed to prejudice the Editor's judgment—but yet we cannot on the present occasion forbear giving expression to the feelings of gratified pleasure which will up in our bosom, when we behold them in their tasteful and appropriate uniform, beneath the fluttering stripes and stars—wearing the grand emblem of our glorious Union—marching with the measured pace and staid gravity of veteran troops to the animating music of the Drum and Pipe. Their young hearts are throbbing with patriotic ardor, and their youthful eyes gleaming with all a warrior's fire, as they march before you, convincing the spectator that each is every inch a soldier—winning from the ladies what always constitutes a soldiers pride, their approving smiles, and challenging from the sterner sex their reluctant assent to the advantages of such a system of physical and intellectual training.

We know not how it will be with others—but for ourselves, we can speak, and we will speak. It carries us back to our own early times, when we, too, could feel the young courser in warmer currents than our veins, and ranging with the two stars known to the Pointers—the comet being about as far to the left of the Pointers as the North Star is to the right. Viewed through the telescope, it exhibits a distinct nucleus and tolerably well defined tail. The comet is being brighter nightly, but its motion will soon be materially diminished by the moon. In consequence of its slowness of motion its period of visibility will be very great. It is already visible through a telescope nearly two months and a half; and it will probably remain in sight for a considerable length of time yet. The star, or star of the comet, appears about equal to a star of the second magnitude, and as it has not yet reached the perihelion (that point nearest to the sun) of its orbit, it will yet be considerably brighter, and present a splendid appearance. The longitude of the perihelion of this comet is about 30 degrees, and of the ascending node about 166 degrees. The inclination is about 40,000 miles, or a trifle greater than the mean distance of Mercury from the Sun. Its motion is retrograde, so that its apparent motion is from right to left, as seen at this time. The velocity of the comet, when at its perihelion, will be about 150,000 miles per hour—its distance from the Earth at this time, roughly estimated, is about 17,000,000 miles. It is at least 6,000,000 miles in length. As the comet is near the horizon, those wishing to see advantageously should make their observations from an elevated stand point. It can also be seen about four o'clock in the morning, appearing more brilliant than during the evening.

"The righteous never forsaken, or his seed beggared." Illustration—Last week, being much in need of corn, we called attention to the following Proverbs, which may be found in the 11th chapter, 26th verse, Book of Proverbs—"He that with holdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessings shall be upon the head of him that setteth it."

In response, we received the following note, accompanied with the corn, from one of our most estimable and valued lady friends, whose name we suppress, because she no doubt never imagined that her note would be published, and in giving it publicity we hope to be pardoned—

"Feeling, as I always do, ready to respond to the call of the Editor of the 'Family Journal,' I send you, my friend,—bushels of corn, which you will receive with pleasure, for subscription for 1859, and oblige your friend,

M. R. B...."

Show like the christlike character of women—first to give practical evidence in everything for the welfare of mankind—Let her example be followed.

The comet is now visible in the North-West quarter of the heavens. It may be readily found by directing the eye, at about fifteen minutes past seven, on any clear evening, to the Northwestern horizon, and ranging with the two stars known to the Pointers—the comet being about as far to the left of the Pointers as the North Star is to the right.

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THE STAMPDRIE.

We made mention in our last, of the stampede of negroes from our county,—and of their arrest near Chambersburg. Pa. They were lodged in our jail, on Thursday evening last, at a cost of more than \$2,000 to the owners. On Friday, three negroes the property of Mr. Armistead Carter, of Faquier, were arrested at Rippion, in this county, and confined in the jail until secured to their master.

The sale on Monday, of the negroes ar-

rested from this county, with two or three others, attracted quite a number of pur-

chasers from abroad and prices ranged as follows, Mr. J. H. Frazier, Auctioneer

HENRY, (Fraser, purchaser) \$1,229

JACK, (R. B. Washington, purchaser) 1,225

JARRETT, (M. Dowell, purchaser) 1,225

SCOTT, (R. B. Washington, purchaser) 1,220

ALFRED, (R. B. Washington, purchaser) 200

ELIZA & RAND, (Faquier, purchaser) 505

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REUBEN, (Fraser, purchaser) 1,160

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## POETICAL.

### THE FATHER OF LITTLE FEET.

With the sun at morning,  
A wif in the garden she lies,  
To see if the sleepy blossoms  
Have begun to open their eyes,  
A running a race with the winds,  
With a step as light and fleet,  
Under my window I hear  
The patter of little feet.  
  
Now in the brook he wanders,  
Leaving the sparkling ripples  
Reaching the water's edge,  
Who sand under fabled bower  
Has gleams like golden hair,  
No pebble shell is fairer  
Than his slender ankles rare,  
For the easiest stem or coral  
That blouses in ocean's bed,  
Is sweet as the dush that follows  
O'eruntingly tread.

From a broad window my sight  
Lie down on our little cot,  
And watch the poor man sing,  
I cannot say his lot.

Bright fountain and noble trees,  
Flowers have been sown,  
Birds from beyond the sea;  
He never does childlike laughter,  
His homeward footsteps greet,  
Affectionately hills and echo  
To the tread of innocent feet.

This is a "singing picture,"  
A birdling that chatters and sings,  
Sometimes a piping cherub—  
(Our other one has wings);  
His heart is a charmed casket,  
Full of all that is glowing and sweet,  
And no harp string holds such music  
As follows his twinkling feet.

When the glory of sunset opens  
The highway by angelic rod,  
And seems to usher the city,  
Whose Builder and Maker is God.  
Close to the crystal portal,  
I see by the glow of pearl,  
The eyes of our other angel—  
A twinborn little girl.

And I set to be taught and directed  
To guide his footsteps aright,

So that I be accounted worthy  
To walk in sandals of light,

And bear amid songs of welcome  
From messengers trust and feath.

On the starry floor of Heavens,  
The patter of little feet.

## MEMORY.

At midnight hour I love to think  
On the most dear, most for me,  
A memory often at that hour  
Would make my form should rise  
Before thou in the hour of gloe,  
But when thou thinkest on friends sincere,  
I wish thee to remember me.

## VARIETY.

### CATO'S EXTRA PRAYER.

A pious old negro saying grace at his ta-

ble, solon used to say a blessing on his

board, but he would also petition to have

some deficient dish supplied. One day it

was known that Cato was out of potatos.

Suspecting that he would pray for some

dinner, he supplied himself with a small

massance of the vegetables, and stole under

the window which stood near the table of

our colored brother. Soon Cato drew up a

chain and commenced:

"Oh Massa Lord, will dow in thy provi-

dent kindness condense to breas every-

thing before us, and be pleased to bestow

upon us a few taters!"

Here the potatos were dashed upon the

table, breaking the plates and upsetting the

mastard pot.

"Darn 'em, Lord," said Cato, looking up

with surprise, "only jus let em down a little

earlier next time."

"A sailor having purchased some med-

icines of a celebrated doctor demanded the

price of it."

"Why," says the doctor, "I can not think

of charging you less than seven and six

pence."

"Well, I'll tell you what," replied the

sailor, "take off the odd, and I will pay the

even."

"Well," replied the doctor, "we won't quar-

rel about it."

The sailor laid down sixpence and was

walking off, when the doctor reminded him

of his mistake.

"No mistake at all; sixpence is even and

seven is odd, all over the world, so I bid you good day!"

"Get you gone, said the doctor, "I'll make

four pence out of you yet!"

"Papa," a clergyman catechising the youth

of his parish put the first question in Heli-

gobr. Catechism to the girl.

"What is your only consolation if life or

death?"

The poor girl smiled, and no doubt felt

very queer, but gave no answer. The priest

inquired again.

"Well then," said she, "if I must tell, it is

the little shoemaker that wears a striped

jacket."

"Grandpa, did you know that the Uni-

ted States was in the habit of encouraging

toys?"

"Certainly not, Simon, what kind of to-

ys?"

"Territories! Now give me some per-

sons, or I'll catch the measles, and make

you pay for 'em!"

"Well, am dat great race to come

off? Dab where is so much talk about?"

"What great race, Clem? I haven't heard

of any great race!"

"De human race, do great human race

dat is come off afore long!"

"It is proposed to establish an institu-

tion for the education of young ladies, in

which the science of owoology, apolo-

gy and eotology will form a part. After ob-

taining these accomplishments they may re-

ceive the F. W. —Fit for Wives."

"Paddy," said a joker, "why don't you

get your ears cropped—they are entirely too

long for a man!"

"And yours," replied Pat, "ought to be

lengthened—they are too short for an ass."

"Bobby, what is steam?"

"Boiling water!"

"That's right; compare it."

"Positive, bold; comparative, boisterous;

superlative, burst!"

"What part of de ceremony do de la-

ties most admire when day go to church?"

"Well, Pompey, I can't tell dat. What

"Why, Jellies, it's looking at the Am's

## MEDICAL HOUSE.



No. 11 SOUTH FREDERICK ST., BALTIMORE, MD.

Established in order to afford the affected sound and specific medical aid, and for the suppression of Quackery.

DOCTOR SMITH, THE ONLY REGULAR PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON IN BALTIMORE, has for many years devoted his whole attention to the treatment of the sick. His practice is limited to the treatment of the sick, and he has no time to attend to the practice of medicine. He has a large number of patients, and is well known throughout the city. Within the last eight years, Dr. S. has treated more than 25,000 cases of Private Complaints, in the different forms and stages, a practice which does not exceed 100 cases a week. He has a large number of patients, and is well known throughout the city. Within the last eight years, Dr. S. has treated more than 25,000 cases of Private Complaints, in the different forms and stages, a practice which does not exceed 100 cases a week. He has a large number of patients, and is well known throughout the city. 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